



CCPTA August 2020 General Meeting

August 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Virtually on Zoom

7:00pm: Open Meeting (Emily Vincent) •

- Welcome and Attendance
- Introductions of leadership team
- Presentations on the Role of CCPTA and PTAs in our schools and community (**see attached slides**)

7:10 PM: Financial Guidance (Kendra Anderson and Mary Kadera) •

- Guidance to PTAs regarding proposed learning pods and the limits of PTA liability insurance
 - PTAs cannot sponsor pods and are limited to making information available to members
 - PTA must consider issues of equity in all official communications and activities
- Discussion of prior incident involving Victor O'Neill photography at Yorktown High School
 - In July, APS Superintendent Dr. Durán instructed all APS principals to end their relationships with the studio after reviewing the situation and communicating with the studio
 - CCPTA is not making a recommendation or directive on whether a particular PTA should or should not enter a contract with Victor O'Neill
 - But PTAs should discuss decisions to retain Victor O'Neill (or any other vendor) with their school principals
 - Questions and discussion regarding issue
- Kendra Anderson provided guidance to PTAs on financial issues
 - PTAs should not be using credit cards
 - PTAs should only use debit cards or other electronic payments methods that do not involve debt or lines of credit
 - Every PTA must be in good standing with state and national bodies and in compliance with all of the requirements of a non-profit
 - CCPTA has been following up with individual PTAs that are not in compliance with non-profit requirements
 - Virginia PTA has updated requirements for what must be provided
 - CCPTA will be following up regularly with compliance issues (Form 990, new officer information, etc.)

7:45 PM: Membership and Community Engagement (Katherine Novello)

- Community Building and directories
 - Question posed regarding whether parents will be required to re-opt into the PTA Directory as part of the annual online verification process, or if their current selection will carry over to the 2020-21 school year
 - CCPTA Board will seek feedback from APS
- Discussion of Enrollment status of PTA elected officers
 - Confirmation that non-parents and teachers can be members of PTAs
 - Board membership not premised on enrollment of students provided individual is still a paying member in good standing
- • Communication tools overview (more details at separate meeting)
 - Kendra Anderson discussed availability of PTA Zoom accounts purchased by CCPTA
 - CCPTA will provide a sign-up list to allow PTAs to book times
 - Account is available for use now for any PTA related activity
 - Discussion of available translation services
 - CCPTA will solicit donations to support the Zoom accounts
 - Questions and discussion

8:00 PM: Partnerships and Grant Program

- Partnerships Committee programs and updates (Christa Mansur)
 - Introduced purpose and mission of the Partnerships Committee
 - Provided updates on activities to date and resources distributed to email list
 - Specific updates on food distribution efforts
 - Solicitation of ideas and volunteers from CCPTA membership
 - Discussion of need for CCPTA advocacy and role in partnership development
 - Questions and discussion
- CPCI Grant Program updates (Kate Merrill, Karrie Beaudry)
 - Overview of the CPCI Fund
 - Overview of ways to make a donation
 - Committee awaiting data from survey on how to administer fund during the 2020-21 School Year before setting funding dates

8:35 PM: Advocacy and Policy (Claire Noakes)

- Overview of the Advocacy and Policy efforts with a focus on equity issues
- Goals include identifying students who are most vulnerable during virtual learning and ways to support them
- Overview of Special Committee on Police in Schools
 - Description of the upcoming Memorandum of Understanding process between APS and Arlington Police Department and efforts of Committee to have a voice

- Plan to develop a “Know Your Rights” document to inform parents and students regarding potential law enforcement activities both within schools and in a virtual learning home environment

8:55 PM: Closing (Emily Vincent)

- CCPTA President raised school boundary process with APS superintendent but no official word on whether any modifications to the process will occur
- SEPTA secured August 19 Special Education Town Hall
 - APS leadership will be there to answer questions
 - SEPTA will forward details-reserve in advance

8:59 PM Meeting Adjourned

Next CCPTA meeting: Monday, September 21, 2020 7 – 9 pm