

**Everyone likes to complain about the curriculum,
but no one ever does anything about it.**

Here is your chance!

The MCCPTA Curriculum Committee is seeking volunteers.

Curriculum is ultimately about what is taught and how it is taught and is therefore the central function of the school system.

The school system's has a **Curriculum Advisory Committee** that meets **four** times each year. The Curriculum Advisory Committee is broken up into **discipline-specific subgroups**. These subgroups provide us with a chance to talk directly with the MCPS staff that oversee existing curricula and develop new curricula. Frequently they share drafts of new curricula at the meetings and ask for feedback from the parents and teachers attending.

MCCPTA is looking for representatives for each of the curriculum subgroups at these meetings. Representatives must commit to attend these meetings and provide a brief, written summary of each meeting to the MCCPTA Curriculum Committee.

Meetings will be held from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Shady Grove Middle School on the evenings of

- Monday, September 24, 2007
- Monday, November 26, 2007
- Monday, January 28, 2008
- Monday, March 10, 2008

The subgroups are:

- Art
- English Language Arts, Grades 6-12
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Foreign Language
- Physical Education
- Reading/Language Arts, pre-K-5
- Science
- Special Education Instruction

- General, Instrumental, and Choral Music
- Health
- Social Studies
- Mathematics

Representatives also are expected to attend MCCPTA Curriculum Committee meetings where we share what we have learned at MCPS's Curriculum Advisory Meetings and discuss other curriculum issues. These will be on the 2nd Monday each month at the Carver Center in Rockville. The dates are:

September 10, 2007

October 8, 2007

November 12, 2007

December 10, 2007

January 14, 2008

February 11, 2008

April 14, 2008

May 12, 2008

If you are interested in representing MCCPTA, or have any questions, for more information please contact:

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Spread the word!

Other people in your school may be interested, even if you are not.