

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 4, 2010 at Carver Education Services Center

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kristin Tribble, Laurie Halverson, Paul Morrison, DeBora King, Jaimie Jacobson, Debra Lang and Sonya Leaman

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Steve Augustino, Juan Johnson, Beth Kenington, Mary Abe, Craig Brown, Jennifer Cope, Keith Parsky, Jean Schlesinger, Ted Willard, Todd Powell, Janet Sanchez, Dawn Lee, Laurie Augustino, Martha Crews, Sumbal Sheldon, Cheryl Moss Herman, Cheryl Pierce, Chris Kelly and Patti Twigg

Additional Attendees: Kay Romero, MDPTA President Elect

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kristin Tribble, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to add the Curriculum Committee under Committee Reports to the agenda to add a discussion of the proposed resignation of the Public Relations Committee Chair under New Business. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of May 6, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Laurie Halverson asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that Montgomery County is eliminating the Department of Safe and Drug Free Schools as of July 1st. She lamented that many of the preventive programs for drugs and alcohol will be lost as a result. A motion was made to approve the May minutes, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jaimie Jacobson reported that we are in sound financial shape, with approximately \$13,000 in reserve funds. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2010. The 2010-2011 budget will be created with less growth expectations. The BOD will be presented with audit proposals at the next BOD meeting (in late August). There was a motion to remove Patti Twigg and Kay Romero as signatories on the bank account and to replace them with Laurie Halverson and Sonya Leaman, which motion passed by voice vote. Jaimie is intending to offer trainings to local Treasurers to specifically address issues regarding the timely and accurate filings of the 990s – they should be offered September-November. Treasurer's report will be filed.

All were reminded that local PTAs need to register and be in good standing this year in order to receive their official PTA kits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operating Budget: All were encouraged to speak with their Principals to determine how cuts being made will affect their school. If clusters have comments on the Superintendent's recommendations, please share them with MCCPTA and the BOD so that common reactions/issues can be effectively supported.

CIP: Steve Augustino, CIP Chair, reminded the Board that CIP comments were due June 1st. To date, he has only received 10 – please get the others in ASAP. Steve also reminded the Board that FACT comments were due on May 28th, and will be presented as the Superintendent's recommendations on June 15th. Steve reported that under the CIP to be adopted on June 8th, modernizations and HVAC modernizations fared well, but that TechMod suffered. He noted that the Clarksburg Middle and High Schools projects got pushed back. Steve reminded all that in July, area meetings with Bruce Crispell will be held.

Training: DeBora King, Vice President of Programs, announced that Spring Training will be held on Monday June 7th at Blake High School and will include two new classes this year: one on Painless Fundraising, and one on Membership.

Curriculum: Ted Willard, co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee, discussed how MCPS is rolling out an integrated curriculum for K-5 (focusing on skills integration, more than content) over the next few years. Kindergarten and 1st Grade curriculums are expected to be altered during this coming year. There was some question about how the integrated curriculum would affect grading and reporting. Ted will continue to monitor and to report to the BOD.

CLUSTER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Cabin John: Laurie Halverson reiterated her concern about the situation at Cabin John Middle School that she shared over the BOD eList that in all of the planning meetings that the Cabin John community had with MCPS and the architects, a retaining wall was never mentioned. There followed a brief discussion about the role of public notice in CIP issues, including the use of portables – which was relevant to the Twinbrook community, among others.

Richard Montgomery: Cluster has grave concerns regarding growth and wonders what position MCCPTA might be able to take to help them advocate. Steve agreed to forward to the cluster leadership past MCCPTA positions regarding growth policy as a starting point.

Blake: A motion was made to accept the resignation of DeBora King, the Blake Cluster Coordinator, which motion was approved on voice vote.

Presidents/Principal's Dinner: There was a brief discussion about the venue and format of the annual dinner.

Public Relations: Patti Twigg brought forward the resignation of Lee Ann Doerflinger as Public Relations Chair, who was unable to attend the meeting due to family health issues. While the BOD recognizes that Lee Ann is currently not very available for MCCPTA Public Relations work, they also recognize that there is very little time left in her commitment as Chair. Consensus was reached to instead express our understanding of her situation and willingness to help out whenever possible.

MDPTA Official Quarterly Visit: Kay Romero addressed the BOD as the representative for MDPTA. In addition to providing an update on MDPTA events, she discussed MDPTA's Standards of Affiliation chart regarding local PTAs and answered questions concerning the chart.

There followed a brief discussion about the pending reduction in the number of Educational Facilities Officers (EFOs) as part of the budget compromises. There appears to be support for providing 9 EFOs next year; their placement is yet to be determined. Many schools expressed concern about this reduction.

President Kristin Tribble adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Debra Lang, Recording Secretary BOD