PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)
First General Meeting 3 September, 2019

Board Attendees:

1. Brent Loveless, President
2. Trina Thames, VP Operations
3. Lisa Soto, VP Issues
4. Karen Herren, Executive VP
5. Joseph Griffin, Treasurer
6. Meg Ricks, Chair, Policy Committee

Meeting was called to order: 7:34 pm. Quorum was confirmed.

Legislative Updates: The Howard County Council is currently considering an increase in school surcharges for development. Several bills are under consideration to manage school capacity issues related to planned growth. These include mitigation fees, growth pauses, and unit caps where overcrowding exists. President moved that the PTACHC general assembly reaffirm their support for the fee adjustment with the following statement:

> "The PTA Council of Howard County is reaffirming its position among the delegates of the 2019-2020 school year to support legislation to provide appropriate and accurate mitigation from additional household construction to sustain capital projects to accommodate enrollment growth impacts with permanent school facilities for each grade level within the county."

Seconded. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Motion will be posted on ptachc.org. Council public testimony is Monday September 16 (with a possible extra day on September 18 see https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/ for meeting information) 7 pm at George Howard Building. Individuals can also testify, see https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/otestimony

Legislative documents and other related links can be found at PTACHC Website, legislative tab.

Secretary's Report: Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. There was an introduction of the new board members who were in attendance.

Superintendent Report: Dr. Martirano visited to speak and answer questions. 58,000 students began school today in 77 schools with 5,000 certified teachers. Question and Answer session from delegates on the boundary review recommendations he has recently given to the BOE, and on school starting times.

Announcements: School Directory: Mr. LeMon reporting, a proposal for voluntary sharing of parental information should be available by the end of the week, Compliance: with the new year, please communicate to your local PTA to validate with the state your status and rectify issues, Membership, Bylaws Updates.

State PTA Report: State convention Marla Posey-Moss, President-Elect Maryland PTA Reporting. Announced that state PTA will be issuing electronic membership starting this year, with this year being the roll-out (both paper and electronic allowed). Discussed Maryland PTA bylaw changes as of this year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joseph Griffin reporting. Summer expense report, and report on last year's budget. Submission and discussion of proposed budget 2019-2020. Budget was approved by general delegation under voice vote. There will be Treasurer training held in the fall by PTACHC -- look for more information soon.

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SECAC Report: Lisa Soto reporting. Information on SECAC for local PTAs (flier).

CAC Report: Lisa Soto reporting. First meeting is September 11th.

HCEA Report: No report.

BOE Report: October 14th meeting of PTACHC and BOE. https://www.hcpss.org/board/ to see what is going on.

BOE Boundary Review Update:

Public Hearings for BOE on Boundary Review: All meetings at 10910 Clarksville Pike.

Scheduled meetings:

Tuesday September 17, 7 pm, families currently zoned for Centennial HS, Howard HS, Mt. Hebron HS, and Oakland Mills HS.

Tuesday September 24, 7 pm, families current zoned for Atholton HS, Hammond HS, Long Reach HS, and Wilde Lake HS.

Thursday September 26 7 pm, families currently zoned for Glenelg HS, Marriotts Ridge HS, Reservoir HS, and River Hill HS.

Wrap-up items: None.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 7 October 2019 Homewood School at 7:30 pm

Associated Documents: Minutes from 6 June General Meeting, Meeting agenda, Treasurer's Budget for 2019-2020, Treasurer's Report.

Minutes taken by Brett Sovereign, Secretary

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