

Notes from Parent Advisory Committee (“PAC”) Meeting
October 23, 2018

I attended the PAC meeting on October 23, 2018. Superintendent Hill spoke, as did Amy Hollstein.

Our guest speaker was Amy Young, Family Peer Support Specialist from the Maryland Coalition of Families. She showed a video called, “Stop the Spiral”. It was about how drug addiction can destroy a family. She also spoke about her own experience in living with an addict, as her son is one. She shared with us that 175 people die each day in the United States from drug overdose. Amy also said the H.O.P.E. (Heroin Overdose Prevention Education) Trailer will be available for tour at the Charles County Sheriff’s Office starting November 15th. The Trailer is set up with a mock teenage bedroom for families to walk through and look at possible warning signs of drug abuse or use. The trailer also has photos of families who have battled first hand with the opioid crisis.



Under the topic of *Good, Bad and Planning*, we all made a list of positives and negatives when it comes to schools in Charles County. Our lists were then posted on two different bulletin boards in the BOE meeting room. Many of the positive comments were about the teachers and administrators and how they truly care about the students. The negative comments tended to suggest behavior was a huge concern.

These are various other items shared with us at the meeting:

- The Center for Children is sending therapists to 4 pilot schools in Charles County.
- Two CCPS schools have in-school suspension rooms.
- According to the law, the maximum age one can attend CCPS is 21 years old.

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