

Minutes MCCPTA Board Directors  
October 3, 2008  
Carver Educational Services Center

Officers

Kay Romero, President, Ted Willard, VP Educations, Liz Wheeler, VP Administration, Karen Smith, VP Programs, Merry Eisner, VP Legislation, Dale Ryan, Treasurer, Patti Twigg Recording Secretary, Delegate Assembly, Andrea Q. Bernardo, Recording Secretary, Board of Directors

AVPs, Cluster Coordinators and Committee Chairs

Susan Joyce Thomas, Juan Johnson, Paul Morrison, Julie Lucas, Kevin David, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Fran Simons, Laurie Halverson, Janette Gilman, Laura Siegel, Jen Pories, Amy Hartley, Beth Kennington, Melissa McDonald, Priscilla Peterson, Pam Moomau, Sally Taber, April Keyes, Dawn Trahern, Sonya Leaman, Donna Pfeiffer, Valerie Rivers, Debra Goldman, Keith Parsky, Mary Abe

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. A quorum was present.

The Agenda was approved, as amended by adding insurance issues and cluster nominations

The September Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Dale Ryan presented the Budget and Profit and Loss Statement. P&L is still in the negative because dues are still coming in. She further reported that the Audit was finally completed.

Kay Romero reported that she and Steve Augustino had attended 3 MCPS CIP Budget meetings. She further reported that she and Merry Eisner had begun attending the MCPS Operating Budget meetings. Given the current economic situations, it will be a difficult year as related to needed school funding for both CIP and Operating Budgets. There was a discussion of MCCPTA's role at these meetings. It is clear that it is to MCCPTA's advantage to continue to participate. MCCPTA will continue to make its overall position on various issues widely known in the community. The MCCPTA FY2010 Operating Budget Priorities and MCCPTA FY2010

Operating Budget Compact will be voting on at the October Delegate Assembly.

Nominating Committee. Liz Wheeler announced that the following individuals had agreed to serve on the Nominating committee:

John Goble—Blake  
Martha Crews—Watkins Mill  
Rochelle Hodes—Wootton  
Carol Salisbury—BCC  
James Hampton—Seneca Valley  
Mary Abe—Northwood  
Jim Keenan—at large

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the October Delegate Assembly. The Nominating Committee must hold its first meeting within 2 weeks after its election at the October 28 Delegate Assembly.

Cluster Coordinator Nominations. Einstein—Kelly Giblin. Whitman-Keith Parsky. The nominations were approved by voice vote.

Legislative. Merry Eisner reported that we have had a great response from the vast majority of our Annapolis delegation. However, a few members respond better when they hear directly from voters in their districts, so she sought volunteers to reach those Senators and Delegates. She reminded the BOD that the legislative dinner will be November 10th at the Carver cafeteria at 6:30 pm. An invitation, with instructions on how to RSVP, will be sent out on the BOD listserv shortly.

The Board of Education Dinner meeting with the MCCPTA Board of Directors is Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm at Carver.

The CIP workshop is Saturday 11/8, Gaithersburg HS 9:30-11:30  
CIP testimony is 11/12-13.

The MD PTA convention is November 14-15—everyone is encouraged to attend.

Operating Budget. Pam Moomau reported that this would be a year of defensive advocacy, given budget and economic situation. It will be important for MCCPTA to be vocal and public in its advocacy.

Membership. April Keyes reported her success at various Back to School Nights. She will hold meetings and develop best practices for schools to increase enrollments. Dale Ryan indicated that delegate voting cards would go out to PTAs when dues were paid. She asked that treasurers send dues into MCCPTA at the same time dues are submitted to Maryland PTA on a monthly basis.

Gifted Child Committee. The committee will be holding informational meetings open to all GT liaisons and interested persons. A final calendar list of meeting and topics for the year will be posted on the website under the MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee Page and on the MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee Listserv that the committee maintains. These dates will be added to the MCCPTA website calendar. A posting will go out to all PTA presidents on the MCCPTA President's listserv to request that each PTA have a GT Liaison for their schools.

Programs. The announcements for magnet programs have been distributed. Jen Pories suggested that schools should do a better job at promoting the specialty programs at each high school, as they are not announced until long after the applications for magnet programs are due. Laura Siegel asked if any schools had lost specialty programs this year—Churchill had lost such a program.

Middle School—Dawn Trahern reported that she was working on a list serve for MS PTA presidents and gathering a group to work on issues. The first meeting will be in November.

Reflections. Melissa McDonald reported that training sessions were held in September. Last year, there were 541 entries for the County, 350 for State and 39 schools participated. This year's awards ceremony is April 29, 2009 at the Black Rock Center.

Cultural Arts. Pricilla Peterson reported that showcases are currently being held and that turnout has been about 30-35. A discussion ensued on the difficulty daytime showcases posed for working parent volunteers to attend and alternate proposals for evening or electronically available information.

Safety. Laurie Halverson reported that the safety supervisor, Pam Montgomery would not be getting a program assistant. This may result in less proactive safety initiatives. In addition, a suggestion was made by Committee members that Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) should be part of Safety under the MCPS budget. Laurie expressed concern that this diminishes the issue of IAQ.

By-Laws. MCCPTA Bylaws are up for renewal in 2009. The Bylaws committee will begin work on this item.

New Business—Deborah Goldman raised concern that “Red Light” issues would negatively affect PTA programs. The insurance company is in California, and does not have a local representative in Maryland. Teresa Willis of MD PTA will answer questions. It appears that with Red Light issues, PTA’s must call the insurer, and the insurer might approve it after discussion. It was noted that the flu clinic is a Red Light issue and that it was promoted by MD PTA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.