

PTSA Meeting Minutes - Town Hall: Achievement Gap

Sligo MS PTSA Board met on Tuesday January 12, 2016 at Sligo MS in the Media Room.

Attendance:

101 attendees including Sligo MS families, local MCPS school members and County and State representatives attended including:

Speaker: Dan Reed, writer for "Up the Pike" Blog, writer for One Montgomery

Cary D. Dimmick, Principal, Sligo Middle School

Frances Frost, President of PTSA

Nicole Sosik, Principal, A. Mario Loiderman Middle School

Tamara Overly, NAACP representative, Sligo MS

Austin L. Morris, Constituent Services to Congressman Chris Van Hollen's office

Rebecca Peele, Legislative Aide to Delegate Alfred C. Carr, Jr.

Joseph Eyong, Constituent Liaison from Legislative District 20 for Senator Raskin,

Delegate Hixon, Delegate Moon and Delegate Smith

Liz Matory, Candidate for Maryland 8th Congressional District

Terence M. Strait, Candidate for Maryland US House District 4

Tom Hucker, Montgomery County Councilmember, District 5

Crystal Ruiz, Rep. or Hans Riemer, Montgomery County Councilmember, At Large

Jeanette Dixon, Candidate to MCBOE (former Principal of Paint Branch)

Jill Ortman-Fouse, BOE Councilmember at Large

Rebecca Smodrowski, MCBOE Councilmember

Introduction (Allison Gillespie)

Allison explained the importance of closing the achievement gap at Sligo MS and MCPS.

Presentation - Cary D. Dimmick (Principal)

Cary Dimmick gave a data-driven PowerPoint presentation regarding our Sligo MS's efforts to close the achievement gap.

Achievement Gap Presentation (Dan Reed)

Dan Reed discussed the importance of equity in MCPS and MC communities.

Dan Reed's presentation explained the relationship between household income, student school assignments and the distribution of MCPS operating budget funds. He explained its impact on the achievement gap in MCPS.

Dan displayed the academic achievements between the Downcounty Consortium, the Northeast Consortium and the "W" schools located up county including Walter Johnson HS, Walt Whitman HS and Wooton HS using statistical data.
Open Town Hall Discussion (Dan Reed and Allison Gillespie)

After his Power Point presentation, Dan took questions and allowed attendees to comment openly in an informal meeting format.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.