

MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2010-11

Committee: CIP (Capital Improvements Program)
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Vision

How does the work of your committee support the objects and mission of PTA and the focus of MCCPTA?

The CIP Committee supports the advocacy of MCCPTA and the individual clusters on capital related issues. The Committee's work supports the MCCPTA goal to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.

The Committee is dedicated to the principle that every child in Montgomery County is entitled to attend school in a safe, secure, healthy and modern facility. MCPS's ability to increase academic rigor throughout all levels and to expand participation in college-level coursework, requires sufficient classrooms, modern facilities, and appropriate learning environments. The CIP Committee will work to see that MCPS meets countywide facilities needs, and in particular that MCPS keeps pace with planned additions, modernizations and county-wide programs to replace and maintain building facilities. In addition, the CIP Committee will work with MCCPTA leadership to advocate for funding to support the schools' capital needs.

Goals

Give a summary statement of your committee's goals for this year. Consider how you will identify attainment.

The CIP Committee's goals for 2010-11 are:

1. To promote awareness and understanding of the CIP by local PTAs and cluster coordinators.
2. Ensure county and state officials provide adequate funding for MCPS CIP needs.

In addition, the CIP Committee anticipates the following initiatives in 2010-11:

1. With direction and input from the BOD, provide recommendations on the FACT Assessment Criteria and BOE Policy FKB (Modernizations).

2. Study MCPS Countywide Projects in order to make recommendations for the FY 13-18 “full” CIP.
3. Review the Board of Education’s Draft Policy FKB (Facilities Management, formerly “Modernization”) and provide recommendations to the membership for MCCPTA comment.
4. Study cost issues relating to the installation and maintenance of athletic fields at all county schools.
5. Work with MCPS to ensure that cluster coordinators and local PTAs receive feedback on items in cluster CIP comments that are deemed not to be capital items.
6. Work with MCPS, BOE and the County Council to develop reasonable modernization schedules by school level, elementary, middle and high.

Action Steps

What does your committee plan to do to achieve these goals? Include plans for meetings, mailings, etc., interaction with other MCCPTA committees, MCPS staff you may work with and in what capacity, other county, state or federal agencies, organizations you may contact as part of your action plan.

Ongoing Activities:

- Provide information to cluster coordinators and advise on CIP testimony,
- Assess countywide needs, and analyze MCPS countywide priorities;
- Draft testimony on capital budget issues on behalf of MCCPTA;
- Propose annual and long range objectives and policies for approval by MCCPTA Board of Directors and Delegates Assembly;
- Coordinate with the Operating Budget Committee on the relationship between operating and capital budgets, both locally and at the State level;
- Coordinate with the Legislative Committee on efforts to increase state CIP funding through communication, interaction, and lobbying;
- Report to membership/executive board on status of funding and new projects; boundary studies or special task force groups, contact with facilities staff on problems or needs;
- Address such other issues as may be requested by the MCCPTA President, Board of Directors and/or Delegates Assembly.

2010-11 Programs and Activities

- With the direction and input of the BOD, CIP Chair will participate (along with MCCPTA President) in MCPS meetings to develop Superintendent's recommended Amendments to the FY 2011-16 CIP and FY 2011 Capital Budget (September);
- With the direction and input of the BOD, CIP Chair will participate (along with MCCPTA President) on FACT Assessment Review Committee (August-October);
- Organize CIP forum after release of the Superintendent's recommended CIP (November 3, 2010);
- Conduct Worksession for MCCPTA and individual cluster testimony to the Board of Education (November 6, 2010);
- Arrange follow up meeting with BOE to address Board member questions during CIP hearings (December);
- Assist with Testimony before the BOE (November) and the County Council (Mar/April)
- Draft a "PTA Guide to the Construction Process" as a companion to the MCPS "Principal's Guide to the Construction Process" as a resource for local PTAs during additions or modernizations;

2010-11 Meeting Schedule

Because CIP Activities are front-loaded in the fall, the CIP Committee anticipates holding monthly meetings from August through November, and bi-monthly meetings from January through April. The CIP Committee anticipates holding one to two special meetings in September and October to address planning for the amended CIP. Pending review for potential conflicts, the Committee proposes the following meeting schedule. All meetings will be at 7:30 pm.

- Wednesday, Sept. 1
- Wednesday, Sept. 15
- Wednesday, Oct. 6
- (No meeting Nov. – CIP forum, CIP worksession and BOE hearings)
- Wednesday, Jan. 12
- Wednesday, Feb. 2
- Wednesday, Apr. 6

The Committee wishes to coordinate with other MCCPTA committees to minimize potential conflicts with committee meeting schedules.

Expenses:

The CIP Committee requests \$250 to secure facilities and refreshments for the CIP testimony drafting worksession in November.

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