

MCCPTA Middle School Committee Plan of Work 2008 - 2009

Chair: Dawn Trahern

Committee Members: Middle School PTA Presidents

Vision: The Middle School Committee serves the needs for the PTAs of the thirty-eight Middle Schools in Montgomery County.

Specifically it:

- Provides guidance to PTA leaders on issues particular to Middle School PTA
- Provides a mechanism for MS PTAs to communicate with one another
- Shares with MS PTAs information provided by National PTA, Maryland PTA, and MCCPTA
- Shares with MS PTAs information provided by MCPS, the Board of Education, State Government, and Local Government
- Provides a mechanism for MS PTAs to advocate to school officials and elected officials

Goals: Share information on Middle School Reform with parents and seek their comments on middle school programs and issues.

Provide Training to Middle School PTA officers

Form a list serve specifically for Middle School PTA Presidents

Identify committee members/representatives from all thirty-eight middle schools

Hold forums in the fall, the winter, and the spring to discuss Middle School Issues

Monitor the progress of Middle School Reform Initiatives and share findings

Identify a list of advocacy priorities common to most middle schools

Action Steps:

- Provide Training specifically for Middle School PTA officers at the Fall MCCPTA Training
- Work with Patti Twigg to form a listserv for all Middle Schools PTA Presidents
- Have regular, well attended meetings to discuss middle school issues
- Speak with every MS PTA president at some point during the year
- Meet with other MCCPTA Committee Chairs or Officers as appropriate
- Meet regularly with Linda Ferrell, Director of Middle School Instruction and Achievement
- Represent MCCPTA on the Advisory Group for Program Evaluation of Middle School Reform
- Represent MCCPTA on the Integrated Reform Initiatives Cross-functional Advisory Group
- Provide updates on Middle School Issues monthly (or as appropriate) for the distribution at MCCPTA meetings, printing in the Presidents Newsletter, and posting on the MCCPTA website

Expenses: \$100 for refreshments