

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, January 7, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kay Romero, Kristin Tribble, Rebecca Smondrowski, Carol Salisbury, Jaimie Jacobson, DeBora King, Patti Twigg

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Andrea Q. Bernardo, Steve Augustino, Ted Willard, Mary Abe, Don Mewha, Janette Gilman, Pam Moomau, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Laurie Halverson, Frances Frost, Terri Salus, Jennifer Cope, Merry Eisner, Laura Siegel, Jen Pories, Carol Falk, Sonya Leaman, Donna Pfeiffer, Dawn Trahern, Dawn Lee, Martha Crews, Susan Young, Virginia Twombly, Juan Johnson, Susan Burkinshaw, Sarah Defnet, Paul Morrison, Sally Taber, Kelly Giblin, Jennifer Chambers

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kay Romero, called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to remove the Update on Presidents and Principals Dinner due to Dale Ryan's absence. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of December 3, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: – A motion was made to replace the subheading *Einstein Cluster/DCC* with *Northwood Cluster/DCC* under the section titled Cluster Coordinators and Area Vice Presidents. Motion passed to approve minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Jaimie Jacobson announced that \$42,000 has been collected in membership dues and the budget is for over \$51,000. Kay updated that \$44,502 is now the current membership amount as reported by Maryland PTA. Kay has a draft copy of the membership and bylaws report and will have a more detailed report to put out on the Board listserv after Saturday's MD PTA meeting. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Operating Budget Testimony Schedule-BOE - Kristin Tribble discussed the operating budget testimony final line up. She advised participants to look for her posting on the board listserv and to arrive early.

Pam Moomau's workshop to help with preparation of operating budget testimony is on Saturday at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School in the Media Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CIP Budget Testimony Schedule-County Council - Steve Augustino announced that CIP testimonies will be February 9th, 10th, and 11th. There was discussion regarding Steve's and Kay's meeting with Nancy Floreen in December about the budget. Revenues are down significantly, and she indicated that her priority will be saving jobs, as personnel are at risk with this budget. Steve and Kay have meetings set up with Valerie Ervin and Phil Andrews to discuss the budget.

Preliminary state funding approvals were out in early December. After the first round, where 75 percent of the state aid is apportioned, Montgomery County received \$18 million, which is lower than last year. Steve will circulate to the listserv.

Legislative Advocacy Planning for Annapolis – Rebecca Smondrowski announced that her committee will be putting together trips to Annapolis this year and will have dates soon, Those dates will be posted to the Board listserv in the next few days. There will not be a PTA night in Annapolis.

Rebecca's committee is planning a morning meeting the 2nd Monday of each month from the beginning of February until the end of March. Sample letters and talking points to use in Annapolis will be sent to the listserv. Rebecca also encourages the board to ask the Operating Budget Chair and CIP Chair for talking points.

Update on Champions for Children Dinner Nominations – Carol Salsbury talked about the Champions for Children award for a PTA contributing to the community while advocating on behalf of children and promoting parent involvement. An entry form has been posted on the bulletin which includes criteria for nominations. An award of \$1,000 will be given to the winning PTA for the work that they do.

Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast-MCCPTA - The MLK Breakfast is January 18, 2010 at 7:45 a.m. MCCPTA has 8 seats left. Kay states that if there are no takers, she will put it out for locals to take these seats.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy JHF, Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation-Deadline for Comments – Laurie Halverson mentioned that the deadline for comments on bullying is January 19th. She advises the board to look carefully at the definition of bullying, and also send comments to her. Kay is still working on the concern about the fact parents do not participate in the formulation of regulations. There was discussion about the mention of more parental involvement in the comments. Kay is working with College Gardens on their bullying issues. Kay and Andrea will attend their PTA meeting in February. There was discussion about the letter that went home from the principal and the news segment on WTOG.

Update about notification to schools when a juvenile has been found guilty of a crime – If a juvenile has been found guilty of a crime, Laurie Halverson asked if EFOs were notified and found that EFOs are not notified.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bylaws Committee: BOD Restructure: Voting Delegates – Andrea Q. Bernardo proposed the following two Amendments:

ARTICLE X: 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.
- b. Cluster coordinators shall conduct meetings of the cluster PTA leaders; shall serve as a link between the area vice presidents and the local PTA's shall represent the cluster at meetings of the Board of Directors, at meetings with the area vice president responsible for the cluster, and at other meetings; coordinate testimony of the cluster before the Board of Education and County Council; shall assist the area vice president in the administration of PTA business; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned.
- c. **One (1) cluster coordinator per cluster shall represent the cluster at meetings of the Board of Directors.**

ARTICLE XI: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP (VOTING BODY)

Section 1. The general membership (voting body) of MCCPTA shall consist of the board of directors, **executive committee, area vice-presidents, cluster coordinators, committee chairs (of both standing and non-standing committees)**, the presidents of each local PTA or their alternates, and delegates from each local PTA or their alternates as specified in Section 2 of this article.

Section 2. In addition to the local PTA president, each local PTA shall be entitled to be represented by 2 delegates or their alternates, selected by the local PTA according to its own by-laws.

Section 3. Individuals are entitled to one vote, even though they may be serving in more than one position.

Patti Twigg advised that the sentence in Article XI should be in line with what was submitted to Maryland PTA after the Delegates Assembly. Ted Willard commented that we don't need "c" in Article X. Upon discussion, the board agreed to strike all of Article X, and use Patti's addition for Article XI. The proposal will move forward to the Delegates Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion-Proposed Resolution – Ending Time for School Athletic Events-Wootton Cluster – Andrea Q. Bernardo shared the resolution on behalf of the Wootton PTSA that will be brought forward to the January Delegates Assembly. She will put together some

background information to address questions that have been raised and put it out on the board listserv.

Policy CND School Fundraising – Feedback Needed - Laura Siegel is concerned that MCPS is developing a policy that will limit what PTAs can do. She encourages the board to look through the policy posted on the listserv and send her an e-mail providing feedback by January 18th.

Appointment of Vice President, Administration- The Nominating Committee brought forward the following nominee to fill the vacancy for VP for Administration: Juan Johnson. Kay Romero appointed Juan Johnson for Vice President for Administration. This appointment will need to be approved at the next meeting of the board of directors and then voted upon at the February Delegates Assembly.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Patti Twigg mentioned that the Northeast Consortium Area Community Superintendent was not aware of the night that her clusters would be testifying. She encouraged all clusters to notify their Community Superintendent about the day your cluster will be testifying.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Patti Twigg announced that anyone who is involved with youth sports may be interested in the program on Sports Injury Prevention on January 25th conducted by a certified sports injury doctor. Those interested can confirm the details with Patti.

The SSL program has been moved to January 14th instead of February 23rd. We will schedule another program in its place.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
DeBora King, Recording Secretary BOD