

February 2009

MCCPTA Communications Committee Report

Chair: Patti Twigg, listservsmod@mccpta.com

1) Website:

Website Coordinators:

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The Website subcommittee updated the MCCPTA website with the following:

Webpages updated in January:

- MCCPTA Homepage
- MCCPTA Calendar
- Operating Budget Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Grading and Reporting Committee
- Special Education Committee
- Capital Improvement Program Committee
- Resolutions
- Testimonies, Press Releases, & Correspondence
- Archived MCCPTA President's Letters & Committee Reports
- Area Vice Presidents and Cluster Coordinators

Other additions:

- Online nomination form for MCCPTA Special Education Recognition Awards
- Nomination form for MCCPTA Partners for Education Award
- Nomination form for Maryland Life Membership Award
- Updated Spotlight on homepage
- Thank you letter from MCCPTA President Kay Romero to all our PTA advocates for their testimonies at the MCPS Board of Education Budget Hearings on January 14 and January 21
- Letter to Governor O'Malley from MCCPTA requesting a meeting
- MCCPTA and cluster testimonies before the BOE on the FY 2010 Operating Budget for Montgomery County Public Schools
- FY 2010 Budget Questions and Answers (1 – 18)
- Memo from Superintendent Jerry Weast to Members of BOE on Letter from Gov. O'Malley's Chief of Staff on Reimbursing MCPS due to budget error
- Memo from Superintendent Jerry Weast to Members of BOE on Course-related Fees
- MCPS Powerpoint Presentation on Course-related Fees
- Memo from Superintendent Jerry Weast to Members of BOE on County Executive Economic Stimulus Program
- Memo from Superintendent Jerry Weast to Members of BOE on FY 2010 Operating Budget: State Aid
- Cluster Coordinator's Guide to Understanding the 2010 CIP
- Agenda for the SSL presentation for the January 27 DA
- Information on accessing SBRC Survey created by Grading and Reporting committee

- Committee reports: Capital Improvement Program, Communications, Cultural Arts, Downcounty Consortium, Gifted Child, Legislative, Nominating, Reflections, Safety, Special Education
- January MCCPTA Presidents Letter
- Montgomery County is Not Eliminating Gifted Programs - Questions and Answers, MCPS Division of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction, 12/23/08

Updated committee chair and cluster coordinator listings and email addresses.

Committee chairs, please look at your committee's website page and let the Website subcommittee know of any changes you would like to make. All MCCPTA standing committees website pages can be accessed from the following link: <http://mccpta.net/committees.html>.

Officers, please take a look at the other MCCPTA website pages and let us know if there is information that is no longer relevant or needs to be updated. The MCCPTA website is at <http://mccpta.net>.

2) Listservs:

Listservs Moderator:

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As of January 31, 2009 membership on the various lists is as follows:

| Listserv | # subscribed | Net increase/decrease from last report |
|-------------------|--------------|--|
| MCCPTA_Board | 86 | 0 |
| MCCPTA_Bulletin | 616 | 0 |
| MCCPTA_Delegates | 476 | +2 |
| MCCPTA_Presidents | 289 | 0 |
| MCCPTA_Treasurers | 218 | 0 |

The auto-reminder calendar for the Bulletin and BOD listservs has been updated as meetings and events are scheduled or changed.

Assistance was given to committee chairs regarding notices and other listserv issues.

3) Spotlight:

The MCCPTA website has a corner just for your school or PTA and its accomplishments! “Spotlight” is the place for your school or PTA to shine – for the whole county to see! Don't be shy - you know how great you are, here's your chance to let everyone else know it too! If you have news and/or achievements from your school or PTA, please notify MCCPTA (via email to office@mccpta.com and/or webmaster@mccpta.com).

Spotlight appears on our homepage, and is changed as new items come in. Be sure to check back to see what is happening!