

Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association (MCCPTA)
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on February 6, 2008
in the Auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center
FINAL

Attendance: *Officers:* Jane de Winter, Kay Romero, Liz Wheeler, Victor Salazar, April Keyes, Dale Ryan, Stacy Menendez, Ted Willard

AVPs and Cluster Coordinators and Committee Chairs: Linna Barnes, Randy Chin, Carol Falk, Tracy Fox, Ann Gallagher, Holly Gaut, Kate Savage, Laurie Halverson, Janette Gilman, John Hall, Lori Merrill, Andrea Bernardo, Beth Kennington, Pam Moomau, Sharon St. Pierre, Sharon Schulman, Susan Stavenhagen, Sally Taber, Patti Twigg, Linda White, Allyson Morrison, Jaimie Jacobson, Sonya Leaman, Linda Kuserk, Kristin Tribble, Susan Young, Paul Morrison, Juan Johnson, Julie Lucas, Brenda Martin, Deborah DeMille-Wagman, Jack Hayes, Liz Sadove, Joanne Vanderhorst, Paula Robinson, Deborah Goldman, Karen Smith, Diane Dickson, Faye Nabavian, Ricky Ford, Karen Sullivan, Ellen Schaefer-Salins, Lee Ann Doerflinger

51 in attendance, 43 needed for quorum: QUORUM MET.

Call to Order: 7:44 pm

Amendments to Agenda:

Committee Reports: Grading & Reporting Committee

Approval of Minutes

Ratification of Past Actions – 7:55 pm: See separate handout with listing of items from past meetings where quorum was not achieved.

Motion to approve past votes made by Ted Willard and seconded. Passed by voice vote at 8:05 pm.

Motion to approve Agenda and January meeting minutes as amended – passed by voice vote at 8:06 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Continue to send in dues – membership is down by 9000 members at this time. Dale will send out notices about which locals have not sent in audits for 2006-07 year.

For local chapters who sent updated bylaws to MDPTA and have not received confirmation or approval, call the state bylaws office with questions, not MCCPTA. MCCPTA would not have received them either.

Officers Reports:

President's – Jane deWinter – has been appointed to the County Executive's Commission for Children & Youth.

The Board of Education does not have that authority to write policy that governs PTA actions and activities in school buildings outside of the school day. It should be noted that MCCPTA also does not have official authority over local chapters as well. Councils have no authority over locals.

Annapolis Night – Ask as many members as possible to come. Attendance is important for us to present our agenda and ideas.

Summer Meals program discussed. A publicity campaign through local chapters is forthcoming that will help

them to reach all parents about the summer food program available. Hungry children CAN show up at various sites around the county during the summer to eat even if the child does not attend the school or live near the site.

Update on Board of Directors Training (March 1, 9:30 – 2pm at Garret Park Town Hall): All community superintendents and Steve Bedford will attend. Tentative timeline is as follows:

9:30 – 11am: General Board Responsibilities overview/What it means to be on the Board

11 – 12:30 Community Superintendents discussions, broken up by area.

Lunch will be held at noon

12:30 – 2pm: Specific Topics will be discussed. Ideas are welcome!!

Garrett Park Town Hall location: 10814 Kenilworth Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland

**Be sure to invite new cluster coordinators or potential cluster coordinators

Presidents & Principals Dinner: Chevy Chase Bank gave \$2,500!

It cost \$250 for a ¼-page ad in our P&P directory. Please try to solicit donations and ad sales.

Several Mini-trainings will be held in the coming weeks. Please see website for dates.

V.P. Education (Kay Romero) – **Update about meeting with John Matthews, MCPS Director of Transportation and parents concerning Policy EEA- Student Transportation**

Timeline related to Policy EEA- Student Transportation:

March 11, 2008 – Tentative approval by BOE – draft policy to go to the public for comments

April 30, 2008 – Comment period closes

May 14, 2008 – Final draft to go to the BOE Policy Committee for review and comment

June 10, 2008 – Final approval by BOE

Please note all dates and tentative BOE agenda items related to this policy can be adjusted by BOE.

Committee Reports

High School – Sharon St. Pierre

PSAT - It is almost unanimous among high school principals that the funding for the test should be switched from 9th graders to 11th graders.

It was noted that the reason for original funding of 9th grade PSATS, data obtained, can be derived from many other sources in lieu of PSAT scores.

Resolution on PSAT's brought from committee.

High School Graduation: Large Venue status

Enrollment figures used to identify schools that qualify for county funding of graduation venue has been prior-year MARCH enrollment projections.

Comcast Center has made it known that their fee for the use of their facilities will be increasing to \$40,000 over the next 5 years. The fee is currently \$10,000.

Motion: Motion made by Juan Johnson to lobby the state legislature to reduce or eliminate the fee for the Comcast Center. Motion seconded.

Motion approved by voice vote at 9:06 pm

Motion made by Ted Willard to use current-year September enrollment data, instead of prior-year March enrollment data, to establish which schools should use the largest graduation venue. Motion seconded.

Amendment 1 by Sally Taber: Strongly urge Community Superintendents to look at their schedules sooner for graduation dates.

Amendment 2 by Andrea Bernardo: Publish graduation date for schools that are not using largest venue as soon as they are available.

Amendment 2 approved by voice vote

Amendment 1 approved by voice vote

Motion approved as amended by voice vote at 9:13 pm

Bylaws Committee – Linna Barnes

Quorum issue discussed. At issue is that MDPTA has “pounded” (made mandatory) on Council Bylaws that we have a majority (more than 50%) of BOD members present to have quorum for official business, replacing the former requirement of 15 members.

To change the MDPTA Council template: Amendments can only be made to the Maryland PTA bylaws. There currently is no process for suggesting a change in the Council Template. Amendments are submitted to the Maryland PTA bylaws committee which presents all amendments to the Maryland PTA Board of Directors. If the Maryland PTA Board approves the amendments, they are presented at the annual convention for approval by the convention body.

MOTION by Juan Johnson to make the following change to our bylaws:

That the bylaws committee proceeds with revising our bylaws so that the Board of Directors will consist of only the elected officers and Area Vice Presidents and create a second advisory board consisting of the elected officers, Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators, and Committee Chairs.

Amendment brought forth by Ted Willard to table the above motion for a month and to request Linna Barnes, Bylaws Chair, to research the bylaws ramifications of the above action to our bylaws and to gauge the reaction of such changes from MDPTA. Seconded by Juan Johnson.

Amendment failed by raised hands at 9:49.

Approved by show of hands at 9:52pm.

It is noted that the Delegate Assembly must approve making a change to the bylaws before any change can be introduced.

Also noted is that qualifications would change for many positions, most notably that Cluster Coordinators would now not be eligible for officer positions; only Board Members (after change would just be Area Vice Presidents) are eligible for Elected officer positions.

Nominating Committee – Andrea Bernardo

They still need people to come forward with ideas for nominations for elected positions. Still need more input.

Grading & Reporting Committee – Beth Kennington

Grading Calculation workgroup papers presented and update about One Text workgroup.

Old Business:

Not addressed

New Business:

Month of the Young Child Sponsorship

Motion by Linna Barnes to add our name as a sponsor the Month of the Young Child. Motion seconded by Stacy Menendez. Approved by voice vote at 9:57pm.

Memorial Gift for Marilyn Praisner

Motion by Stacy Menendez to give \$200 to the Memorial Fund.

Amendment presented by Dale Ryan to increase amount by \$50 to \$250.

Amendment passed.

Motion approved as amended at 10:05 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm.