

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024, 3rd of 2024-2025 Sessions

Location: Homewood School Cafeteria

GENERAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order at 7:32 PM, quorum was established. Board members and committee chairs in attendance:
 - Terri Marcus, President
 - Angela Shippet, Vice President of Operations
 - Catherine Carter, Vice President of Issues
 - Laurie Ramey, Treasurer
 - Ruth Cung, Secretary
 - Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair
 - Lisa Loveless, Policy Committee Chair
- Terri Marcus presented the mission statement. PTACHC requests input from the general membership on Operating Budget priorities; input will be provided to Darin Conforti, Direct of Budget for HCPSS. PTACHC will also consider re-forming the Safety committee (previously stood up as a result of lockdown at River Hill High School) if there are interested members. Lastly, Terri informed PT(S)As via email how to respond to religious groups that are forming throughout county schools.
- I. Mr. James LeMon provided Community Engagement news from HCPSS, to include information on Long Reach High School Career Night, Operating Budget Virtual Meeting, Wellness resources per Blueprint (e.g. Backpack Health), and the SPACE program for parents facilitated by social workers and psychologists.
- II. Dr. Linfeng Chen provided updates from the Board of Education (BoE). Dr. Chen discussed the last BoE and County Council Meeting, Operating and Capital budget, bell times/school schedules, the school year calendar for 2026-2027 (8/24/26 start proposed), school ratings for renovations (schools are reevaluated every 3 years), transportation costs, and that additional students are now eligible for transportation next year.
- III. Ruth Cung presented the minutes from the October 2024 General Meeting.
 - Motion to approve October 2024 General Meeting minutes
 - All approved, no abstentions
 - Adopted
- IV. Laurie Ramey presented the Treasurer's Report. Note that dues and a copy of Financial Review are due on 11/1/2024. 990N deadline is also coming up if IRS reporting timeline is correct for your PT(S)A.
- V. Terri Marcus presented an overview of House Bill 1450 and House Bill 1450 Task Force purpose, members, and progress to date.

- VI. Terri Marcus presented an update on the Cell Phone Policy Work Group on behalf of Karina Fisher, who is at the County Council meeting. The Cell Phone Policy Work Group has concluded and Brian Basset is developing and will present the final report at a future date.
- VII. Brent Loveless presented about the 11/1/24 APFO 101 virtual meeting, updates from the APFO Review Committee, and solicited support from general membership for the upcoming 11/5/24 APFO public meeting.
- VIII. Terri Marcus and Cat Carter accepted Q&A from membership and discussed the upcoming Advocacy 101 virtual presentation on 11/14/24 hosted by Pointers Run Elementary School.
- IX. Adjournment
 - Motion made to adjourn the meeting
 - All approved, no abstentions
 - Adjourned at 9:02 PM