

MCCPTA Curriculum Committee Work Plan for 2009-2010

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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.

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, the committee will address the following:

- Hold regular Curriculum Committee meetings where PTA members can discuss and learn about 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.
- Recruit members to serve on all 12 subject area subgroups on the MCPS Curriculum Advisory Committee.

Under the direction and approval of the MCCPTA president:

- Represent MCCPTA on the MCPS Curriculum Advisory Committee and share what is learned there with the MCCPTA Community.
- Represent MCCPTA on the MCPS Curriculum Advisory Assembly and share what is learned there with the MCCPTA Community.
- Represent MCCPTA at other meetings dealing with curriculum issues such as the Accelerated and Enriched Instruction Advisory Committee, the Grading and Reporting Implementation Team and the Mathematics Work Group.
- 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.
- 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
- 6) Accelerated and Enriched Instruction

- Monitor the Board of Education's revisions to Policy IOA, Gifted and Talented Education and MCPS's revisions of regulations relating to the policy and advocate for MCCPTA's positions established in previous resolutions in consultation with the MCCPTA President.
- Monitor developments in the Mathematics Work Group in consultation with the MCCPTA President.
- Develop resolutions on Advanced Courses in Middle School, The Seven Keys to College Readiness, and other issues as appropriate after seeking input from MCCPTA Officers, Board of Directors, and Delegates.
- Examine issues that have previously been identified as concerns on MCCPTA's list of Advocacy Priorities and develop resolutions to bring to the MCCPTA Delegates. The committee will seek input from MCCPTA Officers, Board of Directors, and Delegates.

In consultation with the MCCPTA president, the committee will address the following:

- Provide guidance to the Operating Budget Committee with regard to curriculum issues.
- Address other curriculum issues as they arise after reviewing past positions of MCCPTA and reviewing the MCCPTA Operating Budget Priorities Resolution and MCCPTA Operating Budget Compact.

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.

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. 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 (at least once a month) 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, the Office of Organizational Development and members of the Board of Education. The MCCPTA President will be kept informed of the meetings with MCPS and the dates

scheduled. The committee chairs will provide a follow up report to the MCCPTA president and the VP for Educational Issues concerning meeting content.

Where appropriate, the Committee Chairs or other member of the Committee will represent MCCPTA on MCPS committees or workgroups as approved by the MCCPTA President.

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/

The committee will submit monthly reports and updates as requested by the MCCPTA VP for Educational Issues for the MCCPTA BOD meetings and/or Delegates Assembly.

Expenses

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