Montgomery County MD Branch NAACP
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Education Committee Activities

- January 10 & 18, 2022 – the NAACP Parents’ Council provided unprecedented public comments at the BOE 2023 MCPS Operating Budget hearing: 10 Members from different clusters provided comments. Links to video of the testimonies are below:
  - Byron Johns’ [comments](#)
    - Donald Whitfield, Virtual Academy
  - Sheekela Baker Yeboah, Whitman Cluster
  - Leslie Boissiere, Einstein Cluster
    - Revonne Johnson, Seneca Valley Cluster
  - Leon Peace, Wheaton Cluster
  - Marie Ford, Watkins Mill Cluster
Daphne Pee, Northwood Cluster

Calandra Moore, RM Cluster

Melissa McKenna, Comments

Janelle Wong, BCC Cluster

- 19 January 2022 - the Parents’ Council co-sponsored with the Black and Brown Coalition for Educational Equity and Excellence Conversation with Interim Supt. Dr. Monifa McKnight. 850 people registered, 568 attended the webinar, and 750+ people watched on YouTube. This event included simultaneous interpretation in French, Amharic, Spanish and English. The video is available [here](#). We are awaiting responses to questions that were not answered in the meeting.

- 27 January 2022 – co-sponsored with Piney Branch Elementary staff, PTA, and CHEER a webinar on Vax Facts: Straight up answers to your COVID-19 Vaccine questions with Johns Hopkins physicians in 4 languages (Amharic, English, French, Spanish)
31 January 2022 – held COVID-19 Vaccine clinic at Piney Branch Elementary resulting in 41 pediatric and 25 adult shots being given. Next vax clinic at PBES is 22 February 2022.

18 January 2022 – NAACP LDF and co-counsel filed a Motion to Intervene in the MCPS Middle School Magnet Admissions lawsuit, Association for Education Fairness v. Montgomery County Board of Education. Judge Xinis’ decision is expected by the end of February.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- Next Parents’ Council meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM February 17th
- The Parents’ Council will co-sponsor with the Black and Brown Coalition for Educational Equity and Excellence a meeting with the Board of Education on March 16th. This event will be virtual and available with simultaneous interpretation in Amharic, English, French, and Spanish.

The Parents’ Council has migrated to a new NAACPParentsCouncil@groups.io Listserve group.

- Go here to join: https://groups.io/g/NAACPParentsCouncil or to Joining the group by email you can send an empty email message to the NAACPParentsCouncil+subscribe@groups.io address to join the group (or request membership)

For more information on upcoming meetings or archived reports from our monthly meetings, Please visit our website at www.naacppc-md.org