

## MC/MCPS Focus group

12/14/15

Attending: Marc Cohen (Seneca Valley HS); Casey Crouse (Eastern MS); Jimmy D'Andrea (Kingsview MS); Lance Dempsey (NW HS); Nora Dietz (Daly Elementary); Jim Fliakas (English supervisor, Dept of Curriculum); Genevieve Floyd (OCIP); Michelle Forte (AP); Michelle Gluck (MCCPTA); Renay Johnson (Blair HS); Laura Newton (Counseling)

1. What is the ideal relationship between MCPS and MC?
2. What can we (or do we) do to work together to help students succeed as transfer students or in workforce programs?
3. What opportunities to work together are we currently not taking advantage of?
4. If you could add on initiative to our 5 year plan, what would it be?

Changing demographics – international, lower income. Pilot programs together – help students who are underrepresented and underachieving. Partner beyond high school.

ESOL-education gaps, 18-19 year olds can't finish math. MC is more age appropriate than MCPS. Limited early college access, more than dually enrolled.

More interaction with teachers, staff partnerships, college recognizes HS teachers, build relationships

Missing opportunity to connect in middle schools. Grade 6-10 want careers days.

CTE – 2+2 articulation transfers to 4 year institution. Shady Grove articulation

Career Tech education

Let students in HS know what is available at MC. Talk to HS about internship programs, how to let parents know what is available. Familiarizing students with options such as biotech at NW to GT; academy of finance, internships

Teachers need more info on MC offerings (Band Directors band is a good example).

Each discipline could have meetings periodically with MCPS to outline programs.

Need multi-lingual fliers, provide transportation, food and daycare. Targeting pre-disposed families. Our letters are only in English

College for a day program during MC spring break, expand K to College program

MC can go to PTSA meetings, cluster-wide meetings with PTSA officers but not with parents. Virtual college tours, MC student testimonials

An additional initiative – 3 year graduation from HS, 5 years with an AA after HS graduation

Intro to college courses to learn how to fill out forms, make a schedule, compose professional emails to professors, budget their time.

MC host HS summer school, uses MC instructors. Transportation needs to be included, mini orientations before students even apply

College tours for middle schools, sometimes MC says no

PARCC night is 1/11

Tours with parents for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school students. Early internships. Catalog of what all the different HS are doing with MC