

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center - Auditorium

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kristin Tribble, Laurie Halverson, Paul Morrison, Rebecca Smondrowski, Sonya Leaman and Debra Lang

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Andrea Bernardo, Steve Augustino, Ted Willard, Donna Pfeiffer, Susan Burkinshaw, Janette Gilman, Elisia George, Cheryl Moss Herman, Christopher Kelly, Therese Salus, Craig Brown, Jennifer Cope, Patti Twigg, Reva Gambrell, Jennifer Chambers, Mary Abe, David Lechner, Annie Foster Ahmed, Laurie Augustino, Martha Crews, Sumbal Sheldon, Juan Johnson, Beth Kennington, Kevin David, Janet Sanchez, Frances Frost and Suzanne Weiss. Kay Romero also attended.

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: At 7:35 pm MCCPTA President, Kristin Tribble determined that a quorum was not yet achieved and began the meeting with items not requiring a quorum. All in attendance introduced themselves.

Quorum was reached at 7:40pm.

Paul Morrison moved that the minutes of the November 4th BOD meeting be approved, which was seconded and passed.

Patti Twigg asked that the Standards of Affiliation Chart from MD PTA be added as an item under New Business. With this change, the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

Officer Reports:

President Kristin Tribble reminded all that they should notify Pam in the office of the school to which they would like their pony mail sent.

Vice President of Educational Issues Laurie Halverson mentioned that she is currently part of a work group to review charter school regulations within the county, and that she is also part of a committee for shared space. She will keep us posted about the progress of each group.

Vice President in charge of Legislative Issues, Rebecca Smondrowski, reminded everyone about the Legislative Dinner on Wednesday and about the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on December 13th.

President Kristin Tribble spoke for Vice President of Programs DeBora King about the annual Champions for Children Awards, the flyer for which is attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.

Committee Reports:

Reflections: Deb Lang reported that unless a Reflections Chair steps forward, the MCCPTA Reflections Day will be held on Saturday, January 8th at a location still to be determined. All local submission will be brought and displayed that morning, judged in the early afternoon, and be available for viewing in the late afternoon. All pieces that are not going to represent the County at the State level will then be taken home that evening.

Operating Budget Committee – President Kristin Tribble spoke about the Operating Budget Forum on January 3rd, and requested that all BOD Members attend, along with members from their community.

Capital Improvements Program Committee - Chair Steve Augustino reported that while he testified on our behalf against the sale of Peary High, the County Council voted in favor of the sale 8-1.

Steve also reported that our comments regarding the Renewal and Modernization Policy were submitted to the Board of Education on November 16th. The BOE will take it up, together with their review of the FACT Assessment Policy at their December 7th meeting. Steve reports continued tension between the County Council and the Board of Education regarding the Operating Budget.

High School Committee: Committee Chair David Lechner announced a video contest intending to promote responsible Prom Night behavior – a flyer for which is attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.

Unfinished Business:

By-Laws Committee – After much discussion, Laurie Halverson moved that the Committee reconvene and rework the language under consideration, which motion was seconded and approved. Committee Chair Andrea Bernardo agreed to informally meet with interested BOD members at the end of this BOD meeting and further refine the language being proposed as by-law amendments.

CLUSTER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

The resignation of Jonathan Arias as Blake Cluster Coordinator was approved. The nomination of Jocelyn Walker as Blake Cluster Coordinator was approved. After brief discussion, it was agreed that MCCPTA would purchase a table of 10 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast to be held on January 17th, together with taking out of a ½ page ad in the program.

Reva Gambrell stepped forward to become part of the Nominating Committee, which appointment was approved by the Board.

Standards of Continuing Affiliation: Patti Twigg requested that the MDPTA chart get sent to MCCPTA BOD members as soon as it is received by MCCPTA, unrevised. Others expressed that receiving the MCCPTA revision was much more helpful and worth the wait. There being no consensus, President Kristin Tribble noted all views.

President Kristin Tribble adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Debra Lang, Recording Secretary BOD