

**MCCPTA Delegates Assembly
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
7:30 pm, Carver Auditorium**

Call to Order

Kristin Tribble, President, called DA meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

PTA Mission Statement

Larry Edmonds, VP Legislation, read the PTA mission statement.

Welcome and Introductions

- Introduction of MCCPTA Officers.

Approval of Agenda with an addition

Motion to add PTA President of the Year award under Committee Reports.

* With this addition and no objections the agenda was approved.

Approval of January Minutes

Moved to approve the draft minutes. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

Homework Hotline - David Frey

- Live TV programming done 3 nights a week on the MCPS cable channel and online.
- Started 26 years ago.
- On TV from 4-6 p.m. Tue-Wed-Thurs. Online from 6-9 p.m.
 - o Field about 50 questions a day.
- Available to speak at PTA meetings. Please get in touch with him.
- Homework help geared towards K-12, but more help requested from 3rd thru 9th grade.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report – Jaimie Jacobson

- The MCCPTA Office continues to receive membership payments. Thanks to Janette for the push and to locals for recruiting.
 - o Put forth any last minute efforts.
- Receiving donations for the President's & Principals Dinner. We have received \$400.00 to date.

VP Legislation – Larry Edmonds

- Larry spoke about the shifting of the teacher's pension fund.
 - o What is the shift?
 - The state of MD needs to balance the budget and considering balancing the budget on the backs of the counties.
 - o Why should MCCPTA & local PTA's be concerned about the pension shift?
 - We could absorb \$47M in costs that translates to 500 lost teacher/staff positions, increased classroom size, etc.
 - o What can members do to stop, or halt the pension shift?
 - Send in letters and sign online petition. Especially Districts 19 & 39 because the Senators are not in agreement to the opposition of the pension shift.

VP Educational Issues – Laurie Halverson

- Ethics policy out for public comment and the public comments are due by April 10.
 - o Major changes to current version, please review.
- Thanked Ted & Amanda for running Curriculum meeting.

*** Debra Lang discussed the program that preceded the DA meeting. Took a quick voice vote on what it would take to get folks out to scheduled programs.**

MCCPTA Committee Reports

Operating Budget – Jean Schlesinger, Chair

- Thanked everyone that attended the Operating Budget Forum with most of the County Council members and some Board of Education members (2/15/12).
- The Spending Affordability Guidelines passed over a week ago. Provide for funding of the MOE.
- Mark your calendars for the Operating Budget hearings with the County Council (\$2B budget).
 - o Shebra Evans will send out specific details soon.
 - o Hearings will be set for April 10, 11, & 12 (7pm and 1:30pm).

CIP – Steve Augustino, Chair

- Steve gave an update on where we stand.
- Congratulated the Cluster Coordinators on an awesome job during testimony to the County Council (Feb. 7&9).
 - o All testimonies said the same message (don't delay modernizations and take advantage of low construction costs).
- Everything will be wrapping up in April, so focus on Operating Budget.

Nominating – Sumbal Sheldon, Chair (in the absence of Sumbal, Kristin spoke on her behalf)

- Kristin had committee members stand so delegates could put a face with a name. She stated for individuals to make contact if you or someone you know is interested in a role as an officer with MCCPTA, cluster coordinator, or area vice president.

President's & Principals Dinner – Dale Ryan, Chair (in the absence of Dale, Laurie Halverson spoke on her behalf)

- Laurie Halverson mentioned that our annual event will be held on Thursday, May 17 at the Bethesda Marriott Conference Center.
- Awards information can be found in this months Delegate's packet and on the MCCPTA website.

Membership – Janette Gilman, Chair

- Awards deadline on March 31, 2012.
- One month left to grow your PTA membership.
- Send highlights of your PTA along with membership forms to parents.
- Push "stop the shift" (teacher's pension shift to county).

PTA President of the Year Award – Ted Willard, AVP Magruder

- Ted Willard reminded everyone to think about if there was a great PTA President amongst each local unit. If so, nominate them for PTA President of the Year and submit to MCCPTA Office.
 - o Six (6) PTA Presidents will be invited as finalists.
 - Winner will be announced during the program on May 17, 2012.

Unfinished Business

Proposed Resolution – Preferred Choice in Consortium High Schools

- Resolution was opened for debate.
 - o **Motion to delete "Whereas" clause #5. Motion failed by voice vote.**
 - o **Daria Daniels, Forest Knolls ES, moved to amend that any student whose 1st choice preference is their base school should be assigned to that school. Motion failed by voice vote.**
 - o **All in favor of the proposed resolution for Preferred Choice in Consortium High Schools being adopted was seconded and carried by voice vote.**
- Dave Lechner thanked the delegates for taking the information back to the local PTA's.

New Business

Proposed MCCPTA Bylaws Amendments (see attached)

- MCCPTA is up for bylaws renewal
- Minor language change being proposed.
 - o Delete "in writing" and "by mail" in Article VI.
 - o Delete the word "all" in Article VII.
- NEC brought forward an amendment towards the end of last year (April 2011).

- Janette explained that the amendment was to deal with consortiums not having the same articulation as other areas. Amendment gives consortium a way to represent all schools.

- Requested that delegates share with their locals and be prepared to vote on the resolution in March 2012.

Announcements

Encouraged the community to be active and vote during Spring break.

- April 24 DA Meeting at Richard Montgomery HS (Exhibitor's Hall at 6:30 p.m.)
- April 10, 11, & 12 County Council Operating Budget Hearings (7pm & 1:30pm only on 4/11 – 4/12)
- May 17 MCCPTA Annual Presidents & Principals Dinner, 6:30pm, Bethesda North Marriott

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shebra Evans

Delegate Assembly Recording Secretary