

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Monday, November 13, 2017

Let's review.....

1. The **EACC Ice Cream Social** on 10/30 was a huge success! Many members came out to get their ice cream treats!
2. EACC has 13 new **EACC Sparks**, who attended the training 11/3-4 in Annapolis.
3. The first **EACC Happy Hour and Social** was on 11/9 at **Mexico Restaurant** in White Plains. It was well-attended and we hope everyone enjoyed the free appetizers and discounts Mexico Restaurant gave to us!
4. The **EACC Open House** on 11/7 was well-attended by **36** incumbents/candidates.
5. **Kirwan Commission update** – Some Commission recommendations will be delayed, but most will still be turned in by 12/31/17. The Commission needs more time to cost out their consensus recommendations and develop the formula and weights to generate funding.

What's New?

1. **Do you have input for this year's Negotiations?**

The Negotiations Committee is comprised of ALL EACC MEMBERS who attend the meetings to give input. The entire contract is open this year.

We will have 2 meetings for Unit 1 members (teachers, counselors, resource teachers, etc.) and 1 meeting for our Unit 2 members (A&S). the dates and locations for those meetings are:

- 11/13, 5-6 PM, La Plata HS Media Center
- 11/14, 4-5 PM, North Point HS Staff Development Room
- 11/20, for Unit II/A&S only, 5-6 PM, EACC Office

All EACC members are welcome to make suggestions regarding contract language they would like the Bargaining Team to consider when writing the negotiations proposal. Those suggestions should be e-mailed to the Negotiations Committee Chair, Leslie Schroeck, at lschroeck@ccboe.com.

2. **Are you interested in organizing around our goals?**

The **EACC Organizing Committee** is open to ALL members who are interested in getting involved to organize around out issues and concerns. We are having a meeting that is open to ALL members on November 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the La Plata HS media center. We'll be:

- discussing updates from the Kirwan Commission hearings and our 10-minute meeting data from October
- planning/developing questions for our Education Town Hall on Feb 21st
- hearing a Negotiations Committee update

3. **MSEA Elections- Nominations are open!**

In January and February 2018, MSEA members will vote for a new president, vice-president, one NEA director, and four MSEA directors to lead MSEA through an uncertain time for public education. MSEA members will also elect nearly 70 MSEA Delegates to the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly and Convention. **Nominations close November 17 at 5:00 PM.**

If you are interested in becoming a candidate, you can find more information here:

<http://www.marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>

4. **Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see Linda at "Coffee and Chat with Linda!" I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me:

Sunday, November 19, 2017, Panera, La Plata, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

5. **From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:**

Thinking about retiring? Already turned in your paperwork to retire? Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

EACC Committees – *Want to know how YOU can get involved?*

We would love for more members to become active on our committees! Please contact the committee chairs listed below if you are interested in joining.

Membership – Chair: Lisa Terlecki

The Membership Committee helps grow the membership of the Association by planning and running member social activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 4:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: January 11, 2018, 4:30 PM, EACC Office

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: December 7, 2017, 5:30 PM, EACC Office

Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen

The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: December 14, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair: Kathy Reamy

The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: December 21, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority and Human Civil Rights – Chair: Margot Savoy

The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union.

Meetings are the 4th Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: November 30, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

EACC Organizing Committee

This committee is a special committee open to ALL members who are interested in organizing to support our negotiations goals and elections 2018.

Next meeting: November 16, 2017, 5:00 PM, La Plata HS media center

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