

PTACHC Meeting Minutes November 2019 (submitted by Erin Roberts)

Reports:

1. Howard County Association of Student Councils- always looking for 6-12th graders to attend their open meetings. Many leadership opportunities available. Each middle school is allotted 3 delegates to the SMOB convention which elects the Student Member to the Howard County Board of Education. The next meeting is Nov 13th at 7pm at the Homewood Center. Snacks provided.
2. PTACHC-1 survey per school has been sent to PTA presidents and needs to be filled out and returned by Nov 30th to help focus PTACHC's work for the next year.
3. BOE – Jen Mallo reminded audience that they can still send in redistricting comments until Nov 19th to the BOE. She stated “it is unlikely that nothing will pass”. This BOE understands that if they don't fill the open seats in the county, that the State of MD will not give them money requested for HS13.
4. Policy- Policy 7020 on Nepotism has a public hearing at 7pm on Nov 7th as does Policy 8050 on Teaching Controversial Issues, Policy 4010 on Donations to Schools is being read in Jan with testimony taken in Feb 2020. (A copy of the Redline Policy was hand delivered to HMS PTA Treasurer to review and decide if HMS PTA wants to write testimony)
5. Special Education Advisory Council- made a plea to all families with students with special needs attend the SECAC meetings monthly.
6. Junior Achievement Program- HS students only, promotes women in business/entrepreneurial opportunities. Please spread the word for any students interested.
7. Affordable Housing Task Force- PTACHC has 1 slot and is trying to attend all meetings
8. Legislation- CB 42 passed with amendments during this meeting, Howard County's State Delegation was in attendance. Reminded the audience that there will be a public hearing on local legislation on 11/19 at 7pm at the George Howard Building and information should be up on their websites by the end of this week. The delegation shared the following legislation that will be filed this upcoming session in Annapolis:
 - Lam-legislation to ensure BOE follows Policy 6010 – Redistricting
 - Lam-legislation to require disclosures that property may not be districted to schools where they currently are districted to in real estate transactions.
 - Atterbeary-legislation regarding the deferred maintenance where an excise tax revenue would go directly to pay for deferred maintenance on public schools
 - Atterbeary-legislation that would close a school to ore students and construction once a school reaches 115% capacity
 - Watson- HB 1 -Blue Ribbon Commission/Kirwin Commission funding formula bill to allocate an additional 2.2Billion in school construction funding in Maryland.
 - Watson – REMINDED the audience that in 2020 the Howard County Board of Education elections will be by district instead of County wide as it has been in the past.
 - Hill-shared 3 bills she is sponsoring that include a vision bill, a youth sports bill and a bill that would require the BOE to report to the County Delegation about number of students in ESOL/FARMS annually and share ideas on how the delegation can help with any disparity.