

BOARD OF EDUCATION

committee memberships

Audit Committee

Led by: *Laura Tucholski*

Independently and objectively monitor HCPS financial reporting and internal controls; review, appraise, and provide open communication among external auditors, financial/senior management, Internal Auditor and the Board.

Current members include:

*Denise Perry
Wade Sewell
Lauren Paige Strauss*

Calendar Committee

Led by: *Jillian Lader*

Meets each year to make recommendations on a proposed calendar for the upcoming school year. Representatives include community members, HCPS staff, Board members and the student Board member.

Current members include:

*Melissa Hahn
Terri Kocher
Carol Mueller
Madina Sabirova*

Career/Technology Education Citizen Advisory Committee

Led by: *Rob Limpert*

Advise, advocate, and review Career and Technology Education Programs. The Council solicits participation from individuals representing businesses in the ten Maryland Career Clusters.

Current members include:

*Diane Alvarez
Wade Sewell*

Customer Service Task Force

Led by: *Eric Davis*

Develop new initiatives to help gauge current level of customer service and identify opportunities for improvement.

Current members include:

*Diane Alvarez
Aaron Poynton
Wade Sewell*

Blueprint Steering Committee

Led by: *Katie Ridgway*

Meet once every two months to plan and guide the implementation of the program. This committee includes members from HCPS leadership, school-based stakeholders, Harford County Government, and community partners.

Current members include:

Carol Mueller Wade Sewell

Blueprint Elevating Educators Committee

This committee will provide guidance for Blueprint requirements that aim to elevate teachers and school leaders by raising the standards and status of the teaching profession, including a performance-based career ladder and salaries comparable to other fields with similar education requirements.

Current members include:

Lauren Paige Strauss

Blueprint Early Childhood Committee

This committee will provide guidance for Blueprint requirements that aim to invest in high-quality early childhood education and care with a significant expansion of full-day prekindergarten, free for all low-income families.

Current members include:

Aaron Poynton

Blueprint North Star Committee

This committee will provide guidance for Blueprint requirements that aim to create a world class instructional system, paving the way for students pursue pathways that include early college, AP courses, and/or a rigorous technical education leading to industry-recognized credentials.

Current members include:

Melissa Hahn Terri Kocher

Blueprint Student Supports Committee

This committee will provide guidance for Blueprint requirements that aim to provide more support to students who need it the most with broad and sustained new supports for schools serving high concentrations of students living in poverty.

Current members include:

Diane Alvarez

Early Childhood Advisory Committee

Led by: Kathy Griffin, Candice Welling

Stakeholders from HCPS, community agencies, and private childcare sector collaborate to inform decisions regarding early childhood education. The primary focus of this group is to provide families resources for school readiness. A consistent forum for early childhood educators to calibrate, partner, and align.

Current members include:

VACANCY

Judy Center Steering Committee

Led by: Michelle Bowditch, Bonnie Mitrega, Missy Wood

Collaborates on supports and resources to promote school readiness, adult education, family support services and screenings. Comprised of partner agencies, Head Start providers, HCC, Local Management Board, Abilities Network, MSDE Office of Child Care and EXCELS Branch and other agencies.

Current members include:

Denise Perry

Family Life Education Citizen Advisory Committee

Led by: Kilo Mack

Participates in decisions regarding materials used in the K-12 program on Family Life and Human Development and HIV/AIDS prevention. Evaluate program compliance with State Standards for Comprehensive Health Education. Investigate delivery methods for realigned family life education in grades four and five.

Current members include:

Diane Alvarez Melissa Hahn
Carol Mueller

General Curriculum Committee

Led by: Heather Kutcher

Community stakeholders working to guide and evaluate curricular materials. Additional Ad-hoc committees comprised of stakeholders throughout the district, e.g., Grading and Reporting, North Star Early Childhood Committee, STEM Committee, and Homework Review Committee, among others.

Current members include:

Melissa Hahn Carol Mueller
Terri Kocher

Harford County Council of PTAs

Led by: Renee DeBiase

Promotes the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship and throughout the community and advocate to further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth.

Current members include:

Aaron Poynton
Wade Sewell

Parent/Community Engagement Work Group

Led by: Mary Beth Stapleton

Key stakeholders work together to advocate for parent/caregiver engagement, addressing needs and sharing strategies between departments, offices, and schools.

Current members include:

Diane Alvarez
Terri Kocher
Lauren Paige Strauss

Policy Review Committee

Led by: Kimberly Neal

Meets bi-monthly to review Board policies and propose modifications to ensure alignment with current law and practice. Comprised of the Office of General Counsel, Senior Staff members (or their designee), a board officer, and board member appointed by the Board President. May invite input from other internal stakeholders depending on the focus of the policy to be reviewed.

Current members include:

Carol Bruce Melissa Hahn
Carol Mueller

School Health Advisory Council

Led by: Joe Harbert

Meets three times per year. Council includes HCPS leaders who can impact student health outcomes, health department leaders, representatives from the local hospital, and other valuable community partners.

Current members include:

Melissa Hahn
Aaron Poynton

Superintendent's Task Force on Equity

Led by: Paula Stanton

Members make recommendations that will ensure safe, supportive, and inclusive learning/working environments and a continuing focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Diverse community leaders, meet several times per year, to serve as advisors to the superintendent.

Current members include:

Diane Alvarez
Denise Perry
Madina Sabirova