

Curriculum Committee Report

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Curriculum Committee Meetings for This Fall

The curriculum Committee has prepared the following agenda for meetings this fall. All meetings take place in the Auditorium of the Carver Educational Service Center (CESC) which is located at 850 Hungerford Drive (Routh 355) in Rockville.

Monday, October 12th, 7:30pm to 9pm

Curriculum Development & Implementation and Parent Involvement in the Process

Introductory Organizational Meeting

Members of the MCCPTA Curriculum Committee will provide an overview of the curriculum development and implementation within MCPS and provide information on how parents can be involved in the process.

Wednesday, November 4th, 7:30pm to 9pm

The MCPS K-12 Mathematics Joint Work Group

Presentation and Question and Answer Session with member of the Work Group

The MCPS website has the following description of the Work Group: The K-12 Mathematics Joint Work Group was established to develop a comprehensive plan for strengthening the mathematics program in MCPS. The goal is to improve the achievement of all students in mathematics systemwide. The work group will gather input from staff, students, and parents, identify issues and concerns, research scientifically-based practices, benchmark exemplary models, and analyze data on the current state of mathematics in MCPS.

(<http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/workgroup/>)

Monday, December 14th, 7:30pm-9pm

Seven Keys to College Readiness

Presentation and Collection of Parent Feedback

The Washington Post published an article on May 18, 2009 that had the following description of this MCPS Initiative: Montgomery County educators are blitzing parents and students with information on what they call "Seven Keys to College Readiness." The initiative, also promoted on the Web (<http://www.mcps7keys.org>), spells out in detail the courses and tests that officials say point toward academic prosperity.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/17/AR2009051701884.html>

This meeting will review the Seven Keys and collect feedback about them from parents that MCCPTA can then convey to MCPS.

Seeking Volunteers to Represent MCCPTA on MCPS's Curriculum Advisory Committee
MCPS's Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) reviews, discusses, and advises staff in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction regarding content specific curriculum

development, implementation, monitoring, and review. Curriculum Advisory Committee members also collaborate with evaluation and selection committees in related content areas for purposes of information sharing and alignment of decisions. MCCPTA sends parent representatives to the CAC's and we need a number of people to represent all aspects of the community. Based on feedback, the curriculum advisory committee has been restructured this year to focus on one or two content areas each evening session of CAC and allow all CAC members to review and advise on more than one content area.

If you are interested in representing MCCPTA on the CAC, please contact the MCCPTA Curriculum Committee Chairs (contact information above). Meetings will take place from 7-9 pm on the following Mondays: November 9, January 11, March 8, & May 10.