

## MCCPTA Standing Committees

**Advocacy** - Develops priorities from member feedback to share with elected officials; plans and hosts events allowing PTA members to interact with elected officials; tracks and organizes testimony on county and state legislation and funding affecting students and schools.

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**CIP (Capital Improvement Program)** - Educates members about the Capital Improvement Program that governs school building improvements, including major renovations, system replacements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, technology and more. Organizes testimony for Board of Education and County Council hearings.

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**Vice Chair: Sally McCarthy**

### **CIP Subcommittees:**

**Green Schools/Outdoor Spaces** – Advocates for more outdoor spaces, activities, policies, and practices to meet the goals of the MCPS Sustainability Policy and of the 2017 Climate Action Resolution of reducing carbon emissions by 80% by 2027 and 100% by 2035 and increasing and maintaining MCPS participation in the MD Green Schools Program with equity and inclusion of all voices.

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**Safe Routes** - will partner with MCPS and state and local government agencies to pursue solutions that improve student safety at school bus stops, as well as the safety of students who walk and bike to school.

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**Vice Chair: Melissa Regan**

**Communications** - Creates print and electronic messaging to keep members informed of all MCCPTA activities, including e-lists, website design and management, fliers, and social media. Produces media releases and responds to media requests. Produces Blue Book directory of PTAs, county/state government offices and community resources.

**Anisa Green**

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### **Communications Subcommittees:**

**Blue Book** – Collects contact information and designs MCCPTA's annual directory.

**Adam Lee**

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**e-Communications** - Designs Constant Contact emails and manages e-lists.

**Adam Lee**

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**Social Media** - Manages Facebook and Twitter accounts

**Mini Varughese**

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**Public Relations** - Creates press releases and responds to media inquiries about issues involving MCCPTA.

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**Webmaster** - Manages, updates and designs MCCPTA.org.

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**Curriculum** - Keeps membership abreast of key changes and areas of concern involving the MCPS curriculum and academic programs; advises members and school communities how to address concerns; assists with planning and promoting MCPS curriculum nights; advocates with MCPS and the Maryland State Dept. of Education for effective programming. Connects students to SSL opportunities. Represents MCCPTA on the Early Childhood Coordinating Council.

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### Curriculum Subcommittees:

**Student Service Learning (SSL)**

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**Early Childhood Education**

**Charisse Scott**

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**Diversity and Inclusion** - Partners with individuals and group within and outside MCCPTA to empower diverse families; elevate the voices of all students and families in decision-making; and champion initiatives and programs that promote diversity and inclusion.

**Carla Morris**

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**Vice Chairs: Yeages Cowan and Nicholas Bassey**

### Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittees

**LGBTQ** – Promote understanding, support and advocacy for LGBTQ students, families and staff.

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**Restorative Justice Practices**

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**Wylea Chase**

**Engagement –**

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### Engagement Subcommittees

**Generational & Cultural –**

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**Teacher/Staff & Admin Support**

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**ESOL** – Educates, advocates and supports families with students and/or parents learning English as a Second Languages. Partners with ESOL staff to provide

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resources and learning opportunities to families. Ensures availability of interpreters at MCCPTA events.

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**Gifted Education** - Educates, advocates and supports gifted students and their families; meets regularly with MCPS officials to review and improve policies and programs; manages and expands a network of local GCC chairs.

**Shilpa Ghodgaonkar**

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**Vice Chair: Susanna Montezemolo**

**Health and Wellness** - Monitors and educates on all issues affecting the health and wellness of MCPS students and staff.

**Hannah Donart**

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### Health and Wellness Subcommittees

**Environmental Health** – Advocates for more protective best practices and policies that are science-driven and focus on improvement of the physical environment of school for all. This encompasses partnering with diverse decision makers, and those disproportionately impacted communities to improve school indoor air quality, water quality, safer school construction practices, healthier integrative pest management, and more.

**Hannah Donart**

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**Mental Health & Wellness** – Works with MCPS staff and elected and appointed officials to advocate for policies and funding to meet the health and wellness needs of our school communities equitably. Plans and promotes informational and educational activities that support mental health for students and staff.

**Libby Nealis**

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**MCCPTA C.A.R.E.S.** – Supports schools in crisis alongside MCPS, to aid staff and students' ability to process and recover from the precipitating event(s).

**Laura Mitchell**

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**School Nutrition** – Monitors policies and practice surrounding the nutritional content of, and equitable access to, school breakfast, lunch, snacks, and foods offered at after school events and activities. Educates families about health options.

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**Substance Use Prevention** – Provides information, education, and advocacy on substance use prevention and equitable access to treatment and recovery supports. Supports families, students, and staff. Advocates for the use of non-stigmatizing language about substance use systemwide.

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**Membership** - Works with local leaders to grow the membership of PTAs to increase the power of our collective voice for the children of Montgomery County. Organizes workshops, outreach activities, and tailored mentoring in an effort to help each local grow membership and encourage engagement by all parents, staff, and, where applicable, students.

**Ijeoma Enendu**

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**Operating Budget** - Supports the advocacy of MCCPTA-established priorities on operating budget issues, including representing MCCPTA at MCPS and county budget meetings and hearings. Priorities reflect input provided by PTA leadership from each area of the county as voiced during Summer Area Advocacy meetings, as well as the collective input of the MCCPTA Board of Directors and MCCPTA Delegates.

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**School Climate and Safety** - Facilitates communication and advocacy related to school safety and security; preventing of all forms of bias, discrimination, hate, sexual harassment, and violence in schools; ensuring rights of and protections for undocumented students and families; preventing, reporting, and responding to child abuse and neglect; promoting restorative justice and community-building practices; and supporting school communities in the midst of crisis.

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**Special Education** - Advocates for families of students with special needs (e.g., students with IEPs and 504 Plans). Acts as a watchdog to ensure consistent provision of special education services and accommodations countywide and policies consistent with that. Supports local PTA Special Education Chairs. Organizes and hosts annual Special Education Awards celebration, recognizing students, parents, staff and programs for outstanding achievement supporting special needs students.

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**Vice Chair: Alexis Rice**

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**Technology** – Educates members about the positive and negative impact of technology in the classroom. Advocates to empower families how they can request non-electronic options when preferred. Works with MCPS officials to ensure the safety of student data.

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