

## Committee Report, February 2007

### **Student Service Learning Hours Committee:**

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One of the primary goals of MCCPTA's new SSL Committee is to help make information on SSL more accessible to students and parents. As a first step, PTSA's have been asked to designate SSL liaisons, parents who will partner with their school based SSL coordinator to increase the amount of SSL related information (on the requirement, opportunities to fulfill it, and documentation procedures) going out to their school communities via PTSA meetings and newsletters, school list serves and web sites, etc. For example, beginning with this year's eighth graders, the graduation requirement has gone from 60 SSL hours to 75 and the new SSL liaisons are now assisting in getting that word out. In addition, the SSL liaisons can serve as a resource to both the school coordinator and to students and parents, helping to create school-wide SSL activities, publicize specific SSL accomplishments, and highlight recognition opportunities. To date a pilot group of 7 middle schools and 6 high schools have designated SSL liaisons. These SSL liaisons met for the first time on January 18 to hear Pam Meador, SSL Coordinator for MCPS, give a general overview of the SSL program and to discuss their role as PTSA SSL liaisons. Over the next few weeks, the SSL Committee will continue to encourage more PTSAs to designate liaisons and will be exploring other ways to have input into and support the SSL program.