LCTA PTA

General Membership Meeting

* **Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020**
* **Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**
* **Location: Virtual (Zoom)**

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Presenter** | **Discussion Notes** | **Action Items** |
| **PTA Updates** | **Melissa Carstens** |  |  |
| * Introduction of 2020-21 Board
 |  | * Review of incoming board members and roles.
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| **Kennetra Wood, Director of Alternative Programs & Equity** | **ACPS Student Services** |  |  |
| * Race and Racism in our schools
 |  | * **Presentation on what steps are being taken by ACPS to achieve racial equity.**
* This is not new work, ACPS has been looking at this issue for 6+ years.
* Institutional and structural approaches can be used in other areas of marginalization beyond race.
* **Why do the work? ACPS academic and discipline data reveals inequities across the divisions – we need to address these areas, so all students can succeed. Efforts include:**
* Equity partnerships in the community
* Cheryl Robinson, competency coordinator, developed the APCS Equity Team, an advisory committee in the schools.
* Equity Audit (2019 first year, 2020 delayed due to COVID-19 but coming soon)
* Targeted Equity Training in professional learning plans
* **What is LCTA doing?**
* Engaging in racial equity conversations
* Core Knowledge Multi-Cultural Curriculum
* Training with RULER/Trauma Informed Education
* Use of PBIS
* Training in Restorative Practices
* Procuring more multicultural resources
 | * **How can Parents Support this Effort?**
* Reflect on your own experience and bias
* Educate yourself and be open with your kids about your learning
* Let go of “colorblindness” – ensure your kids are aware of race and social justice
* Challenge stereotypical practices in age-appropriate ways
* Be pro-active, work with PTA on inclusion
* Encourage your school community to support and infuse equity and fairness into the pedagogy and curriculum
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| * Resources
 |  | * **Article:** First, Listen. Then, Learn: Anti-Racisim Resources for White People (Forbes)
* **Video:** CNN and Sesame Street town all on racism
* **Animation Series:** Something Happened in Our Town (video of the book “Something Happened One Day), also American Psychological Association interview with the author
 | * More resources here: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Domain/1514>
* Other resources are available, please feel free to reach out!
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| **Open Forum** |  |  |  |
| * Q/A, Open Discussion
 |  | * LCTA Community Connect Program and new 360 Inclusion committee are programs formed to help achieve these goals – we want all families to feel at home at LCTA.
* Q: Is ACPS considering a program for PTA leadership to take part in racial sensitivity and inclusion training? A: It wasn’t immediately off the bat but have had multiple requests. While we are a small department, we are developing tools and a cohort who can support this goal. There will likely be at least one session over the summer, dates will be shared when they are finalized.
* Q: Will we put an emphasis on creating the environment where kids can talk about their feelings safely? A: This is part of the Restorative Practices, so yes, but we understand there is work still to do to improve.
* Q: Is there a plan to infuse anti-racisim work into the summer school instruction? A: Not specifically anti-racism topics, but we do plan to feature inclusiveness in the curriculum along with resources on how to have the tough conversations.
* Will there be updates to classroom and school libraries? A: Mrs. Knoll has been tasked with researching and updating selections and finding resources for teachers and other adults as well.
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| **Next meeting: July 15, 2020** | **7:00 PM** | **Virtual (Zoom)** |  |

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**2020-2021 Executive Board**

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| **Name** | **2020 – 2021 Role** |
| Melissa Carstens | President |
| Brooke Lombardi | Executive Vice President |
| Katie Palavecino | VP, Marketing & Communications |
| Margaret McKinnon | Secretary |
| Matias Palavecino | Treasurer |
| Marissa Sparacino | VP, Community Spirit |
| Courtney Marshall | VP, Community Spirit |
| Kim Stover | VP, Fundraising |
| Whitney Williams | VP, Fundraising |
| Elena Aida | VP, Community Stewardship |
| Katie Attiken | VP, Community Stewardship |
| April Bryant | VP, Family Involvement |
| Alexis Doxey | VP, Family Involvement |
| Janice Kupiec | VP, Legislative Affairs |
| Dr. Patricia Zissios | Principal, LCTA |
| Brigitte Knoll | Teacher Liaison, LCTA |

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**Upcoming Events**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Start Time** |
| Wednesday, June 10, 2020 | PTA General Membership Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday, June 17, 2020 | 5th Grade Promotion Webinar |  |
| Thursday, June 18, 2020 | Last Day of School |  |
| Wednesday, July 15, 2020 | PTA General Membership Meeting | 7:00 pm |
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