

NAACP-Parents' Council
"Let's Get Organized!"
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting Minutes
6:30-8:00 pm

This meeting was recorded.

- Welcome (Byron)
 - Names and contact information collected in chat.

- Overview of Parents' Council Roles and Responsibilities (Angela)
 - Introduction, review of planned agenda
 - Explored council website, outline of all important links and documents, reps encouraged to use this site as a resource guide
 - Reminder to reps that they should update or initiate membership with NAACP Montgomery County Chapter so that they are currently active members as outlined in PC rep requirements
 - Examined calendar for the year to include describing meeting topics and themes

- Upcoming Events, Programs, and Other Updates
 - Byron mentioned NAACP-MC Freedom Fund Event, link and flyer posted in chat
 - Pat Price discussed the ACT-SO Achievement Program for high school students, all reps should receive information on Friday, 9/24 about the program
 - Byron presented the "Equity Accountability Framework: Evidence of Learning" from Montgomery County Board of Education 9/21 meeting , slide presentation discusses readiness and assessment of MCPS following the virtual learning period, attention focused on the considerable decrease in performance of Black students comparatively, this type of data and awareness drives our work in the PC to make sure students of color get resources and ensure that these are applied to greatest need

- Advocacy Outreach and Training (Sabrina)
 - Sabrina facilitated a presentation and testimonials to include topics such as: levels of power: financial, people, voting/positional power, power with each other/group, several reps shared stories and testimonials detailing actions they've taken within their schools and how they've worked with the support of the larger Parents' Council, Reps at different levels have different focus and building blocks to student success, some reps gave examples of things they have done in this arena
 - Byron provided update to start of school re: Covid, ~2000 quarantined thus far, MCPS has implemented rapid testing in schools
 - Discussion around parent lists: reps shared experiences – challenges and success – obtaining distribution lists for school families, suggestions given on how to nurture relationship with schools, as well as strategies for getting information
 - Angela discussed her role in shaping and supporting the PC rep

- Dr. Christi Hay – pediatrician, representing DST Alumnae Chapter spoke about partnering with NAACP Parents’ Council to seek out ways their chapter can assist the council and collaborate on some common initiatives
- Question raised that sparked discussion on possible legal actions against MCPS regarding inequities and disparities in the school system, examples of current suits within the county and nationwide were exemplified
- Additional Items
 - More information about the status of the Virtual Academy can be found on link added to Agenda
 - Antiracist Audit Update will be tabled until the next meeting
 - Articles and podcasts relating to Critical Race Theory will also be posted on Agenda link
 - Byron reviewed comments and questions from PC Survey
 - Additional links including those to NAACP Education Committee reports can be found in the chat report
 - 3 polls were given and results shared to surmise volunteer interest, meeting sentiments, and MCPS satisfaction

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm