

MCCPTA Committee Reports

Board of Directors Meeting

June 8, 2008

MCCPTA Guidance and Counseling Committee

This year the Guidance and Counseling Committee developed an extensive understanding of the operation of counselors within MCPS. This information is readily available through the MCCPTA Guidance and Counseling chair. The committee proposes the following suggestions for next year's committee to consider.

- Consider the impact on the operating budget on the guidance counselors of MCPS.
- Hold fewer meetings; a goal of 3-4 meetings was proposed. Monthly conference calls could be used to keep committee members up to date.
- Encourage proactive counseling services such as; Character Education, Peer Mediation, Anti-bullying, and Stress Reduction.
- Continue to invite School Counseling Services Unit members to attend the committee meetings in order to keep up to date with counselor initiatives.

Special Education Committee

The Special Education Committee finished our school year with our 20th Annual Special Education Recognition Ceremony that was held on May 5th at Rockville High School. We had 350+ attendees and winners. Our special guests were the Destiny Cheerleading Squad. It was fun for all. A list of winners has been posted on the MCCPTA website.

Operating Budget

On May 22, 2008, the County Council adopted an FY2009 Operating Budget that was \$27.4 million below the Board of Education's request. Some initiatives may be protected, including funding for the Middle School Magnet Consortium of Argyle, Parkland and Loiederman Middle Schools, some expanded middle school reform, hours-based special education staffing for three schools, and adding IB programs at Kennedy and Seneca Valley High Schools.

Recommended cuts include \$14 million from the retiree health trust fund, \$7 million from the elimination of central office positions, \$1.2 million from the closure of Mark Twain, and \$14.3 million in other school-based cuts. The school-based cuts are projected to come from the elimination of 156 positions, most of which are vacant, and a reduction in operating costs. The total number of positions in the FY 2009 Operating Budget would be about 66 positions less than the number of positions in the current budget; of this net reduction of 66 positions, 54 will be eliminated from central services and 12 positions would come from school-based operations.

The Superintendent will make recommendations for the Board of Education to consider at its June 10, 2008, meeting, where the Board will take final action on the FY2009 budget.

Communications Committee Report

Patti Twigg, Committee Chair (LPTwigg@erols.com)

1) Website:

Website Coordinators:

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Lin-Lin Mao (linlinmao@earthlink.net)

- Updated Officers website page to reflect new officers for 2008-2009 school year.
- Updated Area Vice Presidents and Cluster Coordinators website page for 2008-2009.
- Insurance certificate uploaded to website.
- Disbursement request form uploaded to website.
- Updates to various committee website pages.
- Updated "Spotlight" article on homepage.
- Uploaded various correspondence to the website.
- Uploaded President's letter and committee reports.
- Updated homepage.
- Updated Officer's email forwarding address from MCCPTA aliases to reflect 2008-2009 changes.
- Updated calendar.

2) Listservs:

Listservs Moderator:

Patti Twigg (LPTwigg@erols.com)

- As of May 30, 2008 membership on the various lists is as follows:

Listserv	# subscribed	Net increase/decrease from last month
MCCPTA_Board	87	-5
MCCPTA_Bulletin	538	+5
MCCPTA_Delegates	424	-1
MCCPTA_Presidents	282	-9
MCCPTA_Treasurers	203	-2

- On May 21, 2008, after the installation of new Officers, Area Vice Presidents and Cluster Coordinators at the Presidents and Principals dinner, the listservs were updated to reflect the changes.

3) Spotlight:

The MCCPTA website has a corner just for your school or PTA and its accomplishments! "Spotlight" is the place for your school or PTA to shine – for the whole county to see! Don't be shy - you know how great you are, here's your chance to let everyone else know it too! If you have news and/or achievements from your school or PTA, please notify MCCPTA (via email to office@mccpta.com and/or webmaster@mccpta.com).