

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 22, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center

Preceding the meeting, Bruce Crispell, Director, Division of Long-range Planning, presented the BOD with information relating to the next round of FACT Assessments and the draft New Assessment Parameters.

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kay Romero, Kristin Tribble, Juan Johnson, Rebecca Smondrowski, Carol Salsbury, DeBora King, Patti Twigg

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Andrea Q. Bernardo, Steve Augustino, Laurie Halverson, Pam Moomau, Janette Gilman, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Frances Frost, Mary Abe, Terri Salus, Jack Hayes, Jennifer Cope, Deborah Goldman, Jean Schlesinger, Sally Taber, Dawn Dolan, Merry Eisner, Laura Siegel, Susan Burkinshaw, Beth Kennington, Jim Keenan, Paul Morrison, Ted Willard, Sonya Leaman

Guest: Bruce Crispell

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kay Romero, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to add the Bullying Policy, Delegate/PTA missing cards, and Nominating Committee under New Business. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of March 4, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: BOD reviewed financial information in Treasurer's absence.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Office: PTAs have until May 15th to submit 990s. Kay advises that if PTA locals call Maryland PTA, they will walk them through the process. There was discussion on what each item meant from the chart.

VP Legislation: Rebecca will put any new information out on the listserv.

Recording Secretary, Delegates Assembly: Patti recently represented MCCPTA on the interview panel for the position of associate superintendent, Office of Special Education and Student Services. Last Spring's complete bylaws submission has been approved. We have not heard anything back from the latest revision to the bylaws (two other submissions), one of which was just submitted in March.

Recording Secretary, BOD: DeBora announced that in addition to sessions listed in the Committee Report, Painless Fundraising (including Giant A+ Bonus Bucks and eScrip) has been added to MCCPTA Spring Training on June 7th at Blake High School at 6:30pm.

VP Administration: Juan thanked Kristin for taking over the County Council reception while he was out. There was discussion about the disconnect between conversations with county council staff while planning the reception and the council members receiving the invitation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operating Budget: Pam complimented everyone who testified. County Council announced news shortly after testimony that revenues were not as projected. Therefore, the County Executive budget will not be able to stand as is. A memo was sent out today stating that the County Executive made adjustments to shortfalls. EFOs are directly impacted by the budget. There was discussion about EFOs and possible revenue enhancements.

CIP: Budget-wise moving forward, the state funding number will come in lower than estimates. The Education Committee listed a number of things to be looked at again. The recommendation to bump up HVAC might have to be scaled back a little if MCPS needs to go through the reconciliation process. Steve is participating in committee to review FACT assessment criteria. He reminded the BOD that next year's CIP requests are due June 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEC-Cluster Items: Dawn Dolan addressed the BOD about confusion between a private issue with Cloverly ES, efforts made by NEC Cluster Coordinators to keep their confidential information contained, and interference from some of the members of the GRIT committee.

Bullying Policy: Laurie Halverson sent the regulations out on the listserv asking for comments. Laurie reviewed the draft with changes: requesting MCPS to include additional language from the model of the Maryland policy. Added more language for more emphasis on the victim, as it appeared the language protects the bully more than the victim. Laurie will follow up on who is notified within 24 hours (at what point is the parent told that a report is filed). Laurie mentioned that we also want accountability (for schools to identify who is responsible in the schools for ensuring that the policy and regulations are followed and putting it in their School Improvement Plan). In addition, to have mechanism for schools to share their data annually and prove how it is working in their schools.

Missing Delegate/PTA Cards: There was a question about PTAs who are missing cards. PTAs with missing membership cards must provide proof of membership, such as a receipt, or a membership roster. If a Delegate is missing their Delegate card, they can contact MCCPTA prior to the Delegates Assembly to request a replacement card if they are in compliance.

Nominating Committee: Paul Morrison made a motion for a resolution stating that the Nominating Committee did no wrongdoing in preparing the slate of officers. Upon discussion, the resolution motion fizzled and a motion was made to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
DeBora King, Recording Secretary BOD