

MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY
September 27,, 2016
Carver Auditorium

Attending: President Paul Geller, VP Administration Stephen Wilson, VP Educational Issues Jennifer McDonald, VP Programs Melissa McKenna, Treasurer Lisa Betts, and delegates.

6:30pm: MCCPTA Presents featuring Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith and ACT-SO national gold medalist Kailyn Richards.

The September Delegates Assembly began at 7:40p with Q&A with our guest, Superintendent Sr. Jack Smith. He discussed:

- MCPS priorities
- county vs. state calendar decisions
- strengths/weaknesses of MCPS (strong staff, strengthen career programs)
- ESL & non-traditional, hands on learning

Dr. Smith said "we're never going to punish our way into learning." He noted that some goals like grade-level reading by 3rd grade are not optional.

At 7:56pm President Paul Geller called the meeting to order and gave overviews of school construction funding and the purpose of the Delegates Assembly.

The mission of MCCPTA was read in English and Spanish.

The Executive Committee introduced themselves.

Affirmations: Kevin David, Seneca Valley cluster coordinator received a glass mug and silver boxing gloves for being the longest serving member of the DA (12+ years).

The agenda and May minutes were approved. June meeting notes were reviewed.

Paul reviewed the Advocacy Priorities Scorecard, highlighting budget wins that will fund more teachers and counsellors. Please share with your schools! Members are needed this year to push for more money in Annapolis. He noted that being courteous and working collaboratively with elected leaders goes a long way.

Informal feedback is requested from schools on summer meeting notes. Email Paul directly at president@mccpta.com. BOD will review, compile and share.

Delegates will be able to question and review changes to advocacy priorities in advance.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

- Explained CIP vs Operating Budget. MCCPTA is involved in meetings on both.
- Knott Commission is reviewing school sizes and construction: ways to build more schools cheaper and faster. Information is available on MD Gen Assembly website.
- Advocacy: \$10-12 million is needed for full technology rollout, \$2.1 billion for construction. For the budgeting process, we want to know everything our schools need. MCCPTA will target casino revenue this year, to reverse the 20% going to schools. This could bring another \$40 million to MCPS. Delegates discussed how funds can be spent most efficiently.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Paul Geller: Discussed summer meetings, teacher working conditions.

Jennifer McDonald, VP Education: Reviewed summer meeting feedback.

- class size (biggest issue)
- student-teacher off balance
- equity - new schools get more, course offerings vary widely especially foreign language.
- math curriculum

Steve Wilson, VP Administration: Referred to written report. Thanks AVPs/CCs for pushing SOCA corrections. Fall training was great - please email feedback.

Melissa McKenna, VP Programs - Great kickoff today for MCCPTA Presents! Please send ideas for speakers and talent. She noted tomorrow night's BOE Forum and Choice study results reviewed last night. Look up the Choice blueprint online.

Lisa Betts, Treasurer: See financial. Reviewed \$68k income, \$80k expenses including \$12k carryover. Looking for areas to cut. Going paperless will reduce \$4k copier lease. Half-price audit proposal pending. Rebranding P&P dinner will save money. Expecting increased membership. The budget was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIP - Melissa McKenna

- Work starting on next year's CIP
- Superintendent's supplemental recommendations due 10/13
- FACT results came back very late, will NOT be out in October
- Superintendent's Recommendations due Oct 27
- CIP Workshop Nov 2
- CIP testimony Nov 10 and 14 (5min for CCs - others can sign up.)

- Spring hearings will allow for later testimony

Membership - Tracie Potts

- Cards: thanks for your patience with distribution. Pick up remaining cards tonight.
- Membership through 9/23: 2,750, slightly behind last September
- 28 schools reported membership, nearly 3 times as many as last September, qualifying for the monthly challenge. Certificates were distributed.
- Glen Haven PTA won the grand prize for being first to report!

Cultural Arts - Priscilla Peterson

- Get 2 handouts: showcase and e-list signup
- Ensure that someone from your school is on the list
- Showcase is FREE! Bring kids!
- Approved acts will be listed in catalog + online