

Minutes MCCPTA Board Directors
August 7, 2008

Officers

Kay Romero, President, Ted Willard, VP Educational Issues Liz Wheeler, VP Administration, Karen Smith, VP Programs, Merry Eisner, VP Legislation, Dale Ryan, Treasurer, Patti Twigg Recording Secretary, Delegate Assembly, Andrea Q. Bernardo, Recording Secretary, Board of Directors

AVPs, Cluster Coordinators and Committee Chairs

April Keyes, (Membership), Susan Joyce Thomas, Mary Abe, Janette Gilman, Beth Kennington, Sharon St. Pierre, Linda White, Dee Dee Jacobsohn, Liz Sadore, Dawn Dolan, Jim Keenan, Paul Morrison, Susan Young, Jeanne Taylor, Joe Stewart, Naghma Husain

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

Liz Wheeler reported on training. She reminded everyone of the MDPTA training on August 9. MCCPTA Fall Training will be at Rockville High School on September 6. Sessions will include: Presidents and VP's; Delegates; Treasurers; Secretaries; Board Members; Legislation and Advocacy; FLES; Hands-On Science; By-Laws; and Cultural Arts. Please contact Liz or DeBora King to assist with refreshments.

Kay Romero announced that the next Delegates Assembly (DA) will include a Committee Fair from 7:00-7:30 PM. The business meeting portion for the Delegate Assemblies will start promptly at 7:30 with the goal of getting out no later than 9:30. Patti Twigg announced members should look at the web site for updates to meeting dates as well as when programs are scheduled before the business portion.

Kay Romero discussed the recurring issues from the summer area meetings. Some identified issues of concern were:

Safe Environments
Teach the Whole Child
More After School Activities/Care
More Stakeholder Input

Meaningful Communication
Genuine Accountability
Qualified Staff
Smaller Class Size

These issues and others will be offered at the October DA for the Budget Compact and the MCCPTA Resolution on FY10 Operating Budget Priorities.

Kay Romero announced that MCPS will hold Community Forums on September 18 and October 16. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak on the following question: "During difficult economic times, what priorities in the Montgomery County Public Schools strategic plan should we focus on for the 2009-2010 school year to improve achievement for all students?"
How to Sign Up to Testify: Call the Board of Education office at 301-279-3617 or 1-800-735-2258 (Maryland Relay)

- Sign up for the September 18 forum starting August 28
- Sign up for the October 16 forum starting September 25

Dates and Locations:

- Thursday, September 18, from 7-9:30 pm at **Watkins Mill High School**
- Thursday, October, 16, from 7-9:30 pm at **Albert Einstein High School**

MCPS Calendar Committee for 2009-2010 will be forming. When we receive the dates for the workgroups meetings we will ask for volunteers to participate.

The Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year, 10/6, 12/3,3/2,5/20 at Carver. MCCPTA needs volunteers to attend these meetings.

MCPS is re-designing the Parent Involvement Policy Group. Meetings are 9/11, 10/2, 11/6, 7:00-8:15. Volunteers are needed to serve on the workgroup.

Committee Work Plans were approved, as amended. Significant issues are as follows:

Communications: Postings will be on the web site within 7 days unless marked ASAP.

Office—will need a new computer soon.

Legislative Committee—needs committee members. The VP is scheduling meetings with State Delegates and Senators and is looking for constituents to participate. The Legislative Dinner is November 10.

Special Education will hold 3 community meetings this year in addition to the year end MCCPTA Special Education Recognition Ceremony. All dates will be posted on the website.

Membership—the goal is to increase membership by 20%. MDPTA has asked that each local PTA increase their membership by 5 members.

Blue Book Information is still needed for schools.

Sharon St. Pierre reported on her research for an alternative venue locations for the Presidents and Principals Dinner. The Marriott remains the only facility that can accommodate the size. Jane DeWinter has agreed to stay on and assist Sharon in planning the dinner. Plans are being made to obtain more sponsor money. Letters will go out to solicit donations.

Dale Ryan provided the Treasurer's Report. The budget remains very tight. Dale reminded everyone to copy only at the MCCPTA office—as no reimbursements for copying will be paid for outside copying unless approved. With regard to copying, she is auditing the number of copies made last month, as it was over the allotment for the machine of 15,000 per month. Insurance—Maryland will not send out invoices—the receipt is the enrollment form. She reminded PTA's that they might need higher limits. All PTSA's must have audits or Financial Reviews. PTSA's with over \$100,000 need CPA certifications. Dale provided pricing for MCCPTA

audits. A financial review would be about \$2,000 and a full audit would be \$3,500-\$6,000. She suggested alternating years for audits and reviews.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.