

PTACHC November Meeting Report (11/01/2016)

1. **Membership wisdom (Sarah Mugo PTACHC)**

PTACHC new membership chair, Sarah, will be a resource for local PTAs with a focus to increase new membership. There is no need to have a school age child to join PTA. "Let's reach out to those who have not joined"

2. **Treasurer's report (Laurie Ramey PTACHC)**

Audits were due 10/31; PTACHC Dues were due 11/01 (60% schools paid)

3. **Bright minds foundation (Lisa Terry Brightminds <http://www.brightmindsfoundation.org>)**

HCPSS educational foundation, supporting education for success of all Howard county students:

- a. Teacher grants (\$500-2000)
- b. Laptop program (975 computers)
- c. Buses for after school activities
- d. Scholarship for high school students

Partnership with local PTA for fundraising.

4. **New Graduation requirements (Sandra Suber and Tim Guy from HCPSS)**

Math credit has changed from 3 to 4, for more competitive and career ready.

All other info can be found online, course catalog (the total credits is 21, including 4 for English, 3 for social study...)

Different students could have different set of requirements. For students who have learned algebra at middle school, they will take the test earlier than other students, and getting high school credits. In the tests, there are combined scores. If failed, student will enter a bridge plan (provided by school). The students will go to school counselor to make sure they have enough credits to graduate.

5. **Superintendents report (John White, from superintendent's office)**

- a. 11/14 6-8 Homewood school: community share information about technology and social media, digital safety conversation
Campaign: think before you post
- b. 01/18 7-9 Wilde Lake High school: Voice for Drug Free Community
- c. Celebrate HCPSS second edition (online <http://celebrate.hcpss.org>)

6. **Discipline in School Disparity- Advanced placement (Towanda Brown PTACHC)**

Continued from last meeting about Student Expulsion and Suspension Data, Baltimore Sun's report, suspension reasons and the students need to hear what they are doing well. Some mentioned PBIS support.

7. **APFO and schools (Brent Loveless, patuxent valley MS delegate)**

Downtown Columbia development legislation

Voted on a motion: PTACHC supports having 100% as the maximum capacity and include high schools and APFO testing.

8. **Legislative report (Donna Sudbrrok, PTACHC)**

- a. Voting: general timelines; vote for BOE
- b. Find more information on state PTA and national PTA websites and join the mailing list