

MCCPTA Committee Work Plan for 2007-08

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Committee Members

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To come

Vision

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

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

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

- Recruit members from all 25 clusters in the county.
- Recruit members to serve on all 12 subject area subgroups on the MCPS Curriculum Advisory Committee
- Represent MCCPTA on the MCPS Curriculum Advisory Committee and share what is learned there with the MCCPTA Community.
- Work with MCPS in developing their Curriculum Review Process to ensure that there are opportunities for parents and students to provide feedback on the efficiency and effectiveness of the curriculum.
- Represent MCCPTA on the MCPS Curriculum Advisory Assembly and d share what is learned there with the MCCPTA Community.
- Represent MCCPTA at other meetings dealing with curriculum issues.
- Advocate for the curriculum resolutions that the MCCPTA Delegates passed in the last few years:
1) Science and Social Studies in Elementary Schools 2) Use of Magnet Program Methodologies throughout MCPS 3) Coherent Curriculum for Gifted Students 4) Use of Films in Schools 5) Financial Literacy Course
- Hold regular meeting where PTA members can discuss and learn about curriculum issues.
- Examine issues that have previously been identified as concerns on MCCPTA's list of Advocacy Priorities such as the Curriculum Implementation Process and Vertical Articulation and consider developing resolutions to bring to the MCCPTA Delegates.
- Address other curriculum issues as they arise.

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.

MCPS has four Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting 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 debrief one another on what we learn at the CAC and CAA. In addition these meeting will give the committee the opportunity to receive information about other curriculum issues and discuss those issues. 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 with people 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, the Office of Organizational Development and members of the Board of Education.

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

Expenses

Include costs of mailings, copying, supplies, awards, etc.

We would like authorization to spend up to \$100 to purchase refreshments for our meetings throughout the year.