

AGENDA

Churchill PTSA October Meeting 2019

10-15-19 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | *Meeting called by* PTSA Board

Board members

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Time	Item	Owner
7:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions, PTSA Vision for Year - Please sign in, write out a name tag, and fill out an index card: <i>What have been your student's best experiences at Churchill this year? What has been a challenge, if any? What would you most like the PTSA to prioritize this year?</i> We will collect these and review your anonymous input.	President
7:15 pm	Review and vote on last May's meeting minutes Review and vote on new 2019-2020 budget	President, Treasurer
7:30	Presentation on the dangers of student vaping New Chair of the Substance Abuse Programming committee	Mitra Ahadpour
7:40	Welcome from Sharon Field and Bo Saulsbury, New Chairs of the Special Needs committee Welcome from Dominic Benford, New Chair of the Parent-Principal Powows (Coffees/Teas)	Sharon Field and Bo Saulsbury Dominic Benford
7:50	Principal's Report, Q&A	Mrs. Heckert
8:10	Pizza and refreshments, introduction of SafeTech Committee and Peter Stocksclaeder, Chair	Peter Stocksclaeder
8:15	Small Group Break-outs for parent networking and discussion of student cell phone use in the classroom, using Top Ten Technology Tips sheet - <i>index card discussion questions: Does your student have a cell phone? How does your student use a cell phone at school? Do you know what the federal, county and MCPS rules are for cell phone use in the classroom? What recommendations do you have for the SafeTech Committee for programming this year?</i>	SafeTech Committee
8:40	Report out on discussion highlights	SafeTech Committee, Mrs. Heckert
9:00	Adjourn	

Top 10 Technology Tips for Teachers

1. Students should not be permitted to use smart phones for recreational use during class time.
2. Screen time should not be used as a reward.
3. Be prepared to have paper and pencil and \ or offline alternatives for all learning.
4. Chromebooks should not be permitted to be on laps and should be placed on a desk.
5. Students should not upload their pictures, videos, or personal information for a grade.
6. Before asking students to use educational technology, teachers should check whether written parental consent is first required.
7. Students are not allowed to sign parental consents.
8. Social media should not be used by students for a grade or as a requirement to participate in school sponsored events, including clubs and sports. If you are managing a student leader, encourage and help the student to communicate without social media.
9. Pictures or videos of students cannot be posted online or on social media without getting written parental consent in advance.
10. Some educational technology has been found to reduce learning and impact health. Before planning educational technology lessons, please check the MCCPTA White Paper and the MD Department of Health's Health and Safety Best Practice Guidelines: Digital Devices:
<http://nebula.wsimg.com/f7c238ade02c6407d25075cbe87f372f?AccessKeyId=AB71C8A62DC88BF7171E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Digital Safety at School and at Home

The MCCPTA Safe Technology Subcommittee would like to share the following recommendations for using technology at school and at home.

For Students at School:

- Consider placing Chromebooks/laptops on desks and tables rather than in laps;
- Don't forget to shut down and log off of Chromebooks/laptops when moving from classroom to classroom;
- Consider turning off cell phones and keeping them in backpacks or lockers off when not in use;
- If necessary, take eye breaks, 1-to 2 minutes in length, approximately every 15 minutes;
- Attend to task! Avoid distractions such as reading email, playing games, or browsing the Internet;
- Engage in face-to-face socialization, especially at free time, lunch, and recess;
- Always use the Internet and devices for educational purposes in accordance with MCPS's responsible use policies;
- Use resources that do not infringe on another's copyright or trademark rights.

For Students at Home:

- "Disconnect" at least one hour before bedtime. This includes all forms of media and requires online-based homework to be done well in advance of bedtime;
- Keep electronic devices out of bedrooms for a sounder sleep.

For Teachers:

- Encourage students, when appropriate, to customize their device screens using tools such as ScreenShader designed to reduce potential eye strain and fatigue
- Consider providing students with options for good behavior that include physical activity and social interaction rather than "device time";
- When requested, provide paper alternatives for take-home work

Additional Resources:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-09-25/classroom-computers-little-benefit-seen-in-test-scores-for-cost>

- Maryland Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council (CEHPAC):

https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OEHFP/EH/Shared%20Documents/CEHPAC/MD_CEHPAC_School

[WiFi_022017_final.pdf](#)

- New Jersey Education Association (NJEA):

<https://www.njea.org/minimize-health-risks-from-electronic-devices/>

http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/140/Supplement_2/S81

<http://www.businessinsider.com/why-its-bad-to-use-your-phone-before-bed-2015-7>

http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/140/Supplement_2/S92