

MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, February 3, 2011 at Carver Education Services Center - Auditorium

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Kristin Tribble, Laurie Halverson, Paul Morrison, Rebecca Smondrowski, Jaimie Jacobson and Debra Lang

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Andrea Bernardo, Steve Augustino, Ted Willard, Donna Pfeiffer, Janette Gilman, Pam Moomau, Christopher Kelly, Cheryl Peirce, Jennifer Cope, Keith Parsky, Patti Twigg, Larry Edmonds, Jennifer Chambers, Frances Frost, David Lechner, Michelle Gluck, Suzanne Weiss, Juan Johnson, Beth Kennington, Jim Keenan, Kevin David, Todd Powell, Dawn Trahern, Laurie Augustino and Martha Crews.

OPENING BUSINESS:

Call to Order: At 7:45 pm MCCPTA Vice President of Administration Paul Morrison determined that a quorum was reached and President Kristin Tribble called the meeting to order.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

While reviewing the agenda, Andrea Bernardo asked that the discussion about the MCCPTA Dinners with the Board of Education from last meeting be added to our agenda. Patti Twigg asked that the motion regarding Kay Romero's status on the BOD eList that was tabled last month be added to the agenda. With these additions, the Agenda was approved.

While reviewing the draft minutes from the January 6th meeting, Patti Twigg pointed out that on page 3, under New Business, By-Laws Committee, Section 5, 2nd line should read:

“necessary by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or by the MCCPTA. The”

Changing the “>” to “.” was approved.

Andrea Bernardo asked that in the section under New Business dealing with the Dinners with the Board of Education Issue, that the last line be struck and better reflect what happened at the meeting. “Much discussion ensued during which the Treasurer reported that \$127.20 was spent on the CIP Dinner” was agreed upon.

With these changes, the minutes of the January 6, 2011 BOD meeting were approved.

Officer Reports:

President:

President Kristin Tribble asked that BOD Members who would like to participate in the upcoming Study Circles program please email her. The program will be held at Carver, on 6 consecutive Wednesdays, starting on Wednesday, February 23rd. Kristin reminded all AVPs and Cluster Coordinators, that they are responsible for supervising their locals through the compliance requirements from MDPTA. She also notified the BOD that she received a letter from MDPTA asserting that MCCPTA was not in compliance, to which

she responded that MCCPTA had fulfilled those requirements enumerated in the By-Laws, and that she received a letter back from the President of MDPTA confirming this assertion. Kristin explained to the BOD that the additional items for which MDPTA was looking appear to be HER requirements as a member of their BOD - - which items have since been taken care of, and confirmed by MDPTA.

Kristin updated the BOD about the eList question that came up last month. She explained that although she and Kay Romero were not able to arrange a meeting, that Kay was taken off moderated status and that she was sent a letter explaining the Executive Committee's concerns and request for future dealings. Kristin also mentioned, in response to a question, that she is attempting to review much of our current eList policies and procedures.

Vice President – Educational Issues:

Vice President of Educational Issues Laurie Halverson mentioned that some committee chairs have been frustrated by ineffective communication – she pledged to help ensure that notices of meetings will be more diligently distributed, that the website will be updated more frequently and effectively and that any problems that people are having with getting their messages posted on the Bulletin eList will be addressed and rectified. Laurie spoke briefly about the Math Implementation Steering Committee. There was a request that she distribute to the BOD the names and affiliation of each member of each of the sub-committees of the group.

Vice President – Legislative Issues:

Vice President in charge of Legislative Issues, Rebecca Smondrowski, confirmed that Night Out In Annapolis will be February 28th and that MCCPTA would love a strong showing that evening. Please motivate your communities to participate. Buses will leave Carver at 4 pm.

It was also mentioned that Terri Salus has posted to the BOD eList a notice about the upcoming planning meeting of a group of financial literacy education supporters to be held in Annapolis on February 8th.

Vice President – Programs:

President Kristin Tribble mentioned that DeBora King was looking for a Cyber-bullying speaker – anyone with leads should please contact DeBora.

Vice President – Administration:

Vice President in charge of Administration, Paul Morrison, reported that people are reserving their spots to testify before the County Council regarding the CIP, and requested that any cluster that has not yet done so, to please call by the deadline – tomorrow morning.

Suzanne Weiss mentioned the need for a cluster coordinator for the Churchill Cluster, and for someone to present their testimony, about which she has touched base with the AVP and VP Admin.

Finally, Paul reminded AVPs that it is part of their responsibility to provide nominations for the PTA President of the Year from within their Area. Forms are attached.

Treasurer:

MCCTA Treasurer, Jaimie Jacobson, again asked AVPs and Cluster Coordinators to reach out to local Treasurers and Presidents to ensure not only smooth transitions from year to year, but also continuing compliance with MDPTA requirements. He strongly suggested that they (AVPs and CCs) consider attending the Treasurers' trainings in the

future in order to help in this endeavor. Patti Twigg pointed out that MDPTA will be holding training sessions on February 26th.

Committee Reports:

Operating Budget

Operating Budget Chair Pam Moomau gave a brief overview of where things currently stand with the operating budget.

Health and Safety - Co-Chair Donna Pfeiffer reported that she and Susan Burkinshaw have joined in efforts with Community Partners for Public Safety to advocate for restoring the SRO program and are asking members of the BOD to ask community organizations of which they are a part, if they are interested in supporting the group's letter (attached hereto). Ted Willard moved that the BOD endorse the initiative contained in the letter from the Community Partners for Public Safety, which was seconded and approved. Beth Kennington offered that she wants to increase the effect of the groups' message with a visual, and is making available a shirt that will say "Got SROs?" across the back, available for \$5, that she hopes people will wear when testifying about the Operating Budget in front of the County Council. Contact Beth if you want to purchase one.

Donna also reminded everyone about the inadequacy of portables and about how parent voices are sometimes necessary to supplement the school's officials' voices.

Gift & Talented Committee –Curriculum Co-Chair Ted Willard circulated the attached MCEA Resolution regarding labeling students as "Gifted and Talented" and referred all to a MCCPTA BOD resolution on this issue from March 24, 2009. Ted moved to have the BOD authorize the Gifted & Talented Committee to prepare a letter and testimony to the BOE recomunicating MCCPTA's position taken on March 24, 2009, which was seconded and approved.

High School Committee: President Kristin Tribble reminded all that the deadline for submitting Prom Safety Videos for the MCCPTA contest is February 28th.

Unfinished Business:

Dinners with the BOE – Andrea Bernardo expressed a desire to have more information regarding meals involving the Executive Committee (who eats what, at what cost, who pays, etc); some others disagreed and felt that the work reports provided the authorization for such expenditures without intensive scrutiny. All agreed that transparency and communication were essential.

Tabled Motion from January 6th BOD Mtg – Patti Twigg removed this item. Since Kay Romero's status on the BOD eList has since been restored to unmoderated, she felt that this motion no longer was relevant.

CLUSTER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Juan Johnson shared that Seneca Valley received almost \$1900 from National PTA to put together a week full of activities for Take Your Family To School Week – a copy of their schedule is attached. Juan invited all to stop in and enjoy the events.

President Kristin Tribble adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Debra Lang, Recording Secretary BOD