

# MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2011/12

## High School Committee

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**Committee Members:** TBD, AND: Any High School PTSA Presidents wishing to participate or provide inputs (similar to last year). (Note: Model UN event will require parent volunteer for each participating team.)

**Goals / Vision:** The High School Committee will:

1. Work together to recognize, discuss and promote change on issues that affect high school students (or all students).
2. Promote a productive on-going discussion with high school PTSA presidents on improving communication and involvement of parents within our schools and programs that educate parents on relevant issues pertaining to our school population. Working together as a group promotes critical discussion of issues, concerns, ideas, resources and best practices which is then used to promoted countywide change or brought back to individual PTSA's and then implemented.
3. Create a summary/compendium of discussions on the electronic mail group for new High School Presidents to allow them a faster scan of the typical questions and communications raised there (by Sep 30, 2011).
4. Verify that all new MCPS PTSA High School Presidents are aware of and "on" the Electronic Mail list.
5. Develop and Promote county-wide projects and programs that coordinate and promote MCCPTA focusing on support to High School PTSAs and community (see items 4 – 13 below.)
6. Respond in a timely and productive manner when issues are identified to research and bring back next steps to MCCPTA.

**Action Steps: General Activity (All year):**

1. Continue discussion throughout the year on our eList on topics of interest to HS Presidents.
2. Work with MCPS Director of High School Instruction, School Performance Officer, Division of Family and Community Partnerships and others as it is needed to get information and discuss issues and concerns.
3. Work in partnership with other MCCPTA committees as needed when issues arise that involve collaboration.

**Specific Actions / Projects:**

1. Running a contest for Safe-Prom night – modeled on the successful 2011 contest, hopefully with the continued sponsorship of the Washington Talent Agency (donated prizes in 2011).
2. Creating a Mont. County HS Model United Nations event in the fall of 2011. Target those HS teams that already exist, though open to all HS's to send delegations.
3. Run a Shakespeare Video Contest (would be run all-year with some nominal prizes for classes (eg Ice cream) or donated sponsorship each quarter. Modeled on Prom Safety contest.
4. Promote HS Literary magazines and if possible, create an online library for them in E-book format.
5. Finalize and publicly release (MCCPTA.com) Parking Lot safety study by this committee in 2011.
6. Reviewing options to students being sent home on Test days... is this good? "Kids have to walk in streets to get to Magruder HS, especially on "Test Days" when there is no bus service...."
7. Host one joint workshop event with the Curriculum Committee.
8. Review the special HS programs with MCPS - eg. In 2009 MCPS changed Cambridge into IB and started some more IB Magnet programs. Produce a white paper on the strategic options for MCPS.

9. Continue E-discussion on the Relationship of the PTSA to the Booster club, & After-Prom Committees
10. Share topics and speakers for PTSA meetings, providing some ideas and feedback as to what worked well. ("It would be helpful if everybody didn't have to reinvent the wheel each year.")
11. Share best practices on how different PTSAs have contributed to their school improvement plan.
12. Coordinate curriculum goals with the MCCPTA middle school committee to ensure transition from middle school to high school is in sync.
13. Update the High School Committee Webpage as needed.

**Expenses:** \$500 for costs of: Props (Large UN Flag, etc.), prizes, and materials for events. Assumes that the facility for the Model UN is not a rented space (ie School sponsored or Carver Ed. Center).