

**Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association (MCCPTA)**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on April 3, 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: Steve Augustino, Linna Barnes, Tracy Fox, John Hall, Beth Kennington, Sharon St. Pierre, Sharon Shulman, Jim Keenan, Paul Morrison, Julie Lucas, Brenda Martin, Jack Hayes, Joy White, Pam Moomau, Paula Robinson, Karen Smith, Kate Savage, Laurie Halverson, Janette Gilman, Lori Merrill, Andrea Bernardo, Amy Hartley, Kristen Tribble, Susan Young, Lee Anne Doerflinger, Patti Twigg, Fran Simons, Diane Dickson

38 in attendance, 43 needed for quorum

Call to Order: 7:41 pm

Amendments to Agenda:

Remove letter in new business

Approval of Minutes

*2 changes to March minutes: Add Jaime Jacobsen as maker of motion to send the Middle School Foreign Language Resolution back to the Curriculum Committee and Add the full text of the 2 resolutions from the Curriculum Committee. Minutes approved as amended at 7:47 pm.*

Treasurer's Report: We will not get 55,000 members this year, the forecast is 49,000, which will affect gross revenue. Approximately 10 PTA's still have not paid their insurance dues.

Insurance: This year, MCCPTA covers the cost and waits for reimbursement from local units. Starting next year, there will be no "float" – i.e., a new insurance company, chosen by the state PTA, will bill the locals directly. A list distributed at this meeting showed dues received from local units by MCCPTA & Maryland PTA, Insurance paid, and when bylaws are due for review.

Treasurer's Listserve: About 20 schools are without emails for their treasurers.

**Officers Reports:**

President's – Jane de Winter

Climate Surveys – we need a person to tabulate the Beyond the Bake Sale surveys.

Collaboration Council Symposium – they need parents to participate. It is to be held on May 29 at the Universities at Shady Grove. The topic is after-school programs and the topics to be discussed will include the space available for the programs and the quality of programs. The focus will most likely be middle school programs.

Jennifer Hughes, Special Assistant to Ike Leggett, has contacted MCCPTA about Mr. Leggett making a presentation at the MCCPTA delegates assembly.

***Motion made by Victor Salazar to invite Ike Leggett to the May delegate assembly. Motion seconded. Motion defeated by voice vote at 9 pm.***

***Motion made by Paula Robinson to invite Ike Leggett to May Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded. Motion passed by voice vote at 9:04pm.***

Operating Budget – the budget cuts decisions made by the County Council have not been made and won't be made until May.

We cannot testify to the MCPS employment contracts. National PTA have given us guidance to not comment on teachers contracts.

*Vice President for Programs – April Keyes*

Presidents & Principals Dinner - \$9,990 has been raised for the dinner thus far. Tickets prices will stay the same as last year. We are \$3000 below budget in donations. All costs associated with our venue, Marriott, have gone up.

Dinner will be provided by Champions.

The committee still needs volunteers. Volunteers will need to arrive at the Marriott no later than 4:30 for setup.

They are still looking for performers for the dinner and gift certificates for those performers. A Jazz Ensemble is desired.

The centerpieces are being provided by Roberto Clemente Elementary School.

*Vice President for Education – Kay Romero*

Student Transportation Policy – Comment period is open until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Kay hopes for MCCPTA to get a seat on the MCPS workgroup. June 10 is the tentative final approval date. One of the subjects is eligibility for transportation.

In reference to language about the transportation policy and crossing guards, send all comments and concerns to Pam Moomau.

*Vice President for Administration – Liz Wheeler*

Liz sent the names of those who will testify to the listserv and circulated the testimony list tonight for attending BOD members to review.

The Summer Leadership Conference will be held on July 26 at Anne Arundel Community College.

**Committee Reports**

*Operating Budget* – General financial picture and testimony talking points were passed out. Information is on the website and the listserves.

Other areas affected outside of MCPS Budget:

Crossing Guards – no increases

EFO's

Linkages to Learning

George B. Thomas Learning Academy – specifically the Ruth Rales reading program.

If the property tax increase does not pass, MCPS's shortfall will be even bigger than currently projected.

*Grading and Reporting*

OneText document has been finalized. They are not sure where it's going next. The next Grading and Reporting Committee will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Montgomery County Region Student Government Association has been invited.

*Health & Wellness*

The program on April 22 – there were close to 2000 responses to the Health & Wellness survey. They have many speakers lined up, including Shirley Brandman. Be sure to come before 7 pm due to the elections to be held.

## **New Business**

*Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Maryland PTA Council Template – the difference is no pound sign.*

**Motion made by Karen Smith to ask Jane to send this change to Maryland PTA. Motion seconded.**

**Passed by voice vote at 9:41pm.**

*George B. Thomas Learning Academy Golf Tournament sponsorship:*

Motion made by Karen Smith to sponsor this with a \$50 donation. Motion seconded. Passed by voice vote at 9:40 pm.

### *Climate Surveys*

Some schools sent them out on their own. The President of the Principals' Union asked MCPS, Robin Confino, to clarify what they are to do. The instruction from Larry Bower was that they are not to send it out. School Improvement Teams are allowed to send them out, however.

Public comment on this issue is encouraged at the next Board of Education meeting, which is on Tuesday, April 8.

Jane de Winter will write a letter to respond to the injustice of not letting MCCPTA members distribute surveys.

*Elections:* Cluster Coordinators should touch base with their local units to offer help with elections.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.