

**Child Abuse and Neglect Work Group
Parent Awareness Committee**

November 19, 2014

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session participants will have:

- Learned the updated work of the committee
- Brainstormed and discussed interests of parent community
- Planned next steps for our work together

AGENDA

TIME	WHAT	HOW	WHO
2:00-2:05 (5')	Welcome & Introductions	Present	Denise Bracalilly Stultz
2:05-2:15 (15')	Review Charge of Work Group and Committee	Present Clarify	Denise
2:15-2:45 (30')	Interests of Parents	Brainstorm Discuss	All
2:45–2:55 (10')	Review action items and next steps	Share Discuss	All
2:55-3:00. (5')	Evaluate the meeting	Evaluate	Denise

Notes – Parent Interests

- Clarify confusion of process that schools follow – contact Police and Child Protective Services – principals and school staff are not investigators
- Clear and easy to find information on the MCPS web site – about how to report the incident, what the school system’s process is for sexual abuse, who to contact, and information that parents can use at home when talking with their kids
- Training for all staff so everyone knows the process and holding staff accountable
- When a situation occurs at school, timely information sent home to parents - with the information that can be shared – parents cannot do their part of helping their children if they don’t know about it and other students may be involved that have not come forward
- Send ongoing information as it is available – continue the communication
- Support the student victim and family- but also support all the students and their families in the school
- Share information among all schools when a situation occurs that could impact their school
- Make it clear to staff what they should and should not do
- Make this work a priority – other school districts have things in place – learn from them
- Consider using a research-based program – *Darkness to Light* for training staff and parents
- Create school environments where students feel comfortable speaking up and parents questions and sharing of information about issues is taken seriously and responded to

Action Items

Who	What	When
Denise Bracalilly Stultz	Contact Tree House to schedule Parent Academy sessions	December 1, 2014
Jennifer Alvaro	Darkness to Light presentation at MCCPTA Meeting	December 3, 2014
Denise Bracalilly Stultz Danielle Wilson-Saddler	Review Darkness to Light materials	December 3, 2014
Denise Bracalilly Stultz Danielle Wilson-Saddler	Research other possible presenters for parent groups	December 17, 2014