

**MCCPTA Delegates Assembly
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
7:30 pm, Carver Auditorium**

Call to Order

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

PTA Mission Statement

Jaimie Jacobson, Treasurer, read the PTA mission statement.

Welcome and Introductions

Kristin Tribble, President

Approval of Agenda with additions

- Add Curriculum Committee to MCCPTA Committee Reports section.
- Emergency resolution (Jennifer Young, Ritchie Park ES)
- Resolution on MCCPTA bylaws (Patti Twigg, AVP, NEC and Sherwood Clusters)

* With these additions the agenda was approved.

Approval of April 2011 Minutes

With two minor corrections the minutes were approved with a voice consensus.

Approval of Standing Rules (Rules I and II)

Sandy Holloway, Bylaws Committee Chair, stated that the standing rules were not the bylaws, but how MCCPTA governed our business.

There was extensive discussion on the following paragraph:

Procedures for Adopting Resolutions

In order to assure a consistent, fair, and effective process for bringing resolutions to the MCCPTA delegates, the following procedures will be used.

The maker of a resolution (local PTA, individual delegate, or MCCPTA committee) will submit the resolution in writing (by email, fax, and regular mail) to the MCCPTA office. The resolution will be reviewed by the appropriate MCCPTA committee before the next Board of Directors meeting and, then, reported to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for further action. If the resolution needs further research or additional materials, the committee could request additional time to work with the maker of the resolution. If the resolution is already addressed by PTA positions and resolutions (from MCCPTA, Maryland PTA, or National PTA) or is contrary to the Objects and Mission of PTA, the committee could recommend that the resolution not be sent to the delegates. If the committee recommends that the resolution be brought to the delegates, the Board of Directors can refer it to the next Delegates Assembly for consideration. A resolution presented at a Delegates Assembly would not be voted on until the next Delegates Assembly so that the local PTAs could consider the issue and instruct the delegates.

Delegates may amend or refer any resolution back to the Board of Directors for further work. A delegate may propose a resolution from the floor at a Delegates Assembly, and that resolution will be referred to the Board of Directors for review.

Jim Roberts, Montgomery Blair HS, moved to postpone the approval of the standing rules and it was failed on voice vote.

Ted Willard, Clarksburg AVP, moved to delete the last paragraph “and that resolution will be referred....”

After brief discussion, Ted Willard, Clarksburg AVP, made amendment to his motion to change “will” to “may” in second paragraph. The motion was seconded by voice vote.

Vote was to approve the change in language in support of Standing Rules with “may” and deletion of last clause. The vote to approve the language change was denied (**FOR: 50; OPPOSED: 58**).

The voice vote was in favor of original language and the standing rules were adopted.

Officer Reports

President, Kristin Tribble – Discussed that delegates will operate on the honor system until November 1, 2011. There are three delegates per PTA (president and two others). At meetings, each delegate will be given 2 minutes to speak. Microphones are placed on each side of the room for individuals to state their name/school and stance on a position. Keep comments/questions brief. Motion slips are at the front table.

VP Educational Issues, Laurie Halverson – Received the work plans from the committee chairs and very excited for the upcoming year.

VP Administration, Paul Morrison - Explained that the nominating committee seeks candidates for the annual search of MCCPTA officers. Ideally he would like each cluster to be represented. Interested candidates can contact Paul at vpadmin@mccpta.

VP Programs, Rebecca Smondrowski - Mentioned that this year the programs will be scheduled before the assembly meeting (6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.). The month of October our featured guest will be Dr. Starr. The month of November will be a roundtable discussion on Growth in MCPS.

VP Legislation, Larry Edmonds – No updates.

Treasurer's Report

MCCPTA Proposed 2011-2012 Budget was approved with a voice vote.

Jaimie Jacobson went over a few important dates for new and returning treasurers.

Fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)

990's filing date (November 16)

Personal property tax date (April 15)

Our membership remained constant at around 50K.

A line item was added under “Organizational Advocacy.” This will allow MCCPTA to join the local Chamber of Commerce.

MCCPTA Committee Reports

Membership Chair, Janette Gilman - Encouraged everyone to promote PTA and to pay dues monthly to MCCPTA, MD PTA, and Nat'l.

Operating Budget Chair, Jean Schlesinger – The resolution is similar to last year’s request. Both will be debated at October meeting and advised everyone to share with their PTAs.

Capital Improvement Program Budget Chair, Steve Augustino – Our priorities are still the same for the budget and CIP. Other resolutions were brought forth on co-location and the site selection process. Take information back to your locals and we will discuss in October.

Bylaws Committee Chair, Sandy Holloway, Great Seneca Creek ES – Informed everyone that we are resubmitting the revised bylaws to MD PTA.

MCPS Committee/Liaison Reports

Curriculum Committee Chair, Ted Willard – Parent meetings were scheduled to go over the “Curriculum 2.0” for K-2. On October 24 at 7 p.m. the GT Liaison training will be held at Carver in the cafeteria.

New Business

Proposed Resolution – Support for Farquhar MS Land-Swap Option

Troy Kimmel, Brooke Grove ES, Delegate motioned for an emergency resolution and it was seconded by voice vote.

Resolution on Support for Land-Swap Option for Farquhar Middle School

Whereas:

- 1. The Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association's (MCCPTA's) mission is to be a voice for Montgomery County Children and to serve 189 local PT(S)As and their over 50,000 - parents, teachers and people in our community who, through advocacy, support the mission of PTA.*
- 2. Farquhar Middle School (FMS) is scheduled for modernization beginning in June 2013. Two of the FMS Feasibility Study options involve a “land-swap” developed by Montgomery County Schools that would situate the new school on a 17.2-acre property adjacent to FMS and currently deeded to the Maryland National Capital Parks & Planning Commission (M-NCCPC), and convert the existing school location into the new park recommended by the 2005 Olney Master Plan. The new park location would add 3.1 acres to the originally proposed park- an increase of 18%.*
- 3. The land-swap option applies to and complies with the second and third goals of the 2005 Olney Master Plan, which are to “Protect the Patuxent watershed including the drinking water reservoir, and agricultural and rural open space” and “Protect the low-density character of the Southeast Quadrant”, respectively.*
- 4. The land-swap option is beneficial to the greater Olney Community, as it provides a much needed park with existing ball field(s).*

5. *The land-swap option is endorsed by the FMS PTA, Brooke Grove Elementary School (ES) PTA, Sherwood ES PTA, Cloverly PTA, and Stonegate PTA, and documented in a letter to the Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE), June 2011.*

6. *The land-swap option is endorsed by the Home Owner Associations (HOAs) whose resident's children reside with the FMS boundary, which include:*

- *Brookeville Crossing HOA (letter of support dated July 5, 2011)*
- *Lake Hallowell HOA (letter of support, summer 2011)*
- *Christie Estates HOA (letter of support, June 14, 2011)*
- *Environ HOA (letter of support, summer 2011)*
- *Villages of James Creek HOA (letter of support, summer 2011)*
- *Ashton Preserve HOA (letter of support, July 14, 2011)*
- *Hallowell HOA (letter of support, July 15, 2011)*

7. *The Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board's Recommendation (letter of support to the Honorable Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive, July 29, 2011) states that the "Land-Swap Option' is the Best Option: Most-Family Friendly, Least Burdensome, with Significant Support from the Olney Community".*

8. *The land-swap option is supported by Maryland State Senators Karen Montgomery and Roger Manno (letters of support to Ms. Francoise Carrier, Chair, M-NCCPC, August 30, 2011 and September 6, 2011).*

9. *The land-swap option is supported by Maryland State Delegate Craig Zucker (letter of support to Dr. Joshua P. Starr, MCPS, on September 7, 2011).*

10. *The land-swap option is recommended by Dr. Joshua P. Starr (letter to MCPS BOE, September 13, 2011).*

11. *The BOE, "in an 8-0 vote, approved the superintendent of school's recommendation to modernize William H. Farquhar Middle School by building a three-story replacement facility on property adjacent to the current facility. This 'land-swap' arrangement allows student to remain in the current facility during construction of the new middle school and would eliminate the need to bus students to the Tilden Holding Center during the two-year construction period" (MCPS Public Announcement, September 14, 2011).*

Be it resolved that:

1. *MCCPTA supports the land-swap option for Farquhar Middle School.*

Troy explained that with the support of MCCPTA it could be looked upon favorably by Parks & Planning.

Motion to extend debate for 5 minutes was passed by voice vote.

Paul Morrison, VP Administration moved to extend debate for 6 minutes and the motion failed. The vote to approve the resolution was denied (**FOR: 44; OPPOSED: 47**).

Mary Henlin, _____ motioned to have MCCPTA go on record that MCCPTA would not take a stand on individual school issues and it was seconded by a voice vote. Mary wanted to clarify that she was not in opposition of the resolution, but felt MCCPTA should not take a position.

Jennifer Young, Ritchie Park ES chose not to present her emergency resolution.

Proposed Amendment – On behalf of the schools of the Northeast Consortium

Patti Twigg, AVP, NEC and Sherwood Clusters brought forward an amendment to address the concerns expressed back in Feb, on behalf of the schools of the NEC. The bylaws amendment dealt with the way they would bring forward nominees for the positions of cluster coordinator for their three clusters. The concern is that it is not clear that there is a maximum of three cluster coordinators per cluster within the consortium. Also, the concern is that the term consortium was not defined.

The MD PTA bylaws chair declined the amendment because they did not define the term "consortium." She also expressed the concern that their wording might be unclear that there can only be a maximum of three cluster coordinators per cluster.

The amendment passed at the Feb. 2011 Delegates Assembly reads:

1. Within the Northeast Consortium, which consists of three clusters, instead of individual cluster meetings, there shall be convened a Consortium meeting, at which a majority of the PTAs in the Consortium are represented by their president, or his or her designee, for the purpose of nominating at least three (3) and no more than nine (9) cluster coordinators, ensuring each cluster coordinator is a member of a PTA in the cluster they are nominated to represent. Should the Northeast Consortium model or structure cease to exist, then this subsection shall become void and section b shall take precedence.

Amend to:

1. Within the Northeast Consortium, which consists of three clusters, instead of individual cluster meetings, there shall be convened a Consortium meeting, at which a majority of the PTAs in the Consortium are represented by their president, or his or her designee, for the purpose of nominating at least three (3) and no more than nine (9) cluster coordinators, while ensuring each cluster has no more than 3 cluster coordinators, and that each coordinator is a member of a PTA in the cluster they are nominated to represent. Should the Northeast Consortium model or structure cease to exist, then this subsection shall become void and section b shall take precedence.

Current:

ARTICLE VIII.A: AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS, CLUSTER COORDINATORS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 3. Cluster coordinators

a. A cluster shall consist of a high school plus its feeder schools. Each cluster shall have a cluster coordinator(s), the total number not to exceed three (3). The cluster coordinator(s) shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and not more than four (4) consecutive terms, until the election of their successors.

Modify to:

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a. A cluster shall consist of a high school plus its feeder schools. Each cluster shall have a cluster coordinator(s), the total number not to exceed three (3). The cluster coordinator(s) shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and not more than four (4) consecutive terms, until the election of their successors.

a. 1 A consortium shall be defined as a particular grouping of schools as stipulated by Montgomery County Public Schools.

Laurie Halverson, VP Education motioned that we refer bylaws changes to the committee. Her motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Patti Twigg, AVP, NEC and Sherwood Clusters amended the motion to refer to committee and report back in October 2011. Her motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The entire motion passed.

Resolution in Support of Legislation Creating Teenage Curfew in Montgomery County

Delegates approved to add curfew resolution to the agenda. This resolution will be considered next month. A motion was made by voice vote to consider proposal at this meeting (September 27). It will be on agenda at the next meeting for approval.

Announcements

Review of Upcoming Events/Calendar

Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shebra Evans

Delegate Assembly Recording Secretary