

# MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, February 4, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center

## **ATTENDANCE:**

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

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Andrea Q. Bernardo, Steve Augustino, Laurie Halverson, Pam Moomau, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Elisia George, Linda B. White, Dale Ryan, Jack Hayes, Craig Brown, Jennifer Cope, Keith Parsky, Jean Schlesinger, Sonya Leaman, Dawn Trahern, Dawn Lee, Martha Crews, Susan Young, Sally Taber, Jennifer Chambers, Juan Johnson, Beth Kennington, Paul Morrison, Kevin David, Merry Eisner, Jen Pories

## **OPENING BUSINESS:**

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kay Romero, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to add the CIP Budget under Officer Reports and to plug in Dale Ryan when she arrives to give an update on Presidents and Principals Dinner. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of January 7, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: – A motion was made to amend paragraph two, sentence two under CIP Budget Testimony Schedule-County Council to “*After the first round, where 75 percent of the state aid is apportioned, Montgomery County received \$18 million, which is lower than last year.*” ; under Policy JHF, Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation-Deadline for Comments to change the date to *January 19<sup>th</sup>*; and under Discussion-Proposed Resolution-Ending Time for School Athletic Events revise typo in ‘*Wootton*’ and insert “S” in PTSA. Motion passed to approve minutes as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: Jaimie Jacobson announced that \$45,365 has been collected in membership dues. Out of 188 treasurers, some are asking the same thing over and over again. It is important that advice that it put out on the listserv is accurate. Most of the information can be obtained from materials (i.e. Money Matters from National PTA and Cash Encounters from Maryland PTA). An e-mail will be going out for the 990s.

Presidents and Principals Dinner: Dale Ryan announced the dinner is May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bethesda Marriott. Our meet and greet and appetizers will begin at 6pm. The cost is \$65 per person. Leon Harris will be our master of ceremony, and iTV is also planning to televise again this year. The committee is seeking \$13,000 in sponsorship. Dale mentioned that the Board may want to consider alternatives for the venue before signing the contract for next year. Dale is looking for help, so please send her an e-mail if you can help. Something will also be sent on the listserv asking for help.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Office:** Bylaws update for locals will be put out on the Board listserv. It is important for Maryland PTA that PTAs are in good standing. We will continue working with them with filing 990s, audits, bylaws and dues. Maryland PTA has developed data files so they will know exactly what PTAs are missing.

**VP Ed Issues:** Kristen will put out an e-mail to PTA presidents about report cards.

**VP Legislation:** Rebecca's committee is planning a morning meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month beginning February. Coffee with Senator Rich Madaleno and Delegate Ann Kaiser will be Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting) at Ambrosia Grille. The primary focus will be the maintenance of effort. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Day trips will begin next week, and Advocacy Night in Annapolis is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>. MCCPTA will be working again with MCEA, SEIU, and MCAASP. Pick up will be at Carver at 4pm, and Blair High School at 4:30pm. A box supper will be served on the bus. A photo ID is required. Sample letters and talking points to use in Annapolis will be sent to the listserv. The chairs of the Operating Budget and CIP committees will put together the talking points. Rebecca will get the talking points to those attending the Annapolis trips and put together the sample letters for review.

We have been invited by the Comptroller's office to attend a press conference on Lawyers Mall where the Comptroller and Senator Muse will be advocating for financial literacy on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**CIP Budget Testimony** – The CIP budget testimony schedule is not out yet. Kay said the press release will be going out by Monday with the Cluster line up. Juan will get the list to Kay by tomorrow and will give Lee Ann a final version before Monday. Juan will post the list to the Board listserv.

**Update on Champions for Children Award Nominations** – Carol Salsbury announced that we have had 8 submissions for Champions for Children.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Math Workgroup Update:** Andrea Bernardo met with the group for 4 hours on Tuesday to go over documentation and will spend 4 hours next week to discuss where the curriculum should be going. Merry added that much of the discussion is about what happens in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (bouncing kids around, pushing them, and skipping classes). Also discussed is what happens to kids in our Elementary schools.

**Parent Involvement Committee:** Elisia George's committee is meeting and putting together a workshop in the spring (April 12<sup>th</sup>) on communication for parents. She will send something out on the listserv.

**Operating Budget:** Pam highlighted that we need to be mindful of what it is we are willing to advocate for in circulating our priorities resolution.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Nominating Committee:** The February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline is approaching. Hard copy forms have been posted. Send all submissions to Janette Gilman's e-mail address (janettegilman@comcast.net).

**Appointment of Vice President, Administration:** Last month, the Nominating Committee brought forth Juan Johnson's name to fill the vacancy for VP for Administration. A motion was made to move the nomination to the Delegates Assembly for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Foreign Language Work Group** - There has been a request from MCCPTA to have MCPS provide us with their recommendations for our organization to give input.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner** – MCCPTA has an invitation for the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and they are asking us to buy a table for \$1,000. Kay polled the Board to ask if they would like to go as a group or individuals. The Board agreed not to buy a table.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Middle School Advanced Courses:** Carol Salsbury announced that MCCPTA will host a special program on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Carver Educational Services Center. The program entails a presentation for the new Middle School Advanced Courses.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
DeBora King, Recording Secretary BOD