

**Parent Involvement Committee Report
June 2010**

Chair: Elisia George

The final meeting for the MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee could not be held on May 26th 2010 as scheduled due to doors being locked at BOE building and members not being able to access the building. Our final quarter culminated with a workshop on May 12th in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Committee of the Division of Family and Community Partnership, "Can We Talk? Speaking Up For Your Child." It was a very successful workshop and enjoyed by all. We also participated on a panel put together by Dr. Grasnik, of Maryland State Department of Education to reconvene a Parent Advisory Council for MSDE. The focus of this panel was to set a criteria for the council as to who should be included, subjects to be addressed, and locations of council meetings.

The presence of our committee was also very effective at the training for principal interns in creating a welcoming environment for parents in their various schools. We also met with representatives from George Mason University on using a new program that they want to introduce to parents of incoming College freshmen to decrease the number of College freshmen who drop out after their first year of College. It was already a little too late in the school year to get them to talk to outgoing High school Seniors, so this should definitely be something for the Parent Involvement Committee next year.

I really need to say a heartfelt "thank you" to Jai and Anju Singhal for standing with me this year and for all their support. You guys rock! Thanks a million!