

MCCPTA High School Committee

Plan of Work 2008 - 2009

Chair: Sharon St.Pierre

Student Service Learning (SSL) Sub-Committee Chair: Karen Judson

Committee Members: All High School PTSA Presidents

Vision (*How does the work of your committee support the objects and mission of the PTA and focus of MCCPTA?*):

The High School Committee has assigned to it several tasks. First, is to work together to recognize, discuss and promote change on issues that affect high school students (or all students). Second, is 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. As a sub-committee, SSL is specifically undertaken as a separate entity as to ensure in-depth analysis, updates and proper communication with all secondary schools.

Goals (*Give a summary statement of your committee's goals for this year. Consider how you will identify attainment.*):

The goals of the High School committee and SSL committee are to fulfill our above vision. Measures for attainment can be looked at by our relevancy with high school PTSA presidents and SSL coordinators. Are they getting the information and resources they need through our committees to help them in their positions? Do our committees respond in a timely and productive manner when issues are identified to research and bring back next steps to MCCPTA?

Action Steps (*What does your committee plan to do to achieve these goals? Include plans for meetings, mailings, etc., interaction with other MCCPTA committees, MCPS staff you may work with and in what capacity, other county, state or federal agencies, organizations you may contact as part of your action plan.*):

High School committee:

- Hold a fall and spring forum with possible guest speaker to address current issues and provide an opportunity for high school PTSA presidents to meet and exchange ideas, resources and best practices as well as discuss issues.
- Continue discussion throughout the year on our listserv so that all may benefit from questions, concerns and ideas that arise in-between forums.
- 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.
- Work in partnership with other MCCPTA committees as needed when issues arise that involve collaboration.

SSL committee:

- Work on preparing a presentation for January Delegates Assembly on topic of SSL
- Continue to promote and encourage designation of SSL liaisons in every secondary school and continue providing information and discussing issues with them.
- Member on the MCPS SSL Workgroup
- Work with MCPS Coordinator of SSL programs

Expenses: \$200 for costs of: room rental, copying, and food for fall and spring forums.