

Committee Report, February 2007

Technology Committee: Linda White, Chair, lindabwhite1@aol.com

Last month we met with Doreen Heath Assistant Chief Information Officer Technology Implementation and Support and Shelly Johnson Director of Career and Technology Education.

They shared the future vision for Technology Modernization in Montgomery County Schools.

We reviewed the Maryland Technology Literacy Standards, The Maryland Education Technology Plan for the New Millennium (Proposed), The current Technology programs and pathways, courses and programs. We also got a quick review of the Technology Modernization Program, Middle school Magnet Consortium and the Intelligent Classroom initiatives underway.

The last half of the meeting was spent on their vision for the future; more high school credit-bearing courses in middle school, Integration of Technology Literacy by Grade 8 into the MCPS curriculum, Robotics and gaming/simulation curriculum in middle school, establishment of an approved Interactive Media Program at the high school level and Development of a Biomedical PLTW Program.

We hope to collaborate more and set up a task force like the web site workgroup below so we can work as a team on a recommendation for a seamless K-12 technology curriculum that could be integrated into the school system county wide.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb 26th 7:30-9pm at Carver Educational Center in room 127.

We will be starting the first of a series of workgroups to make recommendations around improving school web sites.

MCCPTA School Web Site Workgroup -

School web sites have become an indispensable communication tool for families and school staff. Yet some school web sites are more effective than others.

The Technology Committee of the MCCPTA (Montgomery County Council of PTAs) invites you to join a School Web Site Workgroup to recommend how to improve school web communications.

Linda B. White, chair of the MCCPTA Technology Committee, will chair the workgroup with Chris Noonan Sturm, MCPS director of Web Services. The purpose of the workgroup is to define the current state of MCPS school web sites and make recommendations for their improvement.

While the committee is comprised of parents, it is vital that the workgroup include school webmasters and administrators, as well as students.

All meetings are held in the CESC Auditorium from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The dates are:

- * Monday, February 26
- * Monday, April 23
- * Tuesday, June 12

We hope you can join us for this interesting and important work.