

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) Meeting notes from TRES Delegate

October 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by PTACHC president Vicky Cutroneo

1. Treasurer's report (7/1-9/26, see attached) – Vicky Cutroneo
2. Meeting minutes from September 2017 were approved – Vicky Cutroneo
3. Superintendent's report -- James LeMon (executive director of community, parent and school outreach)
 - Briefly explained what they do: Food access, 600 homeless students, student mental health, school system works better with Howard county government, bully prevention, Partnership celebration (1000 partners)
 - Submit suggestion for the name of the new elementary school (October 11th 4:30 is the deadline)
4. Special education advisory committee -- Lori Scott, Chair of education liaison (SECAC)
 - Get liaison from your school
 - 5 key focus area
 - Help staff training, IT, social skills
 - Meet every 3rd or 4th Monday
 - Sub for parents (10 days subs), get special Ed parents involved
5. Guest speaker – Lisa Rhodes (HoCo office of children and families)
 - Family engagement specialist
 - Newest things: school readiness
 - Workshops for parents, Parent pages, digital newsletter
 - CARE Line: free information referral, call the care line
 - Anybody can sign up, what can you do? -- See flier
 - Adolescents workshops – Valerie Harvey (provide service to students of 12-18 yr old)
6. BOE report – Mavis Ellis
 - Redistricting process
 - APFO
 - 28TH superintendent search, request for proposal for national search (public search is not a mandate, don't have to use money for this national search)
 - Hiring Director for security
 - 2018-2019 calendar will be submitted October 3 (decision will be made on December 19)
 - Official testimony for redistricting may be submitted by mail or email to BOE. 10/26 and 11/7 are dates for public hearing
7. CAC report – Towanda Brown
 - PTA representation, at large, union, HoCo student association
 - Discuss community policies
 - Every 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7-9pm, CAC members are invited to BOE to discuss things
 - BOE website has the link for CAC
8. P-circle (peacemaking circle) -- Collin Mores

- National organization, website: www.cjyi.org
 - Trainings/workshops: 50 people training session; 20 people training for principles and school staffs
 - 10/27 invite speaker from Chicago, 6 schools, 20 participants, 10K cost
 - Wilde Lake high school; Feeder schools are selected first (Long Reach high, Harpers Farm elementary, Forest Ridge elementary)
9. Legislative committee report -- Donna Sudbrook, chair of PTACHC legislative committee
- In preparation for the 2018 Maryland general assembly (state senators and delegates), they will meet weekly from January to April to review state legislation for education/children/youth.
 - Seeking feedback from PTACHC community on any interested topics, such as where do you want to spend money on education: all day pre-K, charter schools or new school construction/maintenance issues.
 - Will use “Survey monkey” to obtain feedbacks
10. APFO (adequate public facilities ordinance) update
- Great show up at the last meeting
 - Table/delay the vote until November election
 - Keep the pressure on and write email to county council
 - 70 townhouses are being built on long gate shopping center area and are put on hold
 - Builders associations think that they are under attack, they are going to sue. Taking (rules negatively impacted the business)
 - PTACHC position in line with the BOE’s position
11. Schools fundraising and event planning issues (September meeting’s agenda)
- Internal auditor COO of HCPSS, work with that company, ask Dave Clark for any questions
12. Community outreach:
- Steven forest -- Latino community, have people engage in the school system
 - Leaders for immigrant community to have them engaged and make them feel welcome
 - PTA should reflect community
 - 2017 winter coat drive before October 25 <https://www.ptachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Coat-Drive-flyer-2017.pdf>

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Minutes taken by Linglei Ma