

**General Meeting**  
**October 13, 2020 7:15 p.m.**  
**Zoom meeting**

7:15 p.m. meeting called to order by Reema Aggarwal after determining the presence of a quorum

**PTA Meeting Welcome & General Updates (Reema Aggarwal & Tanea Foglia)**

- Welcome to our first virtual meeting. Thank you for coming.
- We will send detailed minutes out after the meeting

**Treasurer's Update (Ana Carrion)**

- Budget and Actuals are as of September 30, 2020.
- We have \$1,513.31 in income that includes \$626 in donations, \$1,914.39 in membership dues, and \$72.28 in rebate programs (Amazon Smile).
- We have 147 PTA members for the 2020-2021 year
- Direct fundraising expenses from Book Fair and Spirit Wear will account for the difference and that is expected to zero out as we begin to collect funds raised from the Book Fair and Spirit Wear sales
- \$151.38 from Ben & Jerry's fundraiser was deposited today and is not included yet.
- Most expenses were BOSS kits and staff appreciation teaching supplies

<b>RCFES PTA Budget to Actual</b>			
<b>Sept. 30, 2020</b>			
	Budget	Actual	% breakdown
<b>FY20-21 Income</b>	\$40,750.00	\$ 1,513.31	3.71%
<b>Expenses</b>			
Academic Support	\$27,200.00	\$ 1,886.81	6.94%
Staff Support	\$21,525.00	\$ 795.85	3.70%
Community Building	\$7,450.00	\$ 1,928.50	25.89%
Management and Administration	\$5,726.00	\$ 224.85	3.93%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$61,901.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,836.01</b>	

*As of Sept. 30, 2020*

## Cyber Security Awareness Month (Anitha Ibrahim – Former Federal Prosecutor of Child Exploitation Offenses, Child Safety Specialist w/in Tech Industry, & RCF Parent)

**\*\* Please see PPT slides attached as an appendix**

- Talk to your kids about:
  - Content: Decide with your child what they can view and do online
  - Contact: Discuss who your child can interact with and who is permitted to contact them – Use Parental Controls
  - Conduct: Discuss digital reputation and the importance of avoiding risky behavior online
- Parenting tips for digital parenting
  - Be engaged
  - Educate yourself – research the games/sites your kids want to use. Try them!
  - Set rules for devices and set a good example
  - Use parental controls, but don't depend on them solely
  - Avoid allowing kids alone in their rooms with devices
- Self-Generated Child Sexual Abuse Material: Attitudes and Experiences study
  - Producing, sharing, and re-sharing is increasingly common, with many kids viewing “sharing nudes”
  - 3% of girls age 9-12 and 7% of boys ag 9-12 have shared their own sexually-graphic images online
  - What resources do you recommend?
    - Remaining calm, talking to kids about safety in general
    - Thorn
    - Explore products and apps that your kids are using
    - FOSI – Has guides on safety risks for each app

### Career Café (Principal Lowndes)

- You all have interesting careers – please sign up in the RCF Sunday night email to present at the Career Cafés

### MCPS Tech & Innovation Team Presentation (Pete Cevenini – Associate Superintendent for MCPS Technology & Innovation)

- **MCPS Internet Protections: Practices, Policies, and Procedures During Remote Learning**

# MCPS Internet Protections



Practices, Policies, and Procedures  
During Remote Learning

## Filtering and Logging

- As outlined in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), MCPS continues to block inappropriate websites categorically.
- Due to the complicated nature of family privacy, MCPS does not log internet traffic while student devices are offsite.
  - ◆ This means that the district cannot provide an internet history log to a parent during the period of remote learning.
  - ◆ Logging of internet history will resume once students are back onsite but will never occur when offsite.

- Can MCPS control cameras or can you see what kids are doing at home?
  - No
- We are fully compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) at school and home
- If student logs into the MCPS system from a personal device they are still compliant with CIPA but MCPS does not actively monitor anything that goes on at home. We do not keep logs, browser history, or scan emails. The only thing we do know/monitor is when you child is in Zoom they are not anonymous.
- MCPS does not have control of web browsing history even on Chromebooks. Children can delete their web browsing history.
- MCPS cannot check to see what kids are doing on their Chromebooks when at home.
- Logging of internet history will resume once students are back onsite

## Website Categories Blocked

Abortion	Freeware	Nudity/Risque
Alcohol	Gambling	Phishing
Child Abuse	Gaming (Non-Educational)	Plagiarism
Dating	Hacking	Pornography
Discrimination	Hunting	Proxy Avoidance
Drug Abuse	Illegal/Unethical	Social Networking
Dynamic DNS	Lingerie/Swimsuit	Spam URLs
Explicit Violence	Malicious Websites	Tobacco
Extremist Groups	Marijuana	Weapon Sales
File Sharing	Meaningless Content	Web Chat

- There are a number of website categories that are blocked (for example, drug use, explicit content). But, students can get around these categories if they work at it. MCPS can block websites system-wide if you reach out to us to let us know what has not been blocked through existing filters.

## Parental Filters

- Families can incorporate additional filters provided by personal internet service providers (ISPs) if they wish to block additional content.
  - ◆ MCPS cannot provide troubleshooting assistance with these additional filtering steps. Parents are advised to reach out to their ISP to understand these protections.
- Any additional protections done within the household may limit the student's ability to access district curriculum/instruction.
- If parents are not wanting to have their child be subject to MCPS filters, families should consider using a personal device instead of an MCPS-issued device.

- Parents can incorporate additional filters using their own personal internet service provider's (ISPs) security features. But, note that MCPS cannot provide troubleshooting assistance with these additional filters. And, additional protections done within the ISP may limit the student's ability to access curriculum.

## Additional Information

Additional information can be found on the Internet Safety Practices technical document located on the MCPS Data Privacy and Security website.

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- Audience Question: What is the number one thing you hear from parents?
  - We hear parents wondering about what MCPS controls and blocks. There is a balance between privacy and security. We want to provide you with the comfort that you need to feel secure but want to respect your privacy.
- You can email Peter Cevenini if you want to suggest a site that should be restricted. There are times when there is a curricular need for the site but otherwise we can block it quickly.
  - Peter Cevenini - [peter\\_cevenini@mcpsmd.org](mailto:peter_cevenini@mcpsmd.org)

### Close Meeting (Reema Aggarwal & Tanea Foglia)

- This is a challenging year and the PTA is here to support you all. Please share your feedback and future meeting topic ideas with Reema and Tanea.
- Thank you for being here.

Meeting adjourned 8:06 p.m.