

**Minutes of the MCCPTA Delegates Assembly**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**  
**7:30 pm, Carver Auditorium**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm**

President Kristin Tribble welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Officers present. She then read the Mission Statement of MCCPTA.

**Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** Kristin Tribble directed members' attention to the flyers from the Montgomery Coalition for Adult Literacy and from the National Children's Study. She advised that she would be representing MCCPTA on a stakeholder panel who will be meeting with the finalists for the Superintendent position. Input was requested by April 1 from members who would like to share their concerns/priorities on the qualifications needed in a new Superintendent.

**Vice President – Educational Issues:** Vice President of Educational Issues Laurie Halverson provided updates on her participation on the Charter School Application and Evaluation Process Steering Committee as well as the Math Implementation Team Steering Committee.

**Vice President – Administration:** Vice President in charge of Administration Paul Morrison reiterated the need for each PTA to meet the Maryland PTA Standards of Affiliation. These requirements need to be met by March 31 to enable future PTA officers to participate in the Maryland PTA convention this summer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jaimie Jacobson provided a report on the state of finances for MCCPTA indicating that some funds would be moved to an interest bearing account.

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**Operating Budget:** Committee Chair Pam Moomau led a discussion on the political strategy in advocating for educational funding. All were encouraged to communicate their concerns with regard to support for education to the County Council.

**CIP:** Chair Steve Augustino provided additional information on the state of the Capital Improvement Budget and emphasized the need to stay focused on this part of the budget as well.

**Gifted and Talented:** Chair Michelle Gluck advised that a letter supporting continued identification of gifted students was being submitted by MCCPTA to the Board of Education. The letter affirms our earlier adopted resolutions and is in response to the MCEF/MCEA campaign to end labeling of students. MCCPTA representatives will also testify on this issue at the March 28 Board of Education meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Committee member Beth Kennington announced the slate of candidates. See attached report from the Nominating Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Samantha Shofar from Tacoma Park brought forth the following resolution, which was seconded. Rich Edelman moved to reinsert wording that was removed from the last resolve statement (#2) "for at least 2 years and whose parent or guardian has had Maryland income tax withheld during the year prior to the individual graduating from school, among other requirements." The motion passed to amend. Following discussion, the resolution was passed.

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**Resolution on Support for Maryland High School Students being Eligible for  
In-State Tuition at Maryland Public Colleges and Universities  
Adopted March 22, 2011**

Whereas:

1. Montgomery County Public Schools and all U.S. public schools provide the right of education to all children attending school through grade 12, regardless of federal immigration status.
2. Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations is one of many voices for Montgomery County children.
3. An unknown but not insignificant number of children living in Montgomery County who are MCPS students or who have graduated from Montgomery County secondary schools are undocumented (i.e., have no legal federal immigration status and are not eligible for a U.S. social security number). These children were brought to live in the United States and are raised as Americans.
4. The University System of Maryland does not grant in-state tuition to undocumented students; the 2010-11 out-of-state and in-state tuition at the University of Maryland, College Park, is \$24,800 and \$8,400, respectively.
5. Many undocumented students maintain interest in pursuing higher education to gain social mobility and contribute positively to their community and the society at large, even though they must make enormous sacrifices to study at college or university. In addition to having to pay more for out-of-state tuition, undocumented students are responsible for the full tuition bill; they are not eligible for federal loans or grants.
6. The limitations that go along with a lack of official identification – ineligibility to work, difficulties opening a bank account, lack of income tax forms, restrictions on transportation such as a train or plane that require official ID – means that undocumented students are not mobile and require access to public universities close to their homes.
7. Ten states provide in-state tuition for their state residents, regardless of federal immigration status (California, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Washington).
8. The National Immigration Law Center (NILC) reports that an estimated 70,000 undocumented students graduate from American high schools each year.
9. The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (The "DREAM Act") has failed to pass the U.S. Congress every year that it has been introduced, starting in 2001. The bill's intent is to provide a path to legal residency for undocumented students who graduate from college.

Be it resolved that:

1. MCCPTA supports charging in-state tuition, rather than out-of-state tuition, for all Maryland residents who have graduated from Maryland secondary schools.
2. MCCPTA supports the passage of Maryland State Senate Bill 167 and Maryland State House Bill 470 that establish the conditions for public state universities to grant in-state tuition to undocumented students who have attended secondary school in Maryland for at least 2 years and whose parent or guardian has had Maryland income tax withheld during the year prior to the individual graduating from school, among other requirements.

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Kristin Tribble advised of a request from three student leaders to support legislation before the Maryland General Assembly (Local Bill HB 539) which expands the voting rights of the Student Member of the Board of Education. The consensus of the members was that such a decision warranted going back to local PTAs for their input and so no action was taken.

Kristin Tribble announced that the three employee unions (MCEA, MCAAP, SEIU) would be holding a rally on Tuesday, April 5 prior to the first night of operating budget hearings at the County Council. Paul Morrison moved that MCCPTA co-sponsor the rally with the three unions. The motion did not pass. Instead, local PTAs will be advised of the rally information and members can choose to participate if so desired.

Meeting was adjourned.