

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 3, 2009 at Carver Education Services Center

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kay Romero, Kristen Tribble, Rebecca Smondrowski, Carol Salsbury, Jaimie Jacobson, DeBora King, Patti Twigg

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Andrea Q. Bernardo, Laurie Halverson, Merry Eisner, Roy Broussard, Juan Johnson, Jim Keenan, Paul Morrison, Kevin Farragher, Kevin David, Ted Willard, Sonya Leaman, Donna Pfeiffer, Annie Ahmed, Dawn Trahern, Dawn Lee, Valerie Rivers, Steve Augustino, Martha Crews, Jack Hayes, Craig Brown, Sally Taber, Jennifer Chambers, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Virginia Twombly, Jennifer Cope, Priscilla Peterson, Mary Abe, Don Mewha, Elisia George, Frances Frost, Pam Moomau

Other Attendees: Dale Ryan

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: MCCPTA President, Kay Romero, called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM. A quorum was present.

Agenda: Kay Romero made a motion to move the following up on the agenda: Vote in new Cluster Coordinator – Sherwood Cluster and Approval of Committee Work Plan – Parent Involvement; and to move Officer Reports to the end of the agenda. Motion passed to accept agenda as amended.

Sherwood Cluster Coordinator Vote – Patti Twigg nominated Virginia Twombly to be the Sherwood Cluster Coordinator. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Profit and Loss statement and Balance Sheet as of September 3 were distributed along with the Proposed Budget for 2009-2010.

Proposed Budget - Jaimie Jacobson made a motion to approve a proposed budget to be presented at the September 22, 2009 Delegates Assembly for discussion and approval by the MCCPTA Delegates for the fiscal year 2009 to 2010. Motion passed.

Proposed Dues Increase - Jaimie proposed that MCCPTA raise the membership dues from \$1.00 per member to \$1.25 per member. Jaimie proposed bringing it forward to the Delegates in the spring of 2010.

Audit – Upon review and consultation, Jaimie concluded that a review (\$2,200) will be just as sufficient as an audit (\$4,000) by Rosenbloom & Associates.

Merry Eisner made a motion that we have a review for the 08-09 school year. Motion passed.

Minutes – April and May, June, August BOD Meeting (**No minutes – Business was not conducted due to no quorum**). Andrea Bernardo moved that we approve the March minutes. There was a question by Laurie Halverson regarding page 3 and the discussion

of the bylaws with regard to the number of Cluster Coordinators on the BOD. Kay suggested we review the past minutes notes and bring forth the minutes for a vote at the October 1 meeting when we have all of the information in front of us.

Parent Involvement Work Plan - Elisia George made a motion to approve the Parent Involvement Committee Work Plan – motion passed.

Patti Twigg made a motion to change the guidelines for our Board of Directors listserv as follows:

Membership on the BOD listserv shall include officers, area vice presidents, all cluster coordinators from all clusters, chairs of committees, chairs of sub-committees, points-of-contact for committees, the immediate past president of MCCPTA, and the MCCPTA office manager.

Juan Johnson made an amendment to Patti's motion to read as follows:

*Membership on the BOD listserv shall include **members of the BOD**, all cluster coordinators from all clusters, chairs of committees, chairs of sub-committees, points-of-contact for committees, the immediate past president of MCCPTA, and the MCCPTA office manager.*

Juan's motion passed.

After a call to vote for the full motion as amended, the motion passed.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment of **ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – Patti Twigg made a motion to propose a bylaws change to the Delegates Assembly as follows:

From

Section 3. The members of the board of directors shall be elected officers, area vice presidents, cluster coordinators, chairs of communities, immediate past president of MCCPTA, and members of the Maryland PTA board of directors residing in Montgomery County. A parliamentarian (non-voting) may be appointed by the president, subject to approval by the executive committee.

To read:

Section 3. The members of the board of directors shall be elected officers, area vice presidents, **one cluster coordinator per cluster**, and chairs of **standing** committees. A parliamentarian (non-voting) may be appointed by the president, subject to approval by the executive committee. **The immediate past president of MCCPTA, members of the Maryland PTA board of directors residing in Montgomery County, other cluster coordinators, chairs of ad hoc committees, subcommittee chairs and committee points of contact may participate in discussion at the meetings, but will not be permitted to vote, and thus will not count in the quorum.**

Ted Willard made an amendment to Patti's motion to add the following:

Each cluster shall have the authority to designate which of their cluster coordinators will represent them at any Board of Directors meeting.

Ted's motion was tabled.

After calling question to halt debate, a vote was conducted. The motion to halt debate passed. The proposed motion was then voted on. The voted was 28 for and 7 opposed. Patti's motion passed.

Merry Eisner made a motion to propose bylaws amendments to the Delegates Assembly for **ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS** as follows:

Section 6. Regular meetings of the board of directions shall be held nine times per year (each month) unless the board of directors votes exceptions.

And

Section 9. the board of directors, by a two thirds (2/3) vote of its members present and voting, may remove from office an officer who fails to perform his/her duties as outlined in these bylaws or the current standing rules, fails to attend four (4) consecutive executive committee and/or board of directors meetings without being excused.

Finally, upon adoption of these bylaws amendments, the BOD will charge the Executive Committee to reduce the number of voting committee chairs to 12, using their authority to create committees (and therefore committee votes. I'm certain that the current Executive Committee can manage to organize our current committees into a structure that will be effective for our organization).

Patti Twigg offered a friendly amendment to replace **an officer** with **a member** in Section 9.

Ted Willard made a friendly amendment to remove **executive committee and/or** in Section 9.

Juan Johnson made an amendment to Merry's proposal to reduce four (4) consecutive meetings to two (2).

Juan's motion failed.

Paul Morrison made an amendment to Merry's motion as follows:

may remove from office a member or voting privilege from a cluster who fails

Paul's motion failed.

After calling the question, a vote was conducted. The motion to halt debate passed. Merry's proposed motion was then voted on and passed.

The president allowed a request to sever the third paragraph of Merry's proposal which reads:

Finally, upon adoption of these bylaws amendments, the BOD will charge the Executive Committee to reduce the number of voting committee chairs to 12, using their authority to create committees.

Jim Keenan proposed a change in the paragraph stating *not to exceed 12*.

Ted Willard proposed a change in the paragraph as follows:

...Executive Committee to propose a committee structure such that the number of standing committee chairs shall not exceed...

This motion passed.

Operating Budget Priorities – Pam Moomau presented Proposed Resolution on FY2011 Operating Budget Priorities (distributed), The BOD voted to move the proposed resolution forward to the Delegates Assembly for a vote in October.

CIP Priorities Resolution – Steve Augustino presented two different versions of a CIP resolution on the Restroom Renovation Project. One was an expansion of the renovation project (distributed). The other was advocating for an increase in the maintenance of restrooms. The BOD agreed with moving the proposed alternative resolution forward to the Delegates Assembly for a vote in October. Steve proposed to move forward to the DA the draft Resolution on the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program Budget and FY 2011-2016 CIP (distributed). The BOD agreed with moving the proposed alternative resolution forward to the DA. Steve proposed the BOD endorse the Resolution on the 2009 County Growth Policy (distributed). The BOD agreed to endorse the resolution to be presented at the County Council's hearing on 9/22/09 along with testimony.

President/Principal's Dinner – Dale Ryan distributed the budget for the 2009 President/Principal's Dinner and proposed a cost increase from \$60-\$65 per ticket. Juan Johnson made a motion to increase the cost of the President/Principal's dinner ticket from \$60-\$65. Motion passed.

Officer reports and additional information will be sent out via the BOD Listserv.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 PM.

-----ATTACHMENTS-----

Dear fellow BOD members,

At the upcoming September meeting, I will be bringing forward the two items below. We have not made quorum the last 4 Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, and as an organization, we cannot function properly if we cannot make quorum.

With that in mind, I propose changing our bylaws, which currently read:

ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. The members of the board of directors shall be elected officers, area vice presidents, cluster coordinators, chairs of committees, immediate past president of MCCPTA, and members of the Maryland PTA board of directors residing in Montgomery County. A parliamentarian (non-voting) may be appointed by the president, subject to approval by the executive committee.

To read thusly:

Section 3. The members of the board of directors shall be elected officers, area vice presidents, **one cluster coordinator per cluster, and** chairs of **standing** committees. A parliamentarian (non-voting) may be appointed by the president, subject to approval by the executive committee. **The immediate post president of MCCPTA, members of the Maryland PTA board of directors residing in Montgomery County, other cluster coordinators, chairs of ad hoc committees, subcommittee chairs and committee points of contact may participate in discussion at the meetings, but will not be permitted to vote, and thus will not count in the quorum.**

Patti Twigg

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

All under Article VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held *nine times per year* [each month] unless the board of directors votes exceptions. *This reduces the number of meetings by two. This will be handled by next year's Executive Committee upon election since this year's calendar is set.*

Section 9. The board of directors, by a two thirds (2/3) vote of its members present and voting, may remove from office a member who fails to perform his/her duties as outlined in these bylaws or the current standing rules, *fails to attend four (4) consecutive board of directors meetings without being excused, ...* *This inserts an attendance requirement – or at least you have to call an executive committee member and explain why you can't make it.*

Submitted by
Merry Eisner
Churchill Cluster Coordinator
September 3, 2009

MCCPTA Proposed Resolution on FY2011 Operating Budget Priorities

Whereas, MCCPTA's mission is to speak for children and without question our highest budget priority is education;

Be it resolved that the MCCPTA Delegates approve the following operating budget priorities for the organization to concentrate on this budget year.

Minimum possible class sizes,

Well-maintained, safe, secure, mold-free school facilities,

Sensible, developmentally appropriate, fully supported curriculum implementation,

Adequate staffing for special education students,

Focus on adequate school-home as well as home-school communication,

and

Academic support for students needing assistance and/or enrichment.

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Resolution on the FY 2011
Capital Improvement Program Budget
And FY2011-2016 CIP

WHEREAS, in November, 2009, the Montgomery County Board of Education will consider a Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request and a FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request;

WHEREAS, in order to implement the FY 2011-2016 CIP the county and the state must make available sufficient funding sources from the state and county budgets, including at least \$40 million in state school construction funding;

WHEREAS, in this fiscal environment, the availability of sufficient funding is subject to significant uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the types of projects planned in the FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request and the amended FY 2011-2016 Capital Improvements Program would provide critical school additions, modernizations and other improvements to provide students with safe, secure and adequate learning facilities;

THEREFORE, the MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT the County and State should provide adequate funding to ensure that critical school projects may proceed forward as planned;

THAT the State should provide school construction funding to the County in an amount at least equal to \$40 million;

THAT the County and the Board of Education should reconcile budgetary restraints in a way that does not harm the educational opportunities provided to all students and that provides all students with a safe, healthy and modern learning environment for education;

THAT MCCPTA supports prioritizing available funds to ensure that planned school additions and modernizations are not delayed; and

THAT MCCPTA further supports prioritizing available funds to support county-wide programs for HVAC Replacement, Roof Replacement, Building Modifications and Program Improvements, Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement and School Security Improvements.

**ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE RENOVATION PROJECT**

**MCCPTA Board of Directors
Resolution on the Restroom Renovation Project
In the FY 2011-2016
Capital Improvement Program**

WHEREAS, in November, 2009, the Montgomery County Board of Education will consider a Recommended FY 2011 Capital Budget appropriation request and a FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request;

WHEREAS, the Recommended CIP is expected to contain a recommendation regarding the continuation of an existing Restroom Renovation project to an additional 108 schools in the county;

WHEREAS, it is desired that MCCPTA determine its position on the scope and timing of the Restroom Renovation project in time to comment upon the Recommended CIP before it is considered by the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, individual schools have submitted comments on the conditions of the restrooms for MCPS' consideration in evaluating the 108 schools for the next phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, the CIP Committee has been studying the Restroom Renovation project results and has met with MCPS staff regarding the scope and timing of the next phase of the project;

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors RESOLVES:

THAT the CIP Committee shall present to the September Delegates Assembly a resolution regarding the scope and timing of the Restroom Renovation project in the CIP;

THAT the CIP Committee shall present a recommendation to the Delegates Assembly supporting the expansion of the scope of the Restroom Renovation project to include a full replacement and upgrade of fixtures in the restrooms, including upgrades to improve ventilation in restrooms and including, where building conditions make it feasible, upgrades to reduce energy, water and utility usage in school restrooms;

THAT the CIP Committee shall include in the recommendation to the Delegates Assembly a recommendation that the Board of Education allocate sufficient funds to expand the Restroom Renovation project to meet these objectives; and

THAT in CIP Committee request a vote on a Restroom Renovation resolution at the October Delegates Assembly.

**MCCPTA Board of Directors
Resolution on the 2009
County Growth Policy**

WHEREAS, in September, 2009, the Montgomery County Council will hold a hearing on the draft 2009 County Growth Policy;

WHEREAS, the County Growth Policy contains several features designed to ensure that County schools will be able to accommodate growth approved by the Planning Board without overcrowding schools or adversely impacting the County's ability to provide high quality schools for all students;

WHEREAS, MCCPTA has testified in the past on the Growth Policy to ensure that schools are not negatively impacted by growth; and

WHEREAS, the draft County Growth Policy contains several proposed revisions;

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors RESOLVES:

THAT the President shall submit comments on the draft 2009 County Growth Policy to the County Council;

THAT the comments shall be consistent with MCCPTA's testimony in 2007 and previous MCCPTA positions on growth policy issues; and

THAT, consistent with the above, the comments shall:

- * oppose raising the threshold for a school facilities payment from 105% to 110% of MCPS-rated school capacity;
 - * support the retention of the 120% threshold for moratorium;
 - * recommend that the Council study whether a school-by-school test at the elementary school level will better tailor growth policy to school capacity concerns;
 - * support the continued use of MCPS-rated school capacity for the school facilities payment and moratorium thresholds;
 - * oppose the draft's proposal to permit "grandfathering" of applications that have not received final Planning Board approval before a cluster reaches moratorium status;
 - * oppose the Board of Education's request that school facilities payments be placed in the general fund, but support flexibility to allow the Board of Education to use school facilities payments on any project that relieves capacity issues in the affected cluster; and
 - * encourage the County Council to ensure that adequate funds are provided to relieve capacity issues in school facilities, since the school facilities payment, by design, only covers 60% of the marginal cost of construction to accommodate each new student generated.
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