



**Minutes of August 23, 2021 CCPTA General Membership Meeting  
Held Virtually Via Zoom 7-9pm ET**

- **Meeting Called to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02pm ET. A quorum was established virtually by Zoom:
  - Executive Committee Members in attendance:
    - Mary Kadera, CCPTA President
    - Claire Noakes, CCPTA Second Vice-President
    - Michael O'Leary, Secretary
    - Kendra Anderson, Treasurer
    - Dr. Kate Merrill, Grant Fund
  - Twenty-two PTA Presidents or CCPTA Representatives also confirmed in attendance.
- **Introduction by from the President:** Ms. Kadera welcomed the meeting attendees and provided an overview of the agenda. Ms. Kadera welcomed:
  - Dr. Francisco Durán, APS Superintendent
  - APS School Board Liaison, Dr. Barbara Kanninen
- **Discussion with APS/County Leadership:** Dr. Duran and Dr. Kanninen addressed questions submitted by CCPTA Executive Committee and General Membership.
  - Dr. Durán addressed questions regarding safe eating at APS schools. APS is still working with County to obtain equipment for outdoor lunch at elementary and middle schools. There was no similar need for equipment at high school level. Each APS school has been required to develop their own plan and it is an APS priority to have students eat outside. Dr. Durán also addressed how schools are addressing potential space limitations.
  - Dr. Durán described steps APS is taking to address potential mental health concerns of their students during the pandemic including new screening tools and school-based mental health teams. Dr. Kanninen added that as part of Board's academic update at next meeting, they would also be focused on mental health and social and emotional learning. Dr. Durán and Dr. Kanninen also described APS' focus on mental health resources for APS staff members.
  - Dr. Durán noted that APS, like many other school districts, is facing staff shortages as a result of the pandemic and outlined efforts to address these shortages including with respect to classroom vacancies.

- Dr. Kanninen addressed questions regarding the upcoming APS boundary review process for the Fall of 2021. She noted that further information would be provided at a future meeting but the boundary review process in the Fall of 2021 would likely be more targeted than anticipated.

## **CCPTA Business, Discussion Topics, and Internal Business**

- **President's Report – Mary Kadera**

- Ms. Kadera outlined the schedule of the upcoming CCPTA General Membership meetings.
- Ms. Kadera explained to general membership that she was serving as interim president of CCPTA after prior president's departure during her term. Ms. Kadera will serve until a new slate of officers is presented at a future meeting in the Fall.
- Ms. Kadera described recent discussions with APS regarding boundary process and enrollment projections. APS will share additional information at future School Board meetings. However, the process for Fall of 2021 at least is likely to impact a relatively small number of schools.
- Ms. Kadera described APS' response to CCPTA's recommendations on boundary reviews.

- **Advocacy and Policy Updates – Claire Noakes**

- Ms. Noakes discussed potential advocacy with respect to APS' Safe Eating policies and procedures. CCPTA will continue to monitor and provide feedback on proposals.
  - Current APS proposals still lack details and specifics.
- Ms. Noakes and Ms. Kadera discussed proposal to compile and publicize details on safe eating policies at APS schools and asked PTAs to help with that effort.
- Ms. Noakes addressed questions regarding school protocols for COVID-19 and school ventilation.
- Ms. Noakes outlined CCPTA's efforts with respect to equity in fund-raising and PTA spending. She discussed APS Policy D-15.
- Ms. Noakes discussed APS approach to policy revisions generally and role of CCPTA.

- **Treasurer's Report – Kendra Anderson**

- Ms. Anderson shared results of CCPTA Zoom account survey. She described the CCPTA protocol for sharing Zoom licenses with individual PTAs for the 2021-22 School Year.
- For PTAs that indicated they had interest in using the accounts, information will be provided later in the week.

- **VA PTA Guidance on New By-Laws—Mike O'Leary**

- Mr. O'Leary reminded general membership of changes to Virginia PTA's Uniform by-laws and the required forms for 2021-22 School Year.

- **SEPTA Update – Kathleen Clark**

- Ms. Clark announced the first SEPTA meeting will be September 23, 2021.
- Ms. Clark described some of the resources for parents in SEPTA and requested PTA assistance with outreach to and helping to identify parents who may want to be involved in SEPTA or benefit from these resources.
- Wendy Pizer provided an update on SEPTA's Advocacy Committee and efforts to advocate on behalf of students and monitor state-wide initiatives.

- **CCPTA Grant Fund Committee Report – Dr. Kate Merrill**

- Dr. Merrill provided an overview of the CCPTA Grant Fund for new delegates.
- First Grant Fund application window will run until October 18, 2021 while the winter deadline will be February 21, 2022.

- **Additional Internal CCPTA Questions and Discussion**

- Ms. Kadera confirmed that CCPTA meetings would remain virtual until further notice.
- Members discussed questions regarding COVID-19 related equipment and HVAC improvements and Safe Eating protocols.
- Ms. Kadera highlighted the availability of the CCPTA listserv and reiterated request to share school Safe Eating plans so that CCPTA can compile them and post on CCPTA website.

- **Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm ET.

**Next CCPTA meeting: Monday, September 20, 2021**