

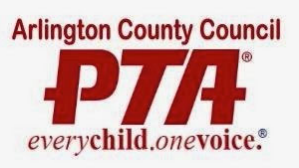


**Minutes of October 18, 2021 CCPTA General Membership Meeting  
Held Virtually Via Zoom 7-9pm ET**

- **Meeting Called to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00pm ET. A quorum was established virtually by Zoom:
  - Executive Committee Members in attendance:
    - Mary Kadera, CCPTA President
    - Claire Noakes, CCPTA Second Vice-President
    - Kendra Anderson, Treasurer
    - Dr. Kate Merrill, Grant Fund
    - Christa Mansur, Partnerships Committee
  - Twenty-four PTA Presidents or CCPTA Representatives also confirmed in attendance representing 21 schools or programs – 14 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 2 high schools and 2 programs.
- **Introduction:**
  - Dr. Francisco Durán, APS Superintendent
  - APS School Board Liaison, Cristina Diaz-Torres
- **Discussion with APS/County Leadership:** Dr. Duran and Ms. Diaz-Torres addressed questions submitted by CCPTA Executive Committee and General Membership.
  - Dr. Durán addressed questions regarding support of education during quarantine. First 2 days are asynchronous, on 3<sup>rd</sup> day any of the following may start: live streaming of classes, recorded mini-lessons, collaborative work via Canvas/Google Tools. Trying to ensure that children who must stay home are not falling behind.
  - Dr. Durán addressed the question regarding data on False Positive Rate in the test(s) that Resource Path are using. Data is showing nearly zero false positive for APS students/staff/community.
  - Dr. Durán addressed the question regarding when masks will be optional or eliminated altogether. First the executive order must be lifted. Second APS would look at the vaccination rates of students & staff rates and third, see what the community transmission rates are to determine if it would be safe to eliminate (or make optional) masks.



- Dr. Durán addressed the question regarding the plan/rollout of vaccination of 5 – 11 year olds ONCE it is approved. There may be an initial availability issue because the vial for 5 – 11 year olds is different. Anticipating large scale weekend “events” and inviting parents to bring students, then shift to an after-school model and, if necessary, have an in-school opportunity (may be targeted at schools with low vaccination rates).
  - Dr. Durán addressed the issue of what schools have/haven’t received outdoor lunch items (tables, chairs, tents, etc.) and will get the details back to the CCPTA for distribution.
  - Dr. Durán addressed the question of food supply shortage. Yes, APS is experiencing these issues. To deal with the issue, there are additional vendors being contracted and local products as possible. Food services team are also having to reimagine menus etc. This is coming at a price which is an issue since the program (for 2020-21) is completely federally funded. Ms. Diaz-Torres chimed in to remind us to thank the Food Service workers.
  - Dr. Durán addressed the question of what APS does in the case of a threat (W-L bomb threat case-in-point). 911 is called, shelter in place, and then ACPD is responsible for clearing the building and letting APS know when students/staff may be released.
  - Dr. Durán addressed the question of how Structured Literacy (which is a new way of teaching literacy) is working. Shift is primarily at elementary level and goes very deeply into letters, sounds, etc. A lot of professional learning for staff & administrators over last summer. A number of new supports are in place as well and will evolve over time. APS will be looking at screening tools to evaluate success. For secondary school, trying to get a handle on assessing who needs literacy support and come up with a common set of interventions and resources so each school isn’t reinventing the wheel on its own. Mr. Diaz-Torres commented it’s a clear solution end-to-end with appropriate supports; a similar process is coming for numeracy.
- **Presentations**
    - **School Bond — Alistair Watson and Rebecca Hunter**
      - Ms. Watson and Ms. Hunter presented on what the upcoming School Bond includes: best practice security at 6 schools that do not have anything, expanding/updating kitchens which includes faster throughput of students, completing Heights building for accessibility, completing Heights outdoor spaces.

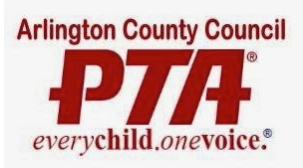


- Also discussed the upcoming 10 year Capital Improvement Plan.
- **Transportation—Kristin Haldeman, Lauren Hassel, Sam Murray**
  - Ms. Haldeman presented a Transportation Project entitled “Slow Zones”. Vision Zero is the bigger County project but this is specifically to create slower speed zones around schools. Demonstration project will be kicking off “soon” to ensure that the project will be valuable – going to be testing at 11 APS schools and 2 private schools. Neighborhood streets will have permanent change to 20 MPH. Arterial roads within 600 feet of school access point will have flashing beacons and reduced speed at arrival/departure times.
- **CCPTA Business**
- **President’s Report**
  - Ms. Kadera answered the question regarding an inclement weather meal plan. Each school should be providing these plans and posting them to the website. There will be information on what spaces and the air exchange rate in those spaces. The information should be available soon and definitely prior to the weather turning unpleasant.
  - Ms. Kadera discussed Staffing Shortages (generally but specifically VPL) – Ms. Kadera had a detailed conversation with Dr. Duran and will write up the conversation and send it out to the list serv. With respect to VPL, every classroom has a teacher or certified sub; no child should show up and have no adult present. There is also actively work being done to improve the communication between VPL and home school and enforcing to schools that VPL students are still students at their home school.
  - APS runs an “after action” process to debrief/investigate what went wrong – this will be done on the VPL program to ensure next time around things will go more smoothly. Not publicly released because it details specific individuals who were at fault. This is also being done on this year’s summer school.
  - CCPTA is holding a Special Election to elect a new President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Mary Kadera will chair the Nominating Committee and we need at least 2 more members.
    - The Nominating Committee will present the slate at the November CCPTA meeting and we will have the vote at that meeting.
    - Candidates need to express interest NLT 31 October to



the Committee.

- Approval of Organizational Structure Form for CCPTA
  - Motion made to approve form and seconded.
  - Form approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Approval of September Minutes
  - Motion made to approve form and seconded.
  - Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.
- **Advocacy and Policy Updates – Claire Noakes**
  - Ms. Noakes provided an update on Schools, Youth Engagement and SRO's.
    - Community Survey, open to everybody, closes on 10/20/2021. Asks what community thinks role of SRO should be.
    - Second component should be coming 1 November and is the MOU that APS is proposing.
  - Ms. Noakes presented on role of law enforcement personnel in schools and policy considerations.
- **Treasurer's Report – Kendra Anderson**
  - Ms. Anderson presented the 2021-2022 CCPTA Budget.
  - Motion made to approve budget and seconded.
  - Budget was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- **CCPTA Grant Fund Committee Report – Kate Merrill**
  - Ms. Merrill gave a presentation on the CCPTA Grant Fund – only one request in so far. Spring Deadline is in February – please publicize and get those grants in!
- **Partnerships Committee Report – Christa Mansur**
  - Ms. Mansur reminded folks to please fill out the Google Survey form around what PTAs are looking for.
- **SEPTA Update – Kathleen Clark**
  - October 26 – Paula Kluth – discussing Inclusion in Our Schools. Look for an upcoming flyer/information from SEPTA.
  - Discussion around the inadequacies of The Heights as a facility for the Shriver Program.
- **Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm ET.



**Next CCPTA Meeting: Monday, November 15, 2021 7 – 9 pm via Zoom**