

**MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, August 26, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center - Cafeteria**

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kristin Tribble, Laurie Halverson, Paul Morrison, DeBora King, Jaimie Jacobson, Debra Lang and Sonya Leaman

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Steve Augustino, Donna Pfeiffer, Susan Burkinshaw, Janette Gilman, Pam Moomau, Suzanne Weiss, Mary Abe, Jeannie Dillingham, Joy Burdin, Michelle, Gluck, Therese Salus, Craig Brown, Mary Cobbett, Jennifer Cope, Keith Parsky, Jean Schlesinger, Patti Twigg, Virginia Twombly, Sharon Agranov, Reva Gambrell, Beth Kennington, Kevin David, Cheryl Moss Herman, Christopher Kelly, Cheryl Peirce, Richard Edelman, Ted Willard, Todd Powell, Annie Foster Ahmed, Patrick Dunn, Laurie Augustino, Martha Crews, Sumbal Sheldon and Frances Frost
Additional Attendees: Kay Romero, MDPTA President Elect

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kristin Tribble, called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. A quorum was present. Kay Romero, President Elect of MDPTA was recognized.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of June 4th, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Janette Gilman to approve the draft minutes of the June 4th BOD Meeting. Motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. A request was made that MCCPTA forward the MDPTA requirements for affiliation.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Paul Morrison moved to approve Reva Gambrell as Springbrook Cluster Coordinator, which motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mary Abe moved to approve Amber Khan as Montgomery Blair Cluster Coordinator, which motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report:

BOD Meeting Dates for 2010-2011 were shared.

MDPTA's Standards of Affiliation Chart was discussed – Paul Morrison remarked that the improvements made by MCCPTA are a work in progress, and asked that anyone with comments or suggestions please email them to him. Kristin noted that the office assistant had asked to switch her hours from 10-2 daily, to 9:30 – 1:30 daily, and asked if there were any objections. There being none, Kristin will approve the change. Kristin asked all to help recruit for the following still vacant committee chairs: Grading & Reporting, Technology, High School, Middle School, Special Events and Reflections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jaimie Jacobson presented his report, which was accepted and will be filed. He also moved that we accept the proposal from Rosenbloom & Associates to perform financial review for 2009-2010 for the contracted amount of \$2,200 – which motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operating Budget: Pam Moomau reported that she had sent out a survey asking locals to prioritize their concerns for the coming year. The top three responses were Class Size, Academic Supports and Building Maintenance, in that order. After some discussion, it was agreed that the committee will work on a motion to present to the Delegates Assembly setting forth MCCPTA's priorities for the coming year.

Operating Budget Compact – it was agreed to remove Goal 2, item 1 "Elementary Curriculum Innovation Project".

CIP: Steve Augustino, CIP Chair. MCPS is making an effort to make the upcoming Superintendents' Roundtables more relevant by asking each Principal to

provide the names of 10 involved parents who will be invited to participate. Steve enumerated upcoming important dates for CIP issues, shared that MCPS is developing new scoring criteria for the FACT Assessments (he and Kristin will be participating in that process), asked that any parents who have gone through a school redesign (especially ed spec) please email Steve (he is looking for one such parent at each the elementary, middle and high school level), and reminded all that the first CIP Committee meeting will be on September 1st (and that all are welcome).

Training: DeBora King, Vice President of Programs, announced that Fall Training will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 9 am – 2 pm. She is still recruiting facilitators and registration assistance.

Presidents & Principals Dinner: Kristin reported that Dale is still considering various locations for the May, 2011 dinner.

Health & Safety: Co-chairs Donna Pfeiffer and Susan Burkinshaw attributed the effectiveness of the effort to retain Educational Facilities Officers last spring to the strong grass roots effort at advocacy. There will now be 9 SROs, an Assistant Chief and a Sergeant. The SROs will no longer cover any middle schools; staff at middle schools will need to call 911 whenever there are issues at their schools. Donna and Susan will circulate the list of SROs to the members of the BOD.

There was a concern expressed about how schools with open lunches can keep track of students during Code Red or Code Blue Alerts; the co-chairs are going to look into this. They also welcome hearing from anyone regarding any other Health and Safety concerns/issues.

Legislative Committee: Patrick Dunn, one of the co-Chairs of the Legislative Committee was introduced. Kristin reported that the League of Women Voters wants to partner with us to present a Board of Education Candidates Forum on September 20th. Suzanne Weiss moved that MCCPTA provide up to \$1,000 to fund no more than 50% of the total costs to support a joint venture with the League of Women Voters for a Board of Education Candidates Forum, which motion was seconded and approved. It was also agreed that the committee would postpone their planned County Council Candidates Forum until after the primary, since not enough preparations were in place.

Curriculum: Ted Willard, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, mentioned that all are welcome to participate in the upcoming meeting.

Calendar Committee: Co-chairs Suzanne Weiss and Elisia George recently

attended calendar committee meetings with MCPS representatives. Suzanne reported that school will begin before Labor day, again students will be given ½ day off prior to Thanksgiving break, and that there still some dates to be firmed up, such as the Primary Election date in Maryland for 2012. In instances where schools were closed on Multiple Mondays (or Fridays), that often results in elementary school and special ed students missing a significant number of their specialist classes, and they had proposed a number of possible solutions for MCPS to consider implementing. Representatives of MCPS were sympathetic but unable to come up with a means to avoid this situation.

Committee Workplans: Laurie Halverson, Vice President of Educational Issues, reminded all that draft workplans had been circulated via email for all committees except for that of the ByLaws Committee and the eList Committee.

After some discussion, it was noted that in places where eLists were mentioned, they should always be referred to as such, and not as list-serves. It was also noted that the Finance Committee workplan circulated was an old draft that should no longer contain the phrase "copying training materials" under expenses requested. It was agreed that such administrative changes would be made. Some concern was expressed about confidentiality/anonymity if the Blue Book were to be accessible from the website in its entirety. Ted Willard moved to approve the committee workplans as submitted, which motion was seconded and approved.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Growth Projection:

Laurie Halverson moved to approve the establishment of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Growth Projection, which motion was seconded and approved. Rich Edelman moved to approve the Committee's charge, which motion was seconded and approved.

CLUSTER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed 2010-2011 Budget: After some discussion of the attached proposed budget, and some concern that many members who would want to participate had left the meeting, it was agreed to take up the proposed 2010-2011 Budget at the upcoming Delegates' Assembly.

President Kristin Tribble adjourned the meeting at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Debra Lang, Recording Secretary BOD