

# Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting Recap – 10/26/2013



Maryland Youth Advisory Council  
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## General Meeting October 26, 2013

**Baltimore County Arbutus Library**  
**855 Sulphur Spring Road, Arbutus, MD 21227**

### In Attendance

#### Council Members:

Jamilah Silver  
Dhruv Patel  
Erin Chase  
Kate Campbell  
Noah Miller  
Sam Choi  
Kennedy Taylor  
Tina Huang  
Phoenix Do

Beatriz Atsavaprane  
Christy Tse  
Pascal Tessier  
Shreya Nalubola  
Medha Ready  
Delanee-Alexis Coley  
Breana Echols  
Devan Ogburn  
Ben Feshbach  
Likhitha Butchireddygari

John Ten Eyck  
Camille Kirsch  
Chris Eyo

#### Co-Chairs:

Christina Drushel Williams  
Michael Hawkins

#### Guests:

Dennis Teegardin

### Committee Reports

- **Legislative Committee:** Committee chairs thought about some ideas for legislative activity this year: Maintenance of Effort (MOE) law and Driver's Ed back in schools.
- **Public Awareness Committee:** Committee chairs want to put a poll on the Facebook page for legislative priorities. Goal – want more people to know about the legislative topic.

### Dennis Teegardin, Office of the Delegate Krill Reznik

- See handouts
- Explained Pay It Forward Bill, introduced in Oregon by students from Portland State University: Prospective state university students sign a contract specifying that they will give a percent of their salary for an X amount of years after receiving their education, during which time, they will have paid no money.

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## Legislative Priorities Discussion

- Council members shared ideas for the legislative priority. The table below captures the ideas and the number in parentheses indicates the number of times the topic was mentioned.

Driver's Ed in School (9)	Financial Literacy in Life Skills (5)	Remove Tech Credit (8)	School Start Times (2)	Driving Curfew (1)	Energy Drinks in School (1)
Bullying	Mental Health Issues in Schools (2)	Health Curriculum	Registering to Vote	Wi-Fi in schools (2)	MD Distinguished Scholar
Clarifying In-State Tuition	Graduation Requirements (1)	Integration of ESOL students	Peer Counseling	Student Evaluation of Teachers (3)	Tolerance and Diversity (1)
Common Core Standards	Online Safety/privacy	Virtual Learning	Grading System (1)	College Counselling	Peer Mediation
Student Involvement w/ MSDE	College Readiness Programs (2)	Environmental (Save the Bay)	Sports -> Gym Credit	GPA & Disciplinary Requirements for Athletes	Workforce Development

## Voting Results

### Topic for the Year – Life/ College Readiness

- Driver's Ed - 3
  - In school, free as a class?
  - Homeschool/ Private?
  - Actual requirements for Driver's Ed?
  - Need based?
- Technology – 1
  - What does it mean?
  - Teacher training
  - What does Tech Credit mean?
  - Application use?
  - Curriculum
- Life/ College Readiness – 11
  - Website (Virtual Learning)
  - Curriculum
  - Optional?
  - Integration v. separation?
- Voting Issues – 5
  - Supporting Tacoma Park
  - Get Involved in Local Council
  - Lower Voting Age (16)

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## **Announcements**

- Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning
  - Likhitha attended the meeting on behalf of the Council and reported back the discussion.
  - Options: Level based experience, high school course, graduation requirement, and pilot program.
  - State-by-state research: Florida (Virtual School), Virginia (Apex, BYU), Michigan (state virtual school)
  - Issues: Accessibility, Definition, and Range.

## **Next Steps**

- Think about issues that could make an impact on the community.
- Think about steps that MYAC could take with legislative topic.

## **Next Meeting**

- December 14, 2013 (**Possible**)