

# MCCPTA Committee Work Plan for 2011/12

## Curriculum Committee

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### Vision

Since curriculum is central to the educational process, it is essential that parents are aware of the details of the process of developing and implementing curricula and that they are able to participate in that process. The purpose of the MCCPTA curriculum committee is to provide an avenue for that participation.

### Goals

**Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, the Curriculum Committee will address the following:**

- Hold regular Curriculum Committee meetings where PTA members can discuss and learn about curriculum issues.
- Hold Curriculum Forums where PTA members can learn about various curriculum issues.
- Share information on curriculum issues with the MCCPTA Officers, Board of Directors, and Delegates and solicit their feedback.
- Recruit members from all 25 clusters in the county.
- Represent MCCPTA on the following MCPS committees or workgroups:
  - 1) Curriculum Advisory Committee
  - 2) Curriculum Advisory Assembly
  - 3) Accelerated and Enriched Instruction Advisory Committee
  - 4) Grading and Reporting Implementation Team
- Advocate for the curriculum resolutions that the MCCPTA Delegates passed in the last few years:
  - 5) Accelerated and Enriched Instruction
  - 6) Middle School Advanced Courses and on level courses according to the 'Resolution on Middle School Advanced Courses' on April 27, 2010
  - 7) Resolution on Parent Involvement in the Development and Implementation of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum
- Advocate that as MCPS reviews and revises their curriculum, they ensure that there are opportunities for parents and students to provide feedback on the efficiency and effectiveness of the curriculum.
- Monitor the work of the MCPS Math Steering Committee which is ensuring the MCPS work in response to the Work Group recommendations.
- Monitor the development of the MCPS Curriculum 2.0 (formerly the Elementary Integrated Curriculum)
- Monitor the Board of Education's actions dealing with curriculum issues.
- Develop resolutions on issues that are identified on MCCPTA's list of Advocacy Priorities and submit them to the Board of Directors for review.
- Provide guidance to the Operating Budget Committee with regard to curriculum issues.
- Review the MCPS Strategic Plan with regards to curriculum issues and make recommendations for MCCPTA advocacy as the Board of Education reviews and modifies it.
- Address other curriculum issues as they arise as requested by the Board of Directors and in consultation with the MCCPTA President and Vice President of Educational Issues.

**Action Steps**

**Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, the committee will take the following action steps:**

MCPS has four Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings and four Curriculum Advisory Assembly (CAA) meetings each year. Our committee will try to ensure a full complement of PTA members to represent MCCPTA at these meetings. In addition, we will have committee meetings to discuss with one another what we learn at the CAC and CAA as well as to discuss any possible resolutions or considerations needed to best represent the members of MCCPTA. We will also hold a number of Curriculum Forums on different issues of interest to parents in the county. The committee meeting dates and location will be listed on the MCCPTA calendar. Out of this work, we would expect the committee will put forth at least one resolution to the Delegates Assembly during the year.

In order to advocate on various issues, the Committee leadership will meet frequently (roughly once every month or two) with staff in MCPS's Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs. In addition, our work will most likely involve meetings with individuals from other parts of MCPS such as the Office of School Performance and members of the Board of Education. The Committee will provide a monthly report to the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Delegates describing the work the committee has done including any and meetings held. Where appropriate, the Committee Chairs or other member of the Committee will represent MCCPTA on MCPS committees or workgroups as designated to do so by the MCCPTA president in consultation with the other members of the Executive Committee.

The committee will also collaborate with other committees as appropriate, particularly the Grading and Reporting Committee, Middle School Committee, High School Committee, ESOL Committee, Health Committee, Gifted Child Committee, and the Special Education Committee.

The committee will maintain and utilize the MCCPTA Curriculum Committee Yahoo Groups listserv and keep regular updates posted for committee membership and PTA members interested in curriculum issues.  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mccpta\\_curriculum\\_committee/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mccpta_curriculum_committee/)

**Expenses**

\$100 to purchase refreshments for our meetings throughout the year