



CCPTA September 2020 General Meeting

September 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Virtually on Zoom

DATE: Monday, September 21, 2020

PLACE: Virtually from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM CCPTA Business: Approval of Minutes and Budget (Kendra Anderson, CCPTA Treasurer)

- Motion to Approve Minutes of August 2020 Meeting
 - Motion passed
- Review of 2019-2020 Budget and Audit
- Motion to approve audit of 2019-2020 Audit
 - Motion passed
 - Motion passes 28-0
- Review of 2019-2020 Budget and Proposed 2020-21 Budget
- Motion to approve 2020-21 Budget
 - Motion passed 31-0

7:15 PM Opening Statement from President (Emily Vincent, CCPTA President)

- Mission of PTA is to advocate for the education and well-being of students—not to act as a fundraiser for schools.
- CCPTA is encouraged by increasing efforts to focus on partnerships and collaborations to distribute food and essential supplies
- Request for PTAs to take on two challenging initiatives: (1) evaluate diversity and inclusion efforts and engage families that may not already be engaged; and (2) address disparities in PTA spending.
 - PTA Spending is exacerbating disparities between schools
 - Chart of disparities in spending (see attached chart)
- Introduction of Dr. Duran, APS Superintendent, Monique O’Grady, Arlington School Board Member, and Libby Garvey, Arlington County Board Member
- Overview of pre-submitted questions

7:22 PM Presentation from Libby Garvey, Arlington County Board

- Discussion of County-wide efforts to promote diversity and inclusion including through name changes to County institutions
- Deferred additional questions to APS

7:25 PM Presentation by Monique O’Grady, Arlington School Board

- Reiterated thank you to PTAs for support of families during pandemic
 - Presentation (**see attached materials**)
 - Slide 10—Overview of School Board Action Plan
- APS is focused on equity and inclusion including through hiring of Chief Diversity Officer and Superintendent with deep experience in those areas
- School Board will focus this year on: (1) Student Success and Well-Being; and (2) Operational Planning
 - Need for Children to be connected to a trusted adult-particularly during virtual learning
 - Recognize anxiety and challenges posed by COVID-19 and want to support Children’s social and Emotional Needs
 - Examining role of School Resource Officers in response to concerns raised about policing in schools
- School Board will be analyzing both the future budget and the current year budget
 - Current operating budget faces a \$5 million shortfall due to economic challenges and might see additional budget cuts
 - Elementary School Boundaries will proceed as scheduled
 - Will be issuing new policies on Volunteers, Capital Improvements, and Construction for public comment

7:34 PM Presentation by Dr Francisco Duran, APS Superintendent

- Presentation (**see attached materials**)
- Superintendent outlined metrics that APS is considering with respect to virtual learning
- APS will release a chart with health and operational metrics to determine when they may return to school
 - Examining options for certain groups to consider returning to in-person learning
 - Parent messages to be released on Thursday
 - Encouraging families to be aware of APS meal services
- Presentation from Lisa Stengle, Executive Director of Planning & Evaluation for APS on the Elementary School Boundary Process
 - APS is moving forward on the boundary process
 - Engagement kick-off to commence October 5 with draft maps
 - Although APS needs to reset attendance zones for the new elementary schools but will try to minimize disruptions
 - Outline of Timeline (Slide 22)

7:41 PM Questions and Answers

- APS teachers are providing students guidance with camera use during meetings
- APS leaders addressed questions regarding privacy issues raised by virtual learning
 - APS believes protocols are in place regarding recordings and that not all interactions are recorded

- APS has provided some guidance on when recordings will occur
- APS leadership will examine ways to address privacy issues raised including by potentially having teachers notify students when they are being recorded
- APS leaders addressed questions regarding technology
 - APS is monitoring virtual attendance
 - 26,082 (91% actively engaged in synchronous learning for 4 hours per day)
 - Average absence rate of approximately 2-3%
 - APS has been providing connections through Comcast and “MiFis” to families that need assistance

8:10PM Presentation by Aaron Gregory

- Discussion of APS’ Equity Policy and Creation of Equity Teams
- Introduction of Seth Gordon Lipkin and Imani Kane from ADL DC on Bullying and Racism (**see attached**)

8:37 PM Overview of CCPTA Zoom Account

- PTAs have reserved time for meetings in September
- CCPTA will circulate a sign up for future meetings
- Discussion of process for Zoom translation
 - APS must arrange for translation and it must be done through an application
 - There is an ability to set up breakout rooms
 - Co-hosts are assigned during the meeting by the host—does not need to be set ahead of time
- Financial Guidance will be distributed soon—CCPTA may present on it during separate meeting

8:53 PM CCPTA Grant Fund Committee (Kate Merrill)

- CPCI has been rebranded as the CCPTA Grant Fund
- Overview of CCPTA Grant Fund process
 - Applications Due October 19
 - Need PTAs to share with their memberships
 - Email Kate Merrill or Karrie Beaudry with any questions

9:02 PM Closing Remarks

- Discussion of Distinctions Between Positions and Resolutions (Emily Vincent)
 - CCPTA Executive Committee is trying to balance responding to emerging issues and transparency
- Email CCPTA Executive Committee about new meeting format including presubmitted questions
- Due to time limitations, matters relating to Partnership and Police in Schools Committees to be discussed at next meeting

9:07PM Meeting adjourned

Next CCPTA meeting: Monday, October 19, 2020 7 – 9 pm