

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Carver Education Services Center

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kay Romero, Kristin Tribble, Carol Salsbury, Jaimie Jacobson, DeBora King, Patti Twigg
Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Steve Augustino, Priscilla Peterson, Mary Abe, Susan Young, Don Mewha, Pam Moomau, Laurie Halverson, Jeanne Taylor, Linda B. White, Merry Eisner, Laura Siegel, Jen Pories, Carol Falk, Terri Salus, Jack Hayes, Barbara Ferry, Deborah Goldman, Ted Willard, Annie Ahmed, Dawn Lee, Martha Crews, Juan Johnson, Beth Kennington, Jim Keenan, Paul Morrison, Kevin Farragher, Kevin David, Ed Vigezzi, Traci Neville, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Virginia Twombly

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kay Romero, called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM. A quorum was present.

Presentation: Jeanne Taylor presented a plaque to MCCPTA for supporting the legacy in special education. This presentation was a tribute to the recent passing of Blair Ewing and his ongoing campaign helping children with special needs.

Agenda: Kay Romero made a motion to move the following up on the agenda: Vote in new Cluster Coordinators – Barbara Ferry and Jean Schlesinger. And Beth Kennington made a motion for Northwest Cluster to speak to agenda topic at 8:05. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Cluster Coordinator Vote: – Barbara Ferry (Walter Johnson Cluster) and Jean Schlesinger (Walt Whitman Cluster) were nominated for Cluster Coordinators. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: – Jaimie Jacobson asked everyone to remind their PTAs to start sending in their dues. We should have our audit review back in 30 days. With no questions, the Treasurers report will be filed. Jaimie announced that the next Maryland PTA Financial Training session is October 17 and everyone can go to the Maryland PTA website to enroll. Jaimie discussed fielding treasurer questions that perhaps could be answered by Cluster Coordinators and AVPs.

Minutes: – The March minutes have been taken off the agenda, and we will revisit next month. Merry Eisner noted a typo on page three of the September minutes – ...effective **four** our organization...” should be “**for.**” Merry moved to approve minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Kay reviewed her schedule and circulated the correspondence.

Maryland State Convention: – Kay announced that packets for the Maryland State Convention were mailed by MDPTA. Merry Eisner announced the slate of candidates for Maryland State PTA:

President-Elect: Kay Romero, Montgomery County
Vice President for Councils: Jayne Lee, Baltimore County
Vice President for Leadership Development: Elizabeth Wheeler, Montgomery Cty
Vice President for Legislation: Merry Eisner, Montgomery County
Secretary: Donna Shaffer, Allegany County
Treasurer: Vacant

Curriculum Committee: Math surveys are due to MCPS October 23rd, but the Curriculum Committee would like PTAs to compile one answer per PTA and send it to them so that we do not have to depend on

MCPS to tell us what PTAs told them.

Merry Eisner is soliciting feedback about the survey, and she will work with the Math Workgroup to determine the outlet, write something up and send out to PTAs as soon as possible.

Ted Willard announced that the Curriculum Committee will have a meeting on November 4th and invite the Math Workgroup.

Safety Committee: – Laurie Halverson and Susan Young (Health Committee Chair) are hosting an artificial and natural turf forum on October 7th. This is an informational forum that will focus on the two turf options.

Indoor Air Quality resolution passed last spring, and we got a response from Dr. Weast saying that he is committed to providing greener portables in the future (expecting quality will be better).

Cyberbullying – The Board of Education is going to consider the bullying policy at their October 26th meeting and will be up for public comments. Participants can also submit written comments.

Reorganization of MCCPTA Standing Committees:

The Executive Committee presented the following reorganization proposal.

- 1) *MCCPTA Administration: Office, Finance, Listservs, Website, Publicity (eliminate Communications Committee and Spotlight subcommittee)*
- 2) *Classroom Issues: Curriculum, Gifted Child, Grading and Reporting, Special Education, ESOL*
- 3) *Health and Safety*
- 4) *Outreach: Parent Involvement, Membership/Outreach*
- 5) *Programs: Cultural Arts, Reflections*
- 6) *Locals Support: Training, High School, Middle School, DCC, Technology*
- 7) *Advocacy: CIP, Operating Budget, Legislative*
- 8) *Bylaws*
- 9) *Nominating*
- 10) *Hospitality: Special Events*
- 11) *Student Support: Counseling and Guidance, SSL*

Beth Kennington made a motion (presented in documentation) on behalf of the Quad Cluster (Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley)

“The Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley quad cluster hereby moves as follows:

That the MCCPTA Board of Directors adopt the list of Standing Committees depicted in the attached document; and

That all Administrative Subcommittees listed under said title be deemed to be subcommittees operating and in existence for a purpose, typically, but not in all cases, administrative in capacity, existing to provide a support for local Montgomery County Public Schools parent/teacher and parent/teacher/student associations; and

That the Board of Directors advance this list of Standing Committees to the Delegates of the MCCPTA before the first October parent/teacher association and/or parent/teacher/student association meetings scheduled to be held in October 2009, in accompaniment of the proposed Amendments to the MCCPTA By-Laws introduced in September 2009.”

(Initial committee list proposed under the motion)

Standing Committees

Subcommittees fall below Committee name

- 1) *By-Laws*
- 2) *Capital Improvement Programs*
- 3) *Curriculum / Education*
 - ESOL*
 - Grading and Reporting*
 - Technology*
- 4) *Enrichment*
 - Gifted Child*
 - Special Education*
- 5) *Health / Safety*
- 6) *Membership*
 - Community Outreach / Parent Involvement*
- 7) *Operating Budget*
- 8) *School Support*
 - DCC*
 - High School / SSL*
 - Middle School*
 - Training*

Administrative Subcommittees

Communications (reports to President)

- Cable TV*
- Listserves / Spotlight*
- Public Relations*
- Website*

Finance (reports to Treasurer)

Legislative (reports to VP Legislation)

MCCPTA Office (reports to President)

Nominating (reports to President)

Special Events (reports to VP Programs)

- Cultural Arts*
- Presidents & Principals Dinner*
- Reflections*

Student Support

- Guidance & Counseling*

Laurie Halverson made a motion to amend and move Communications from Administrative Subcommittees to a Standing Committee. The motion was seconded. Upon discussion, Steve Augustino opposed Laurie's motion. Motion failed.

Jeanne Taylor questioned why Special Education was under 'Enrichment.' In discussion it was noted that MCPS recently renamed their *Enrichment Committee* to *Special Populations*. Kay mentioned that we do not mirror MCPS.

Mary Abe made a motion to amend to move Gifted Child and Special Education to Curriculum Education and eliminate Enrichment. The proposed motion was not seconded.

A motion was made to retain enrichment but call it Special Instruction, move ESOL, Gifted Child, and Special Education under it, and leave grading reporting and Technology under Curriculum Education. Standing vote required (Aye=20/Nay=14). Motion passed.

Patti Twigg suggested not having subcommittees under Administrative subcommittees.

Ted Willard made a motion to make all subcommittees accountable to the Executive Committee.

Beth Kennington made a motion to amend Ted's motion that we change the title from Administrative Subcommittees to Administrative Committees and allow Executive committee to decide who they report to each year as they deem appropriate (this amendment was designed to take out who reports to whom in parentheses). Motion passed.

Patti Twigg made a motion to amend Beth's amendment that we eliminate Communications, Special Events, and Student Support as Administrative Committees and what is listed as Subcommittees underneath them become Administrative Committees on their own. Motion passed

Terri Salus made a motion to move Guidance & Counseling out of Administrative Committees to School Support and move SSL down to its own separate item under School Support. Motion passed.

Kristin Tribble made a motion to move Training from under School Support down to Administrative Committees. Motion passed.

Beth Kennington questioned why is there a DCC committee. Pam Moomau recalled that they needed extra support when they were getting started. This was due to there being five high schools in the Down County Consortium option. Wheaton HS is added in from the BCC Cluster to the Blair, Einstein, Northwood and Kennedy high school choices. Thus the DCC crossed quad cluster boundaries.

(Full list of committees approved after amendments passed)

Standing Committees

- 1) *Bylaws*
- 2) *Capital Improvement Programs*
- 3) *Curriculum/Education*
 - Subcommittees
 - Grading & Reporting*
 - Technology*
- 4) *Health/Safety*
- 5) *Membership*
 - Subcommittee
 - Community Outreach/Parent Involvement*
- 6) *Operating Budget*
- 7) *School Support*
 - Subcommittees
 - DCC*
 - Guidance & Counseling*
 - High School*
 - Middle School*
 - SSL*

- 8) *Special Instruction*
Subcommittees
ESOL
Gifted Child
Special Education

Administrative (Non-Standing) Committees

Cable TV
Listserves/Spotlight
Public Relations
Website
Finance
Legislative
MCCPTA Office
Nominating
Cultural Arts
Presidents & Principals Dinner
Reflections
Training

Steve Augustino made a motion to amend the last paragraph of the entire motion to state “The BOD will communicate these standing committees and subcommittees to the DA before the first October PTA meetings as information relevant to the proposed amendments to the MCCPTA bylaws.” Motion failed.

Juan Johnson made a motion to strike the last paragraph of the entire motion. Motion passed.

Beth Kennington made a motion to amend to change the second paragraph to state “That all administrative committees listed under said title be deemed to be non-standing committees operating and in existence for a purpose, typically, but not in all cases, administrative in capacity, existing to provide a support for local Montgomery County Public Schools parent/teacher and parent/teacher/student associations.” Motion passed.

The full amended motion was read to the BOD members before voting.

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Motion passed.

CIP: – Steve Augustino sent a chart out on the Listserve relevant to position we took on the Growth Policy. If anyone has any questions please get it to Steve before Monday.

Nominating Committee: – Kay Romero presented the proposed slate and announced that there is still vacancy in DCC.

BCC/Walter Johnson/Wheaton/Whitman – Craig Brown
Churchill/Richard Montgomery/Rockville/Wooton – Janette Gilman
Clarksburg/Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill – Sonya Leaman
Northeast Consortium (Blake/Paint Branch/Springbrook) and Sherwood – DeBora King
Northwest/Poolsville/Quince Orchard/Seneca Valley – Paul Morrison
Down County Consortium (Blair/Einstein/Kennedy/Northwood) – Vacant
At Large – Beth Kennington

There was discussion regarding the process used this year of recruiting Nominating Committee members. Notification needs to be 15 days before the Delegates Assembly.

A motion was made to move forward the nominating committee with the stipulation that we address concerns that anyone can be nominated from the floor.
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
DeBora King, Recording Secretary BOD