

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, October 27, 2017

Let's review.....

1. **The MSEA Convention and Representative Assembly, October 20-21, 2017**

- There were many CCPS employees who took advantage of the ability to ask for administrative leave to attend the many MSEA professional development workshops at the MSEA Convention, browse the vendors for great educational items, and attend the Health and Wellness Fair at the Convention.
- Congratulations to **Holly Walsh** who attended the convention for the workshops, and won a prize as one of the **Top 5 APP-tivists** at the MSEA Convention (for the second time- she won last year, too)!
- EACC had **37 delegates** who worked hard all day Friday and Saturday doing the business of the association. They were in the Southern Maryland Caucus each day by 7:00 AM, working with resolutions and New Business Items and hearing from 8 gubernatorial candidates during the RA sessions. Here are some EACC highlights:
 - **Veronica Golden's NBI** on a letter to be sent to create a **statewide recess policy PASSED**
 - **Sean Heyl/Linda McLaughlin's NBI** on changing the **discipline language** in state statute **did not pass** but started a very important conversation (and was hotly contested on the floor and in the vote)
 - **Kathy Reamy** announced the creation and acceptance by NEA of the **School Counselors' caucus**

2. **Kirwan Commission hearing-**

The last Kirwan Commission public hearing for parents, students, educators, and other interested individuals to share their views on improving the public education system in Maryland was Wednesday, October 25th at Largo High School in Upper Marlboro. The commission's recommendations are due to Governor Hogan in December and expected to be in legislation before the General Assembly in January.

Charles County was represented at the Kirwan Commission Hearing by:

- Linda McLaughlin (EACC President),
- Kathy Reamy (EACC Vice President),
- Veronica Golden (EACC GR Chair/GO Team Co-Captain & EACC Executive Board Member),
- Bill Reamy (EACC Executive Board Member),
- Margaret Donahue (EACC Rep and teacher at Lackey HS).

Thanks to one and all for showing up and supporting the Kirwan Commission's call for suggestions. It made for a long day after working all day as the hearing began at 6:30PM. Linda McLaughlin spoke 46th in a line of 60 speakers, and the Commission members listened careful to each speaker for their input.

What's New?

1. **EACC Ice Cream Social, Oct.30, 2017, Cold Stone Creamery, Waldorf, MD, 3:00-7:00PM**

I scream, You Scream, We all scream for Ice Cream!

Come get your ice cream "treat" the day before Trick-or-Treat! On October 30, from 3:00-7:00 PM, **EACC members** will receive a free "Like It!" size ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery in Waldorf. If an EACC member has a family member with them, they can get the same size ice cream for the discounted price of \$3.

2. **EACC Elections Open House**

The EACC is holding an **EACC Elections Open House** on **Tuesday, November 7 at 6PM** at the La Plata Firehouse Hall, 911 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.

The Elections Open House is for those candidates and incumbents running for a seat on the Charles County Board of Education, the Charles County Board of Commissioners, or General Assembly in 2018. This is an opportunity for candidates and prospective candidates to engage directly with educators from around the county, learn what pressing challenges they face and their top legislative priorities. It's also an opportunity to learn about the EACC endorsement process for the upcoming 2018 elections. Anyone is welcome to attend.

3. **Do you have input for this year's Negotiations?**

The Negotiations Committee is comprised of ALL EACC MEMBERS who attend the meetings to give input. The entire contract is open this year. Stay tuned for when and where the Negotiations Committee will meet in November. We will announce those dates and locations as soon as they are confirmed.

All EACC members are welcome to make suggestions regarding contract language they would like the Bargaining Team to consider when writing the negotiations proposal. Those **suggestions should be e-mailed to the Negotiations Committee Chair**, Leslie Schroeck, at lschroeck@ccboe.com.

4. **Are you interested in organizing around our goals?**

The **EACC Organizing Committee** is open to ALL members who are interested in getting involved to organize around out issues and concerns. We are having a meeting that is open to ALL members on November 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the La Plata HS media center. We'll be:

- discussing updates from the Kirwan Commission hearings and our 10-minute meeting data from October
- planning/developing questions for our Education Town Hall on Feb 21st
- hearing a Negotiations Committee update

5. **MSEA Elections- Nominations are open!**

In January and February 2018, MSEA members will vote for a new president, vice-president, one NEA director, and four MSEA directors to lead MSEA through an uncertain time for public education. MSEA members will also elect nearly 70 MSEA Delegates to the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly and Convention. **Nominations close November 17 at 5:00 PM.**

If you are interested in becoming a candidate, you can find more information here:

<http://www.marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>

6. **Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see Linda at "Coffee and Chat with Linda!" I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me:

Sunday, November 19, 2017, Panera, La Plata, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

7. **From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:**

Thinking about retiring? Already turned in your paperwork to retire? Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

EACC Committees – Want to know how YOU can get involved?

We would love for more members to become active on our committees! Please contact the committee chairs listed below if you are interested in joining.

Membership – Chair: Lisa Terlecki

The Membership Committee helps grow the membership of the Association by planning and running member social activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 4:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: November 9, 2017, 4:30 PM, EACC Office

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: November 2, 2017, 5:30 PM, EACC Office

Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen

The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: December 14, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair: Kathy Reamy

The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: December 21, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority and Human Civil Rights – Chair: Margot Savoy

The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union.

Meetings are the 4th Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: October 26, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

EACC Organizing Committee

This committee is a special committee open to ALL members who are interested in organizing to support our negotiations goals and elections 2018.

Next meeting: November 16, 2017, 5:00 PM, La Plata HS media center

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