

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Officers: Kristin Tribble, Laurie Halverson, Paul Morrison, Larry Edmonds, Jaimie Jacobson, Shebra Evans and Debra Lang

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Steve Augustino, Ted Willard, Donna Pfeiffer, Janette Gilman, David Lechner, Antonio Hernandez-Cardoso, Suzanne Weiss, Sumbal Sheldon. Kevin David, Ajeenah Chavez, Therese Salus, Jennifer Cope, Elise Browne Hughes, Keith Parsky, Jean Schlesinger, Ricky Ford, Susan Fleck, Scott Harper, Frances Frost, Melanie Twomey, Cheryl Moss Herman, Cheryl Peirce, Martha Schaerr, Laurie Augustino, Kathy Lloyd, Virginia Twombly, Tina Velazquez, Juan Johnson, Seenu Suvarna, Sarah Kessler, Jim Keenan, Kevin David and Julia Lucas.

Also Attending: Richard Yarrow, student.

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Laurie Halverson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:**

Vice President Halverson announced that since our last meeting the Executive Board had appointed Ajeenah Chavez as the Public Relations Chair. She also called attention to the important upcoming dates listed on the bottom of the agenda, and to the blue books being distributed at the sign-in table. Laurie briefly discussed the recent Board of Education meeting with our Board of Directors, thanking those who participated, and reviewing the issues presented before the start of the mingling and conversing: CIP, Curriculum Issues, Site Selection Process and Operating Budget Concerns.

It was noted that a quorum was reached at 7:43.

**Vice President - Legislation:**

Vice President of Legislation Larry Edmonds invited everyone to attend the annual Legislative Dinner, to be held on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Please rsvp to Pam in the office or to Larry directly.

**Vice President - Administration:**

Vice President of Administration Paul Morrison reported that the Nominating Committee has met and elected Sumbal Sheldon as their chair. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in learning more about serving on the Executive Committee next year.

**Vice President – Educational Issues:**

Vice President of Educational Issue Laurie Halverson referred everyone to the educational issues cheat sheet that has been included in the agenda packet.

Vice President Halverson asked that the proposed agenda be reviewed. Sumbal Sheldon requested that an awards selection committee item be added under New Business. With this change, the agenda was approved.

Vice President Halverson asked that the minutes from the prior meeting be reviewed. Janette Gilman moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2011 meeting, which motion was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer Jaimie Jacobson reported that we are somewhat ahead of last year's pace with regards to dues, that our audit has been completed and that we should receive the paperwork in the next day or two. He reminded everyone that **990s are due on November 15<sup>th</sup>**, and that it is a Standards of Continuing Affiliation requirement that it, together with your financials, be submitted to Maryland PTA – you should submit your extension request, if applicable. Jaimie suggested that if your PTA only has one fundraising event per year, it can apply to the State of Maryland for a one time sales tax exemption. He will review this and other sales tax issues as part of an upcoming Sales Tax Training that MCCPTA will offer – watch for details. Finally, Jaimie reminded all that temporary budgets should be prepared to cover summer expenses and approved in May of each year.

Susan Fleck moved that we accept Amber Khan's resignation as one of the Montgomery Blair Cluster Coordinators, which was seconded and approved. Susan Fleck moved that we confirm Shruti Bhatnager as a new Montgomery Blair Cluster Coordinator, which was seconded and approved.

President Kristin Tribble thanked Vice President Halverson for leading the meeting up until this point, and then resumed the proceedings.

**Committee Reports:**

**Operating Budget:** Committee Chair Jean Schlesinger reviewed some of the important upcoming dates: November 18<sup>th</sup>, State will next release its revenue numbers; December 7<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent will present his proposed Operating Budget; January 4<sup>th</sup>, MCCPTA's Maintenance of Effort Forum at Carver; February 15<sup>th</sup>, Operating Budget Forum. Please attend these very important evenings.

**Presidents and Principals Dinner:** Vice President Halverson reported that committee chair Dale Ryan is considering the Universities at Shady Grove as a less expensive alternative to the Marriott. There followed a discussion about the relative importance of lower priced tickets, offering wine sales and other dinner options.

**High School:** Committee Chair Dave Lechner reminded all that next Friday is MCCPTA's Model United Nations at Carver. He asked that anyone at the State Dept. or UN who would be willing to provide some opening remarks to please contact him. Dave also reported that he met with the fine arts people at MCPS about a possible outdoor performing arts festival in the spring – they liked the idea and suggested that it include elementary and middle school artists, as well as high school aged ones.

**Training:** Committee Chair Suzanne Weiss reminded all that prior to the next BOD meeting, on December 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Cluster Coordinator and Area Vice President training together with media training. Dinner will be provided!

**CIP** - Committee member Laurie Augustino reminded everyone that there will be a CIP testimony workshop on Saturday at Twinbrook – and to please rsvp to Committee Chair Steve Augustino so that he can have breakfast. President Tribble reminded those who will be testifying to please email their testimony to Glenda by noon of the day of their testimony.

### **New Business:**

**Proposed Legislative Platform:** –Ted Willard moved to accept the proposed Legislative Platform as written, which motion was seconded.

After discussion, Juan Johnson moved to separate the first three bullets (those pertaining to the Maintenance of Effort) and that they be recommended to the Delegates for inclusion in our Legislative Platform, which motion was seconded and approved.

Juan Johnson moved that we consider all remaining bullets separately before recommending each to the Delegates, which motion was seconded and approved.

Ted Willard moved that the next bullet be renamed from “Maryland State Teacher Retirement” to “Funding Responsibility for Maryland State Teacher Retirement”, which was seconded and approved.

Juan Johnson pointed out that the “Public Funding” bullet need not be voted upon since it is part of PTA’s platform.

Martha Schaerr moved that the next bullet, entitled “Compulsory Age for School Attendance” be deleted in its entirety, which was seconded and approved.

In considering the final bullet, entitled “Curriculum Authority”, Ted Willard moved that we replace the proposed wording with ”We support, in general, the current authority of local Boards of Education to determine curriculum standards as this provides us with the best opportunity to advocate and share concerns with regard to our children’s instruction. Further, any mandates by the State should be accompanied by the funding needed to implement them”, which motion was seconded.

Sumbal Sheldon moved to strike the phrase “, in general,” from the first sentence, which motion was seconded and approved.

Dave Lechner moved to amend the language to read ”We support the current authority of local Boards of Education to determine curriculum standards as this provides us with the best opportunity to advocate and share concerns with regard to our children’s instruction. We also support the development of optional curriculum standards by the State.

However, any mandated curriculum by the State should be accompanied by the funding needed to implement them.” which motion was seconded and approved.

Ted Willard moved to delete the word “standards” after “curriculum in each sentence so that the bullet would now read ”We support the current authority of local Boards of Education to determine curriculum as this provides us with the best opportunity to advocate and share concerns with regard to our children’s instruction. We also support the development of optional curriculum by the State. However, any mandated curriculum by the State should be accompanied by the funding needed to implement them.” This motion was seconded and approved.

President Tribble reported that the By-Laws Amendment would be presented to the DA.

**Cluster Reports:**

President Tribble briefly mentioned that Superintendent Starr decided that the BCC Site Selection process would be redone, but that the time-table would not be delayed.

She then adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Debra Lang, Recording Secretary BOD