

**MCCPTA Delegates Assembly  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
7:30 pm, Carver Auditorium**

**Call to Order**

Kristin Tribble, President, called DA meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Kristin Tribble, President introduced the officers. Kristin apologized to people who showed up early for the program with Dr. Starr. His father is ill and had to postpone until November 22.

**PTA Mission Statement**

Jaimie Jacobson, Treasurer, read the PTA mission statement.

**Approval of Agenda** with an addition

Laurie Halverson, VP of Education on behalf of Ted Willard, Damacus AVP motioned to add a Resolution on Honors Courses in Middle School to New Business.

\* With this addition and no objections the minutes were approved.

**Approval of September 2011 Minutes**

Hajira Shariff, Oakland Terrace moved to approve the draft minutes. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

**Additional Comments from Kristin**

- Thanked Sumbal Sheldon for organizing a great event for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MCCPTA Mixer.
- Reminded everyone to take word back to their local PTA that only the PTA president submits names of each delegate to MCCPTA.
- The MCCPTA Board of Directors will meet with the Board of Education on October 26. Cluster Coordinators please come out to voice any questions/concerns on behalf of your PTAs.
- Read announcements to be aware of the upcoming events/meetings.
- Stated that you need your local PTA membership card to vote tonight. Majority can decide to suspend the Standing Rules with a motion.

Troy Kimmel, Brooke Grove ES, Delegate moved to suspend standing rules to allow for no PTA membership card check for tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded and carried with a voice vote.

**Officer Reports**

*VP Educational Issues, Laurie Halverson*

- Mentioned that 40-50 people attended the GT Liaison meeting on Monday, October 24. Laurie stressed the importance of being involved and encouraged everyone to ensure their school has a GT Liaison.

- Important to send in any comments to MCPS with questions/concerns in regards to the school system and copy Laurie for MCCPTA records.
- Laurie is on the Math Steering Committee and attended the 2.0 Curriculum meetings. MCPS is aware that there should be more staff development. Keep Laurie informed on any questions and concerns @ [vpedissues@mccpta.com](mailto:vpedissues@mccpta.com). Going forward one grade level will be added each year to new curriculum. K-2 currently doing 2.0 Curriculum @ 119 elementary schools.

*VP Administration, Paul Morrison*

The board approved the following nominees for this year's nominating committee (Cheryl Peirce, Sumbal Sheldon, Shebra Evans, JoAnn Burl, Janet Sanchez, Susan Fleck, and Laurie Augustino).

Ricky Ford, AVP Kennedy, moved to approve Cheryl Peirce, Sumbal Sheldon, Shebra Evans, JoAnn Burl, Janet Sanchez, Susan Fleck, and Laurie Augustino as members of the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Need realignment of the MCCPTA clusters to match up with MCPS cluster structure.

Sumbal Sheldon, Watkins Mill Cluster Coordinator moved to realign the clusters to match up with the MCPS change. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jaimie Jacobson discussed the following items:

- Around \$10K in dues has been paid to date.
  - o 189 schools total are members of MCCPTA. 41 of those schools have paid to date.
- Reminder to treasurers that November 15 deadline approaching for tax filing deadline for 990s. Schools typically file e postcards. Personal property taxes due April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- New expenses this year for MCCPTA.
  - o Joined Community of Montgomery and Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. Opportunity to get out in front of business owners, decision makers and keep them informed to our role in the community.

### **MCCPTA Committee Reports**

*Membership Chair, Janette Gilman*

- Jaimie Jacobson (in the absence of Janette) gave a membership update.
- Hoover MS has the highest membership to date (1,020 members).
  - o The delegate present was given a small prize.
- Cabin John MS has 807 members to date.
- Frost MS has 450 members to date.
- Bethesda CC HS has 574 members to date.
- \* Continue to recruit to be a healthy organization.

*Bylaws Committee Chair, Sandy Holloway, Great Seneca Creek ES*

Sandy received a proposed amendment (motion made to add definition for “consortium”) from the NEC earlier that day. Information will be shared with everyone at the November meeting due to the late notice of amendment. The Bylaws committee needs time to review amendment.

*Operating Budget Chair, Jean Schlesinger*

Discussed that a lot of the information she was not permitted to share. Mentioned the upcoming session with the BOE and wants others to attend and share their concerns about the Operating Budget on October 27. On January 4 there will be a real meaningful conversation on MOE (Maintenance of Effort), so plan to attend the meeting.

*Capital Improvement Program Budget Chair, Steve Augustino*

- The Superintendent will release his recommended CIP on October 28.
- October 31 the public can sign up (individuals, PTAs, etc.,) and get 3 minutes to testify.
- November 10 and November 14 CIP Public Hearings.
- November 2 Bruce Crispell presents to BOE summary of CIP.
- November 3 CIP Forum. Bruce Crispell will be present CIP discuss what’s in the CIP and answer questions.
- November 5 CIP Workshop @ Twinbrook ES (10am-12pm).

**Unfinished Business**

**Proposed Operating Budget Compact**

Jean stated that the OBC tracks the strategic plan of MCPS and speaks to a broader set of objectives.

- Jean Schlesinger moved to pass the 2013 Operating Budget Compact. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

**Proposed Operating Budget Priorities**

- Ted Willard, Clarksburg AVP, moved to delete “elementary” in 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph on page one. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

Sharon Tompkins, Burning Tree ES, moved to amend to include: parent access to the online curriculum” after schools and before the semicolon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph. Motion carried by standing vote (**FOR: 63; OPPOSED: 45**) and the Operating Budget Priorities were adopted.

**Resolution on FY 2013 Operating Budget Priorities**

Whereas, MCCPTA's mission is to speak for children and, without question, our highest priority is education;

Whereas, the Montgomery County Board of Education will hear testimony on, and consider the Superintendent’s Recommended FY2013 Operating Budget in January 2012;

Whereas funding for the MCPS Operating Budget is derived predominantly from county revenues, in addition to state funds and limited federal funds, and the Montgomery County Council will hear testimony on, and consider the MCPS FY2013 Operating Budget Request in Spring 2012;

THEREFORE, MCCPTA resolves as follows:

MCCPTA supports the principle of the Maintenance of Effort law;

MCCPTA considers the following items to be of the highest priority, each item to be given due consideration in relation to the others:

Protecting the “classroom” and direct support for students to ensure the success of every student, with no further increase in class size and no further reduction in teachers or staff who provide direct instruction or support to students;

Retaining and recruiting highly qualified and effective school leadership, teachers and staff;

Full implementation of hours-based staffing for special education students;

Maintaining safe, secure and healthy school environments, with no further reductions in maintenance, building service, MCPS security staff or School Resource Officers (SRO);

Comprehensive and effective rollout of all new curriculums, including the integrated curriculum in elementary schools, with consistent and comprehensive staff development and training across all schools; and parent access to the online curriculum; and

Continued support for after school activities.

*Proposed Resolution on the Capital Improvement Program Budget and CIP*

Steve discussed that the CIP identifies the general priorities and objections.

Corrections on the last page of the last paragraph and add “the” before the word above. Another correction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the last paragraph. Adequate should go before funding.

- All in favor of CIP Program Budget and CIP being adopted was seconded and carried by voice vote.

**Resolution on the FY 2013  
Capital Improvement Program Budget  
And Amendments to the FY 2013-18 CIP**

WHEREAS, in November 2011, the Montgomery County Board of Education will consider a Recommended FY 2013 Capital Budget appropriation request and FY 2013–2018 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request;

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 Capital Budget appropriation request will require the availability of sufficient funding sources from the state and county budgets, including state school construction funding;

WHEREAS, in this fiscal environment, the availability of sufficient funding is subject to significant uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the types of projects planned in the FY 2013 Capital Budget appropriation request and the FY 2013-2018 Capital Improvements Program would provide critical school additions, modernizations and other improvements to provide students with safe, secure and adequate learning facilities;

WHEREAS, student achievement depends upon the availability of safe, secure and adequate facilities that are conducive to education.

THEREFORE, the MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT the CIP should provide sufficient funding to preserve the County's position as providing one of the premier public school systems in the nation;

THAT the state should provide sufficient funding to enable the County to fulfill its capital program, including all state aid that is necessary to preserve the County's position as one of the premier public school systems in the nation;

THAT state aid should amount to at least the \$40 million expected for Fiscal Year 2013 as projected in prior CIPs;

THAT the County and the Board of Education should prioritize available funds in a way that does not harm the educational opportunities provided to all students and that provides all students with a safe, healthy and modern learning environment for education;

THAT MCCPTA supports prioritizing available funds to ensure that necessary school capacity projects (additions and new schools) and planned modernizations are not delayed;

THAT MCCPTA further supports prioritizing available funds to the following county-wide programs: HVAC Replacement, Roof Replacement, Building Modifications and Program Improvements, Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement, Safe Access to Schools and School Safety Improvements; and

THAT MCCPTA supports adequate funding to provide necessary technologies to support the planned curriculum for all students on an equitable basis.

MCCPTA authorizes its President to represent the organization throughout the budget cycle in the way that, in her discretion, best advances the above objectives.

*Proposed Resolution on Co-Location of County Services at MCPS Schools*

Steve discussed the resolution.

- Moved to delete in the 4<sup>th</sup> Where as clause to replace "no policies exist to permit" and with "existing policies are not adequate to address."
- Moved to approve the resolution with amendment. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.
- Moved to approve the resolution as amended. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

**Resolution on the  
Co-Location of County Services at MCPS Schools**

WHEREAS, the county delivers a variety of services for the benefit of its citizens, including services designed to assist students and their families;

WHEREAS, certain MCPS schools have non-MCPS county programs co-located on site, such as school-based health/wellness centers, Linkages to Learning centers, and the Judy Centers;

WHEREAS, these non-MCPS county programs currently co-located on school sites provide services directly to the students at the school, or provide services to families of students in the local school community;

WHEREAS, no policies exist to permit the co-location of non-MCPS programs that provide other types of services, such as services that are not directly provided to students or their families, at MCPS schools;

WHEREAS, six county agencies, including MCPS, are participating in a voluntary cost-saving committee known as the Cross-Agency Resource-Sharing (CARS) Committee;

WHEREAS, the goal of the CARS Committee, as described in May 2010, is “to share ideas/best practices, develop resource-sharing strategies to achieve operational efficiencies, reduce costs and improve the quality of services offered to our residents and businesses”;

WHEREAS, purportedly to further the CARS process, it has recently been proposed that County office services providing support and training for licensed child-care services be considered for co-location at an MCPS elementary school site;

WHEREAS, the co-location of services that are not provided directly to students or to families in the local school community raises concerns of safety, controlled access, adequate space and other issues;

WHEREAS, no policies or guidelines currently exist to address such concerns;

THEREFORE, the MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT it recognizes the benefit of co-location of the school-based health/wellness centers, Linkages to Learning and the Judy Centers, because these programs provide services directly to students and the families of students in the local school community;

THAT MCCPTA supports the continued co-location of such services, provided that each community is timely and fully informed of plans to provide the co-location of services provided directly to students and the families of students in the local community, and provided that the community is afforded an opportunity to provide public input on the co-location before it is authorized;

THAT MCCPTA opposes the co-location of services other than those listed above, including services that are not directly provided to students and families of students in the local school community, at this time;

THAT MCCPTA recommends that the Board of Education, in cooperation with other county agencies providing services, develop policies and procedures that would govern the provision of other services at school sites, before any such co-location is proposed; and

THAT MCCPTA further recommends that these policies and procedures fully address concerns of safety, controlled access, adequate space and other issues that arise from the co-location of other services; that these policies and procedures take into account the age of the children located at the school balanced with the nature of the county services proposed to be co-located; and these policies and procedures be presented for public input and comment before they are adopted.

#### *Proposed Resolution on Procedures for Site Selection Process*

- Steve Augustino explained that the resolution supports inclusion, clarifies the role of the PTA, and is transparent.
- No discussion.
- Moved to approve the Resolution on Procedures for Site Selection Process. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

#### *Proposed Resolution in Support of Legislation Creating a Teenage Curfew in Montgomery County*

- Larry Edmonds, VP of Legislation discussed his reasons for wanting to adopt the resolution. After much discussion.
- Moved to extend debate for 2 minutes. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.
- Moved to pass Resolution in Support of Legislation Creating a Teenage Curfew in Montgomery County. Failed by voice vote.

## Resolution in Support of Legislation Creating a Teenage Curfew in Montgomery County

Whereas:

1. According to a survey by the United States Conference of Mayors, more than 500 U.S. jurisdictions have youth curfews, including 84 percent of cities with populations over 180,000. In our area, two of the largest urban areas, the District of Columbia and Prince George's County have curfew laws, as does Baltimore. Virginia has a state-wide curfew. In 1996, President Bill Clinton recommended a 9:00 p.m. youth curfew to protect young people from becoming victims.
2. In the past several months police have seen gang members and other young adults coming from neighboring areas that have curfews (the District of Columbia and Prince George's County) and engaging in unlawful or violent activities – at times including county youth or directed at them.
3. A recent analysis of reported crime in Montgomery County regarding juveniles revealed:
  - The percentage of juvenile arrests (out of total arrests) increased from 12% in 2006 to 21% in 2010.
  - For each year from 2008 through 2010, juvenile victims accounted for approximately 4% of all victims reporting incidents in the county.
  - The percentage of robberies occurring between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. with any juvenile arrest has increased steadily since 2008. However, the percentage of robberies in that same time period with any juvenile victim has decreased.
  - The percentage of assaults occurring between the above hours with any juvenile arrest has increased steadily since 2008, and the percentage of assaults occurring between those hours with a juvenile victim has increased.
  - The percentage of weapon offenses occurring between the above hours with any juvenile arrest has increased since 2008.
4. A survey by the group of 347 cities with populations over 30,000 found the following:
  - 90 percent of jurisdictions with curfews said that enforcing a curfew was a good use of Police time.
  - 93 percent said a nighttime curfew was a useful tool for police officers.
  - 88 percent said curfews helped make their streets safer for residents.
  - 83 percent said curfews helped to curb gang violence.
5. Montgomery County is considering a limited youth curfew as an additional method to improve the safety of juveniles, the safety of residents and visitors to our increasingly urbanized communities, and to reduce juvenile-related crimes.

Be it resolved that:

MCCPTA supports in principle the adoption of a juvenile curfew with fines and community service as a deterrent to commit youth crimes and that contains a list of special circumstances for exempt activities.

### **New Business**

#### **Proposed Resolution in Opposition to Legislation of a Limited Youth Curfew in Montgomery County**

- Debating whether we want to consider the resolution this evening.
- BOD in favor of opposing legislation. Language was not written up for BOD.
- Need 2/3 vote to consider.
- Moved to consider the resolution tonight. Motion carried by standing vote (**FOR: 60; OPPOSED: 25**).
- Typo to 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph change “make” to “made.”

- Frances Frost, Kennedy AVP moved to amend to strike the last “Where as” paragraph. Motion received a second and carried by voice vote.
- Steve Augustino, CIP Chair motioned to extend debate for 6 minutes. Motion approved by voice consensus.
- Pat \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend the amendment to strike Chief Manger’s name and state “public testimony has been offered that.....” Motion failed and Chief Manger stays.
- \_\_\_\_\_ moved to strike the 3<sup>rd</sup> Whereas clause. Motion carried by standing vote **(FOR: 52; OPPOSED 36)**.
- Motion in favor of Proposed Resolution in Opposition to Legislation of a Limited Youth Curfew in Montgomery County. Motion carried by standing vote **(FOR: 54; OPPOSED: 49)**.

**Resolution in Opposition to Legislation of a Limited Youth Curfew in Montgomery County**

Whereas, all parents want their children to be safe.

Whereas, the County Executive, Ike Leggett has proposed a limited curfew aimed at teens “to improve the safety of juveniles, the safety of residents and visitors to our increasingly urbanized communities, and to reduce juvenile-related crimes.”

Whereas, Montgomery County has not provided convincing evidence of the effectiveness of a limited curfew. Chief Manger said in a public testimony that, “Nobody is claiming that we think that this is going to reduce the crime rate.”

Whereas, there has been a 50% decline in gang-related crime from 2008 to 2011, which shows that current strategies are working without punitive measures. State-wide grants since 2008, after-school programs and supports, and people such as Luiz Cardona, Montgomery County Violence Prevention Coordinator, have demonstrated positive ways of combating gang activity and crime instead of through punitive measures for all such as a curfew.

Whereas laws already exist for police to deal with suspicious behavior. Imposing a law on the entire population of Montgomery County youth when the culprit exists in a small segment of the county is unjustifiable. In addition, the ten exceptions that Leggett has introduced make it difficult to enforce a limited curfew with consistency (such as when on an errand at the direction of the parent or guardian without any detour or stop until 12:30 a.m.)

Whereas, keeping children home does not necessarily keep them safe from crime because of new technology in the home that gives children freedoms their parents never had. It is more important than ever for parents to supervise their children whether at home or not at home.

Be it resolved that MCCPTA opposes a youth curfew, yet supports continuing efforts to combat crime through positive prevention programs and supports.

*Proposed Resolution on Honors Courses in Middle School*



Delegates approved to add resolution to the agenda. This resolution will be considered next month. There being no objections, the motion carried by voice vote to consider proposal at the November 22 meeting. It will be on agenda at the next meeting for approval.

**Announcements**

- Stressed the importance of being on listserv to stay informed.
- Next month everyone will need your local membership cards.
- pick up delegate cards at meetings. They will not be ponied to individual schools. You can only pick up your own card.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Shebra Evans*

*Delegate Assembly Recording Secretary*