

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kay Romero, Kristin Tribble, Juan Johnson, 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, Priscilla Peterson, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Frances Frost, Jennifer Cope, Keith Parsky, Merry Eisner, Laura Siegel, Ted Willard, Sonya Leaman, Annie Ahmed, Virginia Twombly, Dawn Dolan, Susan Burkinshaw, Beth Kennington, Paul Morrison, Kevin David

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kay Romero, called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to add Middle School Advanced Courses under New Business. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of February 4, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: – A motion was made to approve the February minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Jaimie Jacobson discussed the online banking messages on the listserv. He reiterated that PTAs are not allowed to use online banking to insure that more than one person is viewing the bank records. Kay announced that the Policies and Procedure Committee will most likely be reviewing this topic on the Maryland PTA level. Jaimie announced that 990s and audits are due to Maryland PTA and that Personal Property returns are due on April 15. Jaimie advises that local PTAs review materials such as Cash Encounters and the Treasurer's Handbook for a sample audit format.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Office – Kay Romero reminded all that Maryland PTA has upgraded their database which identifies PTAs that are coming up for renewal of bylaws. PTAs receive letters from MDPTA and MCCPTA regarding what is missing from their paperwork and records for being in good standing and are asked to submit all missing items.

VP Legislation – We had a total of 17 people join us for Annapolis night! The Legislative Committee is monitoring bills along with the Maryland PTA. Concerns have been expressed about Financial Literacy, and it was noted we have a past resolution supporting a one semester course in this area. Maintenance of effort bills were heard last week.

VP Programs – Carol Salsbury distributed a flyer for the March DA program. There will be an update on the secondary learning center transition. There was a program on the New Middle

School Advanced Courses last week, and about 30 people came out. It was a very productive program.

VP Administration – Juan Johnson made a brief announcement about Operating Budget testimony before the County Council the week we come back from Spring Break (April 5-8). He needs responses back as soon as possible for who will be testifying for each cluster and what evenings are preferred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operating Budget – Pam Moomau announced that there is a link to a PowerPoint presentation from the County Council that she will post on the bulletin. It shows there is a large projected shortfall in revenues. Pam said that advocacy effort at the local level is extremely important, and she encouraged locals to come out to the testimony.

CIP – Testimony before the County Council was in February, and everyone did a great job. The Board of Education is scheduling a CIP workshop for the summer. Steve drafted a letter to the BOE asking that we participate.

MCPS is moving forward with FACT scores reevaluation, and the first meeting is March 16. There was discussion about the process of facility assessment criteria testing. Steve announced that he and Kay would be attending will be participating in the meetings for MCCPTA and would be asking for input.

Health & Safety Committee – Laurie Halverson needs input on vestibules at front entrances of Elementary Schools as an additional measure of safety, particularly schools getting additions, as it is now standard during a modernization. Laurie will work with Steve Augustino and get back to the board of directors.

Resolution passed on Policy JHF, Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation at the Delegates Assembly and will go before the BOE on March 9. There was discussion about in-school versus out-of-school suspensions.

There will be a Health & Safety Committee meeting on March 22 and Laurie encouraged people to come.

Nominating Committee – Kevin David announced that the committee is soliciting nominations. The deadline is March 15 for all positions.

CLUSTER REPORTS:

Churchill – Criminal charges may be filed for the students who participated in altering grades in the computer system. There will be a Town Meeting on Monday night.

Clarksburg – Jaimie Jacobson mentioned hosting Destination Imagination which is a competition for kids participating in problem solving activities.

Wootten –The Richard Montgomery Cluster meeting with BOE is upcoming.

Blake – Lee Ann Doerflinger announced an upcoming NEC clusters meeting to discuss the Elementary School report cards pilot program.

Springbrook – Dawn Dolan announced the Springbrook PTSA award for Champions for Children.

Paint Branch – Patti Twigg is working with Central Office and staff to prepare for the Paint Branch HS ground breaking ceremony.

Northwest – The cluster is sponsoring a speaker, Sean Taylor, presenting on the 10 Laws for Effective Parenting in the 21st Century. An announcement will be put out on the listserv. There was discussion about how a Gazette article was handled on bullying at Great Seneca Creek.

Quince Orchard – Paul Morrison stated that membership is not dropping. There was discussion of overcrowding.

Seneca Valley – Did not have a Cluster meeting in January nor February (due to the snow). There was a mention of the Pledge of Allegiance conflict at Roberto Clemente.

Magruder – Ted mentioned a meeting to rev up more interest on the Operating Budget at Magruder HS. There was discussion about an incident at Magruder HS during a power outage where a student was injured after a food fight in the cafeteria.

Shady Grove MS has a principal search.

Flower Hill has concerns about PTA participation.

Walter Johnson – Battling with White Flint Development. Tilden is being modernized. The quad is having a “beach week” meeting.

Whitman – Preparing for meeting with BOE on March 11 at Bradley Hills.

Kennedy – Frances Frost reported that membership is low. Construction has started on the homes where the Indian Spring Country Club used to be.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coffees During Legislative Session/Election Years – There was discussion about the perception of coffees. The coffees will not be sponsored by MCCPTA and therefore will not be posted on the listservs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Search Discussion – Steve Augustino suggested we begin dialogue about the search moving forward. There was discussion about the time frame (February 11, 2011) in which the superintendent will announce his decision. Kay suggested we wait until the new MCCPTA board is elected. She also provided background information from the Board of Education(BOE) Operations Handbook and from past BOE meeting minutes as to a possible timeline in relation to the current superintendent's contract and future search.

Middle School Advanced Courses – Ted Willard discussed the proposed resolution for Middle School Advanced Courses.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A student in the Middle School magnet consortium is asking MCCPTA to promote voting on our listservs in a Pepsi Refresh grant for teachers' salaries. Upon discussion, the board's consensus is that the message was not appropriate for the Bulletin listserv, but the student would be contacted and told to contact a Delegate to send the message on the Delegates listserv.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Maryland PTA has two openings: VP for Councils and Treasurer.

Kay discussed a possible fundraising item from MDPTA. The Hair Cattery will donate to PTA each time parents use their services from March 15 to April 30. More information needs to be gathered.

The Paint Branch Ground Breaking Ceremony will be held March 20 at Paint Branch High School at 10AM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
DeBora King, Recording Secretary BOD