

Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association (MCCPTA)
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on January 3, 2008
in the Auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center

Attendance: *Officers:* Jane de Winter, April Keyes, Liz Wheeler, Victor Salazar, Ted Willard, Stacy Menendez
Committee Chairs: Randy Chin, Carol Falk, Holly Gaut, Elisia George, John Hall, Beth Kennington, DeBora King, Melissa McDonald, Ellen Paul, Sharon St. Pierre, Sharon Schulman, Sally Taber, Patti Twigg
Cluster Coordinators: Kate Savage, Laurie Halverson, Janette Gilman, Andrea Bernardo, Joanne Vanderhorst, Paula Robinson, Karen Smith, Jaimie Jacobson, Sonya Leaman, Donna Pfeiffer, Linda Kuserk, Kristen Tribble, Susan Young, Jennifer Chambers, Ellen Schaefer-Salins, Dawn Dolan, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Fran Simons, Paul Morrison, Julie Lucas, Brenda Martin

(40 in attendance, 43 needed for quorum)

Quorum Note:

MCCPTA President Jane de Winter called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. There was not a quorum, but it was agreed that for the good of the organization we would act in the absence of a quorum.

Amendments to Agenda:

Officer's reports/Ted Willard: Attendance report
Committee Reports: Nominating Committee report

Approval of Minutes:

Corrections to minutes: Lee Ann Doerflinger to draft a document about the use of seatbelts; Pam Moomau to address Provisional Licenses.

Motion to approve minutes as amended and agenda amendments by Ted Willard; approved by voice vote at 7:58 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Dues collected are \$44,000 thus far. Dues form is on the MCCPTA website.

Officers Reports:

President's report – Several schools have still not sent in dues: Argyle MS, Brookhaven ES, Burnt Mills ES, Daly ES, E. Silver Spring, Harmony Hills, Einstein, Maryvale, Kennedy, Ronald McNair, Meadowhall, N. Bethesda, Rosa Parks, Piney Branch, Poole MS, Shriver ES, Silver Spring International, Summit Hall, Weller Road, Wheaton HS, Wheaton Woods ES.

Locals whose bylaws are overdue will be posted on the website.

Next Delegates Assembly is on January 22; there will be a food drive for MANNA that night. Please bring canned foods. MANNA will come that Thursday to pick up the food.

BOE Transportation Policy community meeting to be held in the coming weeks – we need participants. Date/time still to be determined.

MCPS is following the book, "Beyond The Bake Sale" in encouraging parent involvement. Survey based on the book will be given to all PTA Presidents to gauge type of school/environment for parents at each school.

Board of Directors TRAINING to be held Saturday, March 1, 9:30am – 2pm, at the Garrett Park Town Hall. All Board members are strongly urged to come. Community Superintendents have been invited; Steve Bedford and Heath Morrison have confirmed at this point.

CIP Testimony to County Council will be held on Wednesday, February 6. PTA will serve dinner for PTA attendees and council members before the meeting begins. Dinner organizer needed.

Operating Budget Testimony held on Monday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 9.

Recording Secretary – Delegates Assembly – An attendance chart for the last DA meeting was passed around. Cluster Coordinators should try to note which locals are represented at the Delegates Assemblies and try to get more attendance.

V.P. - Programs – Operating Budget Testimony to Board of Education schedule is set for February 9th & February 16th. Each slot is 8 minutes. Please come early, as your slot could be moved earlier.

Committee Reports

Listserv – Patti Twigg

A handout was distributed with points to consider when starting a listserv. A Listserv Agreement, explicitly stating listserv ownership and a requirement of 2 owners, will be made available to all locals on the MCCPTA website.

Grading & Reporting – Beth Kennington

Middle School reform has been expanded to include 9 more schools in the coming Operating Budget. New guidelines introduced for high school students to complete a project in addition to current final exams. New guidelines for testing requirements for IB & AP courses introduced.

If parents want to see changes in middle schools, they need to be proactive.

Operating Budget - John Hall

Please attend the OB forum on Saturday, January 5 at 9 am at Einstein HS. More suggestions/input needed for upcoming Operating Budget Forum. County Council President Michael Knapp will be present at the Forum and possibly others.

Virtually all increase in proposed budget is for salaries and benefits. There is still a \$20 million gap between what the Board of Education is asking for and what the County Council can pay.

Nominating Committee – Andrea Bernardo

They have begun contacting Area Vice Presidents & Cluster Coordinators for nominees.

Legislative Affairs – Victor Salazar

PTA Night in Annapolis to be held on Monday, February 11th. Please bring photo identification. Everyone is urged to attend – it is very important for local residents to meet our representatives and others in Annapolis and state our issues. Please send a note to your local representative stating that you will be attending to ensure that at least someone from your representative's office will be there. Needed: Goodie Bag ideas for the legislators.

Old Business:

Provisional Licenses/Learners Permits – All high schools should have uniform policies and forms. We are needed to help MCPS to develop a standard form. We should help develop a marketing campaign about driving laws and safety for the schools to use as well. Carol Falk will look at school websites and contact high schools to find any forms for possible use for uniformity across schools. Safety committee will be the vehicle for this endeavor.

New Business:

Grading and Reporting committee is meeting in Room 120 on the same night as the Operating Budget Forum, please stop by if you can.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm