

PTACHC Meeting
Homewood Center
May 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm. Quorum was confirmed.

Consideration of Minutes approval and Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the minutes and was seconded. They were unanimously passed. Regarding the Treasurer's Report, dues are missing from one school. We are on track with the budget. Scholarships are being offered for the PTACHC Maryland State Convention and we want register for early bird. Before paying for attendees from multiple schools, we want at least one per local first.

Superintendent's Report and Q&A – John White emailed the report to Reg to post on the website to allow more focus on the IEQ presentation. The National Clearinghouse data shows that the HCPSS is closing gaps regarding graduation. The HCPSS has received a letter from EPA letter recognizing the work done on the indoor air quality process. They are recommending the HCPSS to other systems.

HCPSS Policy Update –Upcoming policies requiring representation were discussed. Reg indicated he was contacted by the HCPSS who stated that a group of parents said they preferred meetings in the morning versus the evening. PTACHC attendees did not agree and actually stated that the preference is evenings, after 5:00 pm.

Nominating Committee –The nominating committee indicated that a slate will be provided in June and that there is no Secretary that has been nominated. The members were reminded that the minimum positions are President, Secretary and Treasurer for PTACHC to conduct business.

Indoor Environmental Quality Presentation – This presentation was swapped on the agenda for the Legislation/APFO Update. Action Item: Slides of the presentation will be provided to membership. There were multiple presenters led by Olivia Clause, Executive Director of School Facilities and Environment. This committee was chartered September 2015. The committee has developed an IEQ Concern Form. Each school has an IEQ Leader, which is usually the assistant principal. There is a Master IEQ walk-through twice/year and staff must complete annual IEQ awareness training. HCPSS Central Office staff will reiterate the process to the staff members. If there is anything that requires clarification regarding the process, contact Anissa Brown-Dennis or Olivia Clause.

The status of indoor air quality is posted on each school's web page. The team was questioned regarding a statement made in April that the funding for the school websites is being cut, which raises a concern about how this information will be shared with the community. If there are no webpages, the HCPSS would have to rely on email and other means to communicate with parents.

The IEQ cheat sheet that is in Schools and Offices was provided to all in attendance. There were policies mentioned that impacts the environment. The EPA recommends that there be policies to protect students in Pre-k. The 1050 Tobacco-Free Environment and 6080 Sustainability policies affect the environment.

Membership Update. Sarah Mugo, Membership chair, mentioned that the membership of most PTAs have gone down. PTACHC is looking for ways to increase the numbers next year and looking for suggestions from schools. Waterloo shared that they offered a 10-20% discount on membership and saw a slight increase in membership. PTACHC members were asked to send any recommendations to PTACHC email.

Legislative Update.

MD PTA convention \$4500 in PTACHC budget will pay for registration. Thursday (emerging leaders), Friday, July 28 and 29

APFO is being modified and is being split into pieces that are being passed individually. Each components of APFO has an effect on schools. The HCPSS may become more involved. APFO is not redistricting, but redistricting affects APFO. Redistricting rearranges. APFO looks at maximum capacity.

PTACHC ByLaws. Matta initially presented the modified ByLaws. The attendees suggested that the changes be placed on the PTACHC website. When reviewing, everyone should note that anything that has # cannot be changed.

Board of Education Liaison Report - None

PTACHC President Notes

A clarification of the issue with the Montgomery County Treasurer was discussed, clarifying that the amount was upwards of \$75,000, not \$39,000 as the media is stating this is the 3rd or 4th Treasurer that has stolen money. Attendees were requested to look at what the officers are doing regarding stealing funds.

Some counties are looking at PTAs identifying how the money is used to the principals. Attendees suggested that PTACHC should oppose so the Principal does not have any control over the funds.

The Maryland PTA Convention is coming up. PTACHC is sponsoring a PTA logo design contest, distributing prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 for the students. The plan is to use the logo for the convention. Information will be sent out to the delegates and presidents this week and attendees were requested to ask principals if they can distribute to their school population and possibly put in the weekly newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Towanda Brown