

Minutes MCCPTA Board Directors
November 6, 2008

Officers

Kay Romero, President, Merry Eisner, Interim VP Education, Liz Wheeler, VP Administration, Karen Smith, VP Programs, Don Mewah, Interim 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, Jim Keenan, Laurie Halverson, Janette Gilman, Laura Siegel, Jen Pories, Carol Falk, Beth Kennington, Kate Savage, Roy Broussard, Melissa McDonald, Priscilla Peterson, Pam Moomau, April Keyes, Rebecca Smondrowski, Kristin Tribble, Steve Augustino, Martha Crews, Sharon St. Pierre, Joe Stewart, Jeanne Taylor, Linda White, Donna Pfeiffer, Valerie Rivers, Debra Goldman, Keith Parsky, Jennifer Chambers, Ricky Ford, Carol Salisbury, Linda White.

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

The Agenda was approved, as amended to add report from the Nominating Committee.

The October Minutes were approved, as amended.

Treasurer's Report. Dale Ryan presented the Budget and Profit and Loss Statement. (Deleted section)

Kay Romero reported that a new office manager had been hired—Pam Loebach. Office hours will be daily from 10-2. Please send e-mail to office@mccpta.org

Officer Reports

Kay Romero reported that a new parent survey from the Office of Shared Accountability will be available on-line from November 1-December 31.

Parents will receive a card in the mail with instructions. More information will be available through the MCPS website.

There are 2 tickets available for the Committee for Montgomery breakfast on December 8.

The BOE will vote on the 2009-2010 school calendar on November 11th. School will start the week before Labor Day. There will be early release days around Veterans Day and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Two other half days will occur on Fridays. The superintendent's recommendations are not out yet, so things could change based on what he recommends.

Merry Eisner reported on the Legislative Dinner scheduled for November 10th.—50 Board of Director members are expected to attend and 29 legislators.

Liz Wheeler announced the Delegate Cards were being circulated around the table for those who have not picked theirs cards up yet. With regard to the November 12th and 13th testimony, she reminded participants to arrive early to bring 25 copies of testimony and e-mail a copy to her.

Liz Wheeler discussed the Maryland State PTA Convention scheduled for November 14th and 15th, and Karen Smith joined the discussion. In order to vote, participants will need photo ID, PTA membership card from PTA in good standing, and a credential card from the same PTA to vote. Non members may attend workshops but cannot vote in the general business portions. Specific issues include MCCPTA membership on the Nominating Committee—currently April Keyes and Karen Smith are nominated from Montgomery County—and 10 proposed by-law amendments. More information has been posted on the Bulletin.

Liz Wheeler continued. The Nominating Committee held its first meeting and Carol Salsbury was elected as the chair.

Yvette Monroe had been elected to serve as Special Events Chair.

By-Laws Committee. The Committee provided training and will be reviewing the current MCCPTA by-laws for possible amendments.

CIP. Steve Augustino reported that the CIP was released on 10/29 and a workshop will be held November 8 at Gaithersburg HS. This is an amendment year. MCCPTA will advocate against delays. In addition, MCCPTA will advocate for roofing repairs, and increase in funding for HVAC repairs and restroom renovations. The overall theme should be that “we cannot afford to fall behind.” MCPS is hoping to receive \$40 million from the State but with the economic climate it could be only \$30 million.

Operating Budget. Pam Moomau reported that the current County Council budget has \$250 shortfall. MCPS will have about 3,000 more students based on projections this year and next. Teacher contracts may need to be revised. Departments will be expected to propose 5% less and schools 2% less. The pension fund will also have to be funded. There will be a budget forum on 1/5—it is important to come out.

Special Education. Jean Taylor reported that schools are still identifying Special Ed Chairs and that the Committee is asking Local Chairs to identify areas of special ed expertise. The Committee will develop a presentation of 504 plans as compared to IEP’s. On December 1 at 7:30 at Carver, Rich Weinfeld of MCPS will speak about GT/LD.

High School. Sharon St. Pierre reported that the Committee held a High School PTSA President's Fall Interactive Forum on October 25th. The committee talked about working on developing a discussion on how to handle crisis and media relations.

President and Principals Dinner. Sharon St. Pierre reported that the committee had held a meeting. Over 400 sponsorship letters had been mailed. They are currently working on the entertainment portion of the program and have lined up participants.

Technology. Linda White discussed cyber-security resources and asked to have safety links posted on the website. The committee had developed talking points of web support issues.

Nominating Committee. Carol Salsbury reported that the Committee had met and she was the Chair.

New Business.

Merry Eisner was nominated as Interim VP for Education to fill the vacancy and Don Mewha was nominated as Interim VP for Legislation. The Board of Directors voted to approve the appointments.

The Board approved the establishment of an *ad hoc* committee to address issues regarding ICB and to make recommendations. The Committee is expected to make recommendations to the DA no later than March 24, 2009, but the committee will be in effect until the end of April 2009. George Fountain, Dawn Trahern and Sharon Agranov will co-chair this committee.

Safety. Laurie Halverson reported that the proposed Safety Committee Resolution on recess aides was being withdrawn because MCPS has begun training recess aides. She also reported that schools will be required to develop incident reports on pedestrian safety issues. Mulch is no longer being delivered to playgrounds—there is concern about injuries resulting from surface defects as a result and Dufief ES has had 2 broken arms and broken ribs attributable to insufficient mulch.

Membership. April Keyes reported that she was continuing with the membership drive and is gathering information-sharing ideas.

Juan Johnson expressed the interest in proposing a motion to limit discussion at DA to no more than 10 minutes. The motion will be brought to the Delegates at their next meeting on November 25th. The Delegates will decide the motion.

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