

**WELCOME!**

**January 12, 2023**

# Agenda

- **Call to Order; Welcome - Jessica Sherman, President**
- **New Business/Announcements**
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- **MVA Spotlight**
- **Presentation**
- **MVA Deans' Report & Questions for the Deans**
- **President & Treasurer's Updates/Information**
- **Fundraisers**
- **MVAPTC Store - Shirts, Earrings & Necklaces**
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation**
- **Volunteers**
- **NAACP Parents Council**
- **Committee Report: Special Education**
- **Links/Social Media/Contact Information**
- **Adjourn**
- **Informal Discussion**



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# *New Business/Announcements*



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- 1) Next MVAPTC Special Education Meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Topic is Transitions: What does it mean to transition to the next school level? Contact Andrea Levy at [andreallevy@yahoo.com](mailto:andreallevy@yahoo.com) for more information.
- 2) Next MVAPTC meeting is Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Special Presentation: Restorative Justice
- 3) Need Volunteers for Lower School supply distribution, auction, staff appreciation & organizing social activities.
- 4) Seeking parents and teachers/staff to form a subcommittee of the MVAPTC to make recommendations to the MVA regarding policies pertaining to attendance, grading, student engagement, schedule, improve parent/teacher communication, innovation, and more.
- 5) Seeking donations for the MVAPTC Spring Auction to be held late February/early March.
- 6) Seeking donations of t-shirts, drinks, snacks and dessert for staff & volunteer appreciation.
- 7) Thank you for the membership dues, staff appreciation gift cards, and Amazon Wish List donations!

# *Meeting Minutes*

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Approval of the minutes from MVAPTC December 2022 meeting.



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# MVA Spotlight - School Clubs and Activities

## Lower School:

<https://www.smore.com/szxf3-montgomery-virtual-academy-k-5-news?ref=email-content#w-9214542883>

- Kids for Equity (Social Justice: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion for 2nd-5th graders): Last Wednesday of every month from 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM
- Rainbow Club (K-2nd): 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM
- Rainbow Club (3rd-5th): 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Upper School: <https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/mvaclubs/home?pli=1>

- Anime Club (MS): Wednesdays at 3:00 PM
- Art Club (HS): Tuesdays at 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
- Anime Club (HS) : Thursdays at 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
- Chess Club (MS & HS): Thursdays at 11:40 AM-12:15 PM
- Girls Who Code (MS & HS): Thursdays & Fridays at 11:40 AM -12:15 PM
- Music Club (MS & HS): Tuesdays from 11:40 AM -12:15 PM
- Pride Club (MS & HS): Tuesdays from 11:40 AM -12:15 PM & Thursdays from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- Video Game Club (MS & HS): Wednesdays & Fridays from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Virtual Cafe (MS & HS): Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 11:40 AM -12:15 PM



*Presentation By:*

*Foundry  
Admissions*

*Kenny Sholes*



FOUNDRY ADMISSIONS

<https://www.foundryadmissions.com>

# *Deans' Update & Questions*

## **Updates**

Dean Heifetz - Lower School

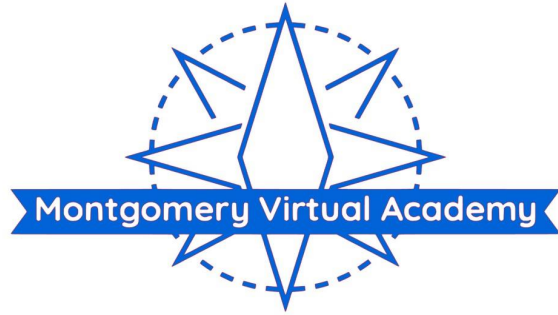
Dean Orders - Upper School

## **Questions for Deans**

Dean Heifetz - Lower School

Dean Orders - Upper School





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**Family: \$15; Individual: \$10;  
Teachers: \$5; Pay what you  
can/comfortable with: \$2**

**In order to have voting status or  
be a board member, you must  
become a member per our  
by-laws!**

**Dues continue to be collected on  
our Square Site:  
<https://mvaptc.square.site>**

*Membership*



# *Non-Profit 501 (c)3 Status Report*

## **Annual Renewals for Non-profit Organization (to do this year):**

- Internal Financial Review
- IRS 990 Postcard - Filed
- Maryland Annual Financial Report for Charities
- Maryland Annual Update of Registration Form
- Maryland Business Personal Property Tax
- Insurance - March 2022
- Domain Name - Obtained through GoDaddy - [MVAPTC.org](http://MVAPTC.org) - \$25 annual fee

## **Future:**

- Trade Name - reapproved every five years



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# Treasurer's Report: Income and Expenses

Income in 2022-2023 School Year *through*  
December 2022

Square Site:

- ★ Membership dues: \$435
- ★ Donations: \$194
- ★ Amazon Smile: \$17
- ★ Items with logo sales (shirts etc):  
\$620

Total income this year: \$1,265

Balance carried over from last year: \$639

Total funds: \$1,904

Balance at end of December 2022: \$1,904

Operating Costs to date:

- ★ Logo fundraising start-up costs \$195 of \$400  
to start school year (*Note: Reimbursement in  
process*)

Upcoming Expenses:

- ★ Domain Name: Approximately \$25
- ★ Insurance: Approximately \$300

Estimated Operating Costs this year: \$725

***Balance after estimated operating costs for this year: \$1,179***

# Fundraisers

- **Auction: Need volunteers and donations** - March 2023
- **Amazon Smile:** Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) (web browser and activate in the Amazon Shopping app)  
- Set your Charity to: **MVAPTC (Montgomery Virtual Academy Parent Teacher Council, Inc)**,  
Rockville, MD, Parent-Teacher Group)
- **Shirt, Earring & Necklace Sales & Direct Donations:** <https://mvaptc.square.site>
- **Mabel's Labels:** [https://mabelslabels.com/en\\_US/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/)  
Search for: Montgomery Virtual Academy Parent Teacher Council

**\*Plan to add additional ones in the future!**



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# MVAPTC STORE



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Shirts, necklaces & earrings are available to purchase at MVA Office located at 15 West Gude Drive, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850



Payment at: <https://mvaptc.square.site>

Please contact Jessica at [presidentmvaptc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentmvaptc@gmail.com) for custom made shirts or for additional sizes/styles.

## *Teacher/Staff Appreciation*

- Thank you for all your hard work this school year!!
- Request: Food/drink donations for lower school supply distribution.
- Request: Dessert/drink donations for March 3rd Staff Appreciation. Food generously donated by Kusshi Sushi.
- **MVAPTC Wish List (220 Shirt (Adult Small - XLarge) - can be purchased anywhere, not just Amazon):**  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/2AYECVMZIHTZ3/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl\\_cl?fbclid=IwAR1UjVmyEAZITaaXvef5pzIBlIFZqX7ppITh38qEZSWOkuiwX18tWnMqK\\_M&ref=smi\\_se\\_cl\\_u\\_rd\\_www](https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/2AYECVMZIHTZ3/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl?fbclid=IwAR1UjVmyEAZITaaXvef5pzIBlIFZqX7ppITh38qEZSWOkuiwX18tWnMqK_M&ref=smi_se_cl_u_rd_www)

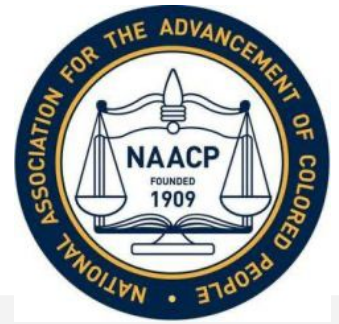
# *Volunteers*

- ★ **Administrative help**
- ★ **Help maintain Facebook page and website**
- ★ **Translation & interpreting**
- ★ **Fundraising (restaurant night, auction, craft fair), Direct Donations (toys, games, school needs) & Grants**
- ★ **Social Activities - In-person & Virtual**
- ★ **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- ★ **Advocacy**
- ★ **Spiritwear sales**
- ★ **Committees**



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# *NAACP Parents Council*



## **WHO ARE WE?**

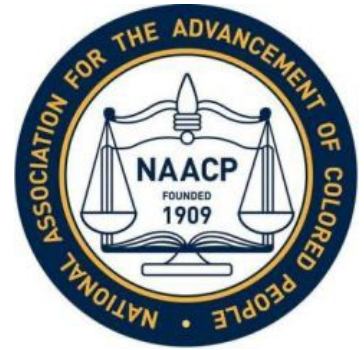
Formation of the Parents' Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) came about as an outgrowth of ideas put forth during the 1995 and 1996 NAACP Youth Summits. The Parents' Council is one of the vehicles created to empower African American and other minority parents to take a more proactive role in the education of their children. The Council is made up of parents, guardians and grandparents of minority children enrolled in the Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) and residents who may not have children in school but who **share the goal of equal education for all children**, particularly minority children.

## **WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?**

The purpose of the Parents' Council is to provide a forum through which interested citizens may offer assistance, guidance and support to African-American parents and students of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to pursue the highest quality education possible through encouragement, information sharing, positive motivation, critical evaluation and advocacy.

**School Representative: Donald Whitfield Email: [donalddw24@hotmail.com](mailto:donalddw24@hotmail.com)**

# *NAACP Parents Council*



Free and Reduced Meals- <https://www.readyforschoolinitiative.org/>

POC: [Steve\\_Neff@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Steve_Neff@mcpsmd.org)

Affordable Connectivity Program: <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>

Academic Recovery/Tutoring:

- Each school is expected to offer tutoring to their students, either through their own staff members or through providing information to families to sign up for Tutor Me or FEV.
- No limit to the number of tutors, students, or hours.
- Tutors will use MCPS curriculum or one of the approved MCPS interventions.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC):

[messages/attachments/8326e5c3a5d82bd80a3569e108448921/SEAC Flyer English Version 22-23.docx](https://www.mcpsmd.org/messages/attachments/8326e5c3a5d82bd80a3569e108448921/SEAC_Flyer_English_Version_22-23.docx)



# *Committee Report: Special Education*

**Andrea Levy, Chair**  
**andreallevy@yahoo.com**

- **What is the Special Education Committee?**
  - A place to ask questions, receive support, and possibly have speakers come in to address the specific needs of the Special Education Community.
- **For whom is this committee?**
  - Parents of students in K-12 that have IEPs, 504 plans, and other possible intervention or support needs. Also welcome are those that have questions about what these things are and how they may or may not help your student.
- **When will we be meeting?**
  - Meetings are the third Thursday of each month.



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# *Special Education Committee Upcoming Meetings*

<b>January 19th</b>	Transitions: What does it mean to transition to the next school level?
<b>February 16th</b>	Available general services & how to access them for your student.
<b>March 16th</b>	High school & college programs.
<b>April 20th</b>	Open topic (To be determined at a later date.)
<b>May 18th</b>	Spring Social



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# *Social Media Links & Contact Information*

**Website:** [www.MVAPTC.org](http://www.MVAPTC.org) or <https://vaparentcouncil.godaddysites.com>

**Shirts, Membership Dues & Donations:** <https://mvaptc.square.site>

**Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=montgomery%20virtual%20academy%20parent%20teacher%20council>

**MVAPTC Discussion Group - Montgomery Virtual Academy Families & Staff (MD):**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/530674078014807>

**MVAPTC - Special Education Committee - Montgomery Virtual Academy (MD):**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5366674693369093>

You can reach Jessica at [presidentmvaptc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentmvaptc@gmail.com)



# *Adjourn*

**Thank you for joining us tonight. We will stay after the meeting to have informal discussions about the MVAPTC & the MVA.**

