

## PTA COUNCIL HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2022

Homewood Cafeteria

### Board Members present:

Srini Gorantla, President

Terri Marcus, VP Issues

Korin Sharp, Executive VP

Laurie Ramey, Treasurer

Angela Shippet, Secretary

Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair

Meg Ricks, Policy Chair

- I. Call to order - the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., quorum was established.
- II. Approval of the minutes - *a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2022 general meeting. The motion passed.*
- III. Special guest - Dr. Martirano addressed the delegation, discussing several topics including teacher hiring and recruitment, enrollment, Covid, school safety, and the HCPSS Road Map. Dr. Martirano was asked what amount of money we would need to advocate for to take care of our capital needs. He discussed HCPSS needing to fund 56.44% of all our construction projects and that we need to have justification and the enrollment to support the projects. He discussed the need to advocate for funding from the state delegation.
- IV. Goods and services survey - Matt Castner provided membership with information about the Goods and Services Survey. The idea behind this project is to see if negotiating for better prices for goods and services is an avenue worth pursuing. Membership also discussed having a tab on the PTACHC website of recommended vendors.
- V. Reports
  - A. CAC - no one was present to report.
  - B. SECAC - no one was present to report.
  - C. HCEA - no one was present to report.
  - D. Board of Education Report - Dr. Lu reported that the Superintendent will present his redistricting plan on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The first hearing will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> and speakers will have 3 minutes. The capital budget will be presented on September 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a hearing on this on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Membership expressed concerns about getting information about redistricting to impacted communities.
- VI. Legislative report - Brent presented the [Legislative report](#).
- VII. Policy report - Lisa Loveless reported that we need representation on: Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation; Transfer of School Based Personnel; curriculum; Selection of Instructional Materials; School sponsored publications. Those interested in serving should contact [policy@ptachc.org](mailto:policy@ptachc.org).
- VIII. Announcements:
  - A. Sarah reported that she sent out information about the winter coat drive. Meg Ricks has volunteered to take coats to the drop off location if delegates bring them to the October meeting.
  - B. PTACHC is in need of a Membership Chair and a Reflections Chair.
  - C. An new president or delegate that has questions should reach out to Sarah at [office@ptachc.org](mailto:office@ptachc.org). The board can be reached at [board@ptachc.org](mailto:board@ptachc.org).
- IX. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.