

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, November 4, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center - Auditorium

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kristin Tribble, Laurie Halverson, Paul Morrison, Jaimie Jacobson, Sonya Leaman and Debra Lang

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Andrea Bernardo, Steve Augustino, Ted Willard, Donna Pfeiffer, Susan Burkinshaw, Janette Gilman, Joy Burdin, Patti Twigg, Jennifer Chambers, Mary Abe, Christopher Kelly, Cheryl Peirce, Karen Collishaw, Annie Foster Ahmed, Laurie Augustino, Martha Crews, Sumbal Sheldon, Juan Johnson, Beth Kennington, Jim Keenan, Kevin David, Ed Vigezzi, Mary Cobbett, Jean Schlesinger and Dave Lechner

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: At 7:40 pm MCCPTA President, Kristin Tribble determined that a quorum was not yet achieved and began the meeting with items not requiring a quorum.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jaimie Jacobson reported that MCCPTA has received approximately \$10,000 in dues to date, which is approximately 20% of budget. He has been told by the accountants that the audit is complete and they will meet to review their findings next week. MCCPTA is looking for sponsors for the Principals and Presidents' Dinner. He also reminded all to be mindful of how public the eLists are when posting to the whole group.

Deb Lang spoke as a member of the Executive Committee, about the dire need for a Reflections Chair, and suggested that without one, it would be unlikely to be able to review, judge and celebrate the artistic achievements of the students in the County as has been done in the past.

At 7:55 pm a quorum was achieved and Kristin called the meeting to order.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The minutes of the October 7th meeting were approved.

Steve Augustino moved that the CIP Committee be authorized to submit comments on behalf of MCCPTA to the Board of Education on Policy FKB - *Modernization/Renovation*. The comments will include those points discussed previously on the MCCPTA Board Elist. Motion was adopted.

Unfinished Business: Ted Willard moved that MCCPTA create an award for "Montgomery County PTA President of the Year, which was seconded and adopted. (motion is attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof)

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee: Co-Chair Ted Willard reported that the Board of Education will hear from the Math Work Group on November 9th, and will present their findings and recommendations to our Delegates' Assembly on November 23rd.

In response to a question regarding EDLINE's being slated to be used in the elementary schools, Ted replied that he would look into that and follow up with the BOD.

There followed a brief discussion about the lack of alignment between of the new elementary school curriculum and the elementary school report cards.

Membership: Chair Janette Gilman reported that she has sent out notice of the new membership awards but has yet to hear any responses.

Health & Safety: co-chairs Donna Pfeiffer and Susan Burkinshaw reported that they have their eList up and running and currently have 80 subscribers. There followed a brief discussion about the status of the SRO program. Juan Johnson moved that in light of safety in our schools being critical, the Board of Directors supports the continuation of the SRO program and eventual expansion to all middle and high schools, which motion was seconded and adopted.

There followed a brief discussion about a statewide anti-bullying program.

High School Committee: Andrea Bernardo moved to approve the work plan submitted by the High School Committee, which was seconded and adopted.

Jennifer Chambers proposed the attached Resolution on Edible Gardens on School Grounds, which was seconded and adopted.

There followed a brief discussion about the County Executive's proposal to sell the Peary High School land. The Board of Education has requested that the land not be sold as it will be important for future school use. On November 23rd, the County Council will take up this proposal. Laurie Halverson moved that the Board of Directors oppose the sale and request that Steve Augustino testify regarding MCCPTA's position, which motion was seconded and adopted.

CLUSTER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Kristin presented a letter asking for MCCPTA's support for a grant that would enable the opening of another Linkages To Learning School Based Health Care Center – which support the BOD approved.

BCC will be showing *Race To Nowhere* on November 10th.

There followed a brief discussion about the inadequacy of the volunteer language bank.

It was noted that the cluster coordinators received the Operating Budget books.

There followed a brief discussion about the need for another upcounty holding school – specifically in relation to Candlewood Elementary School and the Flower Hill expansion.

President Kristin Tribble adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Debra Lang, Recording Secretary BOD