

PTACHC Meeting 9/4/2018 – Summary Notes by Mike Schmeckpeper

- 1) New PTACHC Board elected in May of 2018
 - a) President – Brent Loveless
 - b) Executive Vice President – Beth Gettleman
 - c) VP Operations – Matta Zeinali
 - d) Secretary – Brett Sovereign
 - e) Treasurer – Meg Rick
- 2) New Board shared their current working initiatives which include a Data Policy, E Communications Audit, Website FAQ (ptachc.org), update bylaws, and a transition checklist for next new board
- 3) A survey asking for feedback / suggestions on what PTACHC should prioritize will be sent to Delegates and Presidents in the coming weeks. We are free to forward to our PTA at large, they will take all feedback. They asked that we (Delegates & President) please respond, at a minimum.
- 4) PTACHC passed their budget for this year - minimal changes to prior year's budget. (Attached)
- 5) Both PTACHC and the Board of Education called for volunteers to help with positions and policies. If anyone is interested in being involved they would be very appreciated.
- 6) Beth Silverman from the Howard County office of Consumer Protection gave a presentation. This office's goal is to protect citizens during consumer transactions. They do not give legal advice but information on laws and can share complaints filed with their office.
- 7) PTACHC did a Board of Education Candidate Forum - can be found by searching youtube.
- 8) Board of education Updates by Mavis Ellison - Operating Budget committee is already meeting weekly with the goal of a draft budget in December. On Thursday 9/6 the Capital Budget was presented at the Board of Education meeting. On 9/11 there is a Public Hearing around the suggestions raised to alleviate overcrowding in 4 County High Schools (Howard, Long Reach, Centennial, Mt. Hebron). This may involve transfer of students to 3 underutilized schools (Oakland Mills, Glenelg, Marriot's Ridge). See attached for proposals being considered, including redistricting for the 2019 school year.
- 9) There was a presentation on APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance) - it was said that Howard County charges developers less than surrounding counties in terms of tax dollars to be put towards infrastructure like schools.
- 10) Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee asked for representatives from PTAs, including staff. This group focuses on our children with special needs, ensuring that they get the individualized educational planning needed. Howardcountysecac.com