



## Parent Teacher Council

### Monthly Meeting 10 November 2022

**Call to Order:** Jessica Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Attendance:** Approximately 31 members attending at its highest via zoom.

**September Meeting Minutes Approval:** The minutes had been shared earlier. Jessica Sherman made a motion for approval. Kimberly Haden seconded motion. Minutes approved.

**Deans' Report:** Spanish Translation Provided by MVA

Discussed enrollment for 2023-2024 school year. A Google Form has been provided and the school will host open zoom sessions to address any questions or concerns. Those who do not complete the form will not be automatically enrolled in MVA and will need to reapply if they'd like to return to the MVA. Families, who are undecided, are encouraged to complete enrollment form to maintain their spot. New applications for next school year will be announced soon. It will be a fully synchronous program. Next year, there will be no Kindergarten and MVA will be 1st-12th grades.

Notice of Intent Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8kKy1zT6lpMA5Mk\\_cnhDTGM\\_4mPYAIWqw7PeGLIiUBCvkw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8kKy1zT6lpMA5Mk_cnhDTGM_4mPYAIWqw7PeGLIiUBCvkw/viewform)

Zoom session flyers to discuss enrollment for parents & guardians:

Spanish Flyer:

<https://www.postermywall.com/index.php/posterbuilder/view/d5d6cadb82129b94bc6244cdddb3ca10>

English Flyer:

<https://www.postermywall.com/index.php/posterbuilder/view/9ed80d9846fa0e95bf8e6a49aa4d6b5f/0>

Discussion regarding how to access report cards.

**Parent Question/Answer:** Can you speak on the longevity of the MVA program?

MCPS budgets are developed yearly. When the MVA began, it was not funded by the operating budget in MCPS and was funded by the ESSER funds. ESSER funds are being used this year as well partially by operating budget. This is a positive sign of MCPS's commitment to make the MVA a permanent fixture in MCPS. It is believed it will be here in upcoming years. However, results of student learning is something MCPS is paying close attention to and it is important that our students are thriving and succeeding in our program. It will evolve to ensure its supporting students in effective ways.

**Parent Question/Answer:** How can an MVA student participate in in-person school activities?

Parents/Guardians need to contact their home school to see what is offered in terms of after-school clouds, social activities, and sports. You should be on the home school's mailing list.

**Presentation:** MVA counselors Natalie Thomas, Angelo Heflin & Rina Palchick presented on things to consider & timeline when planning for college applications, SAT/ACT, college visits, Financial Aid/FASFA, college search, alternative after graduation including military, trade school & community college, student responsibilities, school counselor responsibilities and more.

**Fundraising:** Shirt, Necklace, Earring (choose at the MVA office), donations and membership: <https://mvaptc.square.site>

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)

**Treasurer's Report:** Please see slide presentation for information. The report was not reviewed during the meeting due to time.

**Staff Appreciation:** Request for \$5 gift cards as a thank you to be distributed mid-December to staff. Gift Cards can be mailed to the school at MVAPTC - Staff Appreciation, 15 West Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 or emailed to: [treasurermvaptc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurermvaptc@gmail.com) Please note: These are to be given to all staff. Gifts to individual teachers or staff should be sent directly to those individuals.

Amazon Wishlist:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/2AYECVMZIHTZ3/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl\\_cl?fbclid=IwAR1UjVmyEAZITaaXvef5pziBIIFZqX7pplTh38qEZSWOkuiwX18tWnMqK\\_M&ref=smi\\_se\\_cl\\_u\\_rd\\_www](https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/2AYECVMZIHTZ3/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl?fbclid=IwAR1UjVmyEAZITaaXvef5pziBIIFZqX7pplTh38qEZSWOkuiwX18tWnMqK_M&ref=smi_se_cl_u_rd_www)

**Board Member Election:** Jessica Sherman made motion to elect Jose Luis Balcarcel for VP for Grades 3-5. Ms. Heitzfed second motion. Motion approved.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed for fundraising (planning auction in February), host socials, staff appreciation and more.

**Special Education Committee:** Andrea Levy spoke about her committee about students with special needs. Previous meeting discussed sports and other opportunities available in the DMV. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month.

**New Business:** Next MVAPTC meeting December 8, 2022.

**Adjourn:** Jessica Sherman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.. Dean Heifetz second motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sherman  
MVAPTC President