

MCCPTA BOD Meeting April 11, 2019

Carver Auditorium 7:00pm

Meeting Notes

Call to Order 7:10pm by MCCPTA President Lynne Harris

No quorum - so no approval of agenda or minutes

Old Business

Family Engagement Survey - VP of Administration Tracie Potts discussed Family Engagement survey and that there were about 130 responses thus far. It is on the front page of MCCPTA website. Takes about 6 minutes to complete. Comes out of partnership between MCPS/MCEA

- Purpose is to see whether families/teachers have similar or different experiences for helping students/kids.
- MCEA would like results for their contract negotiations.
- Need to translate into Spanish and perhaps other languages to get more responses. Will investigate costs to upgrade Survey Monkey which is an additional cost.

New Business

MDPTA Bylaws and Board Meeting – Treasurer Khristy Kartsakalis attended MDPTA meeting on bylaws – 95%/most of questions came from MCCPTA. Parliamentarian thanked MCCPTA. Student rep added back to Board. Councils came off because majority of state not being represented. Need people to join committees and run for office at state level. Creating portal to upload bylaws directly. MCCPTA volunteered to be first area to test out portal.

- **MDPTA Convention – July 26-27th \$100.00 registration fee. By June 1st.** Khristy mentioned MCCPTA has money in budget to send one person per cluster. PTA must have been compliant by March 31, 2019 to have voting privileges.
- Lynne Harris thanked Khristy and others that did a thorough review of MDPTA bylaws amendments.

MCCPTA Teacher Award – MCCPTA Awards Chair Daria Daniel mentioned a request she received to add a teacher award – cost about \$100 to add. Will need to vote on at a meeting that has quorum.

LGBTQ Forum – LGBTQ Chair Mark Eckstein discussed the upcoming first ever LGBTQIA Forum for MCCPTA/MCPS to be held on Saturday, May 18th at Wootton High School 9am - noon. Mark mentioned goal is to get perspective of MCPS students through workshops and sessions. Guest speakers include MCCPTA President Lynne Harris and MCPS Superintendent Dr. Smith and an MCPS BOE member.

Legislative Update – President Lynne Harris noted that the MD school construction bill did not get out of committee. May likely be paired with Kirwan bill in 2020. MCPS Operating Budget hearing went well. Video available.

Special Education Awards – 31st annual ceremony will be held on May 16th at Rockville HS. Will feature MCPS Superintendent Dr. Smith and BOE member Shebra Evans.

MCCPTA Performing Arts Festival will be held on May 19th at Rockville Town Center.

Election DA Planning – Lynne Harris mentioned will have sign in sheets for April DA meeting and seating by areas. 2-3 areas have not held their meetings yet. Still 20 cluster vacancies but less than in previous year.

MCPS Working Group on Equity for Schools – three members Henry Smith, Melissa Regan, Sally McCarthy participated on behalf of MCCPTA. There is wide disparity on funding for schools and eventual goal is to spread this around. Finance Equity group. Range of field trips is 8 -58 per school year at ES. Funds are distributed by Cluster. Make money off ICB room reservations. Goal is to rebalance money and distribute to other schools in need.

Mental Health First Aid Training – President Lynne Harris mentioned on behalf of Sunil Dasgupta that county is willing to partner with MCCPTA/schools to host trainings – so encouraged members to take advantage of this and sponsor one.

Officer and Committee Updates

VP of Programs Erin Clegg mentioned the MCCPTA Celebration of Excellence event May 23, 2019. Event is being chaired by Heather Carroll-Fisher and will recognize MCCPTA Award winners. There will be food/entertainment.

MCCPTA Training – May 29 – Northwood HS

Every Mind Run – September 15 – MCCPTA participates in this event

SOCA – Tracie Potts reported that 43/194 PTAs are compliant

Treasurer Report – Khristy Kartsakalis noted have \$75,000 surplus in MCCPTA budget. Finance committee was supposed to come up with proposals on how to spend but none developed so far.

Prepared by MCCPTA BOD Secretary Daria Daniel