

MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 6, 2016
Carver Auditorium

Attending: President Paul Geller, VP Education Jennifer McDonald, VP Programs Melissa McKenna, VP Administration Steve Wilson, Treasurer Lisa Betts and board members.

President Paul Geller called the meeting to order at 7:46pm. The mission of PTA was read in English and Spanish. Agenda and Minutes approval were delayed until quorum is reached.

Affirmations: Special Education Committee chair Jeanne Taylor was recognized.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

- CIP/Advocacy/SSP: BOD held a lengthy discussion about the effort to increase developer payments into funding new schools in areas where development increases the school-aged population. Next Steps Reps chair Liz King thanked 10-11 people who testified at last month's SSP hearing. There's a renewed focus on land acquisition for new schools, involving the county's Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.
- Casino gambling revenue: Paul again explained his desire to advocate to reverse the portion that goes to schools.
- Volunteer training: Paul met with Superintendent Dr. Smith. MCPS is considering extending its deadline for background checks. 10,000 have taken volunteer training. Some are unable to access online training on MCPS devices. PTAs should not be expected to cover the cost of background checks.
- School calendar: Gov. Hogan's mandate to start school after Labor Day (and end by June 15) poses a problem for the Board of Education's plan to vote on next year's calendar in November. 184 school days are required. BOE's previous plan to consider starting school two weeks before Labor Day is out now. The board is weighing 3 options. It is unknown if MCPS would qualify for a waiver or appeal.
- MCCPTA Office Manager: Several people have applied. The listing should be posted on MCCPTA.com.

OFFICER REPORTS

- VP Education Jen McDonald: BOE discussed the Choice Study Sept. 26. They're beginning the process of reviewing and implementing recommendations. The board also discussed use of cell phones in middle schools and changes with compacted math. The Gifted and Talented Child committee will review these issues at its Nov. 2 training (7-9pm, Carver auditorium).
- VP Administration Steve Wilson: New SOCA report expected soon. *Please* return all Blue Book forms by Oct. 14.
- Treasurer: Lisa Betts absent, Paul delivered report. See spreadsheet. Lisa is working on the audit and 990 filing with Williams-Stearns. She's also looking at changing our phone plan to save money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (presented by Paul in the absence of chairs)

- CIP (Melissa McKenna): The superintendent's supplemental is due Oct. 13.
- Cultural Arts: Please attend workshop. Science focus night is planned for spring.
- Membership: Things are going well with incentives.

Paul thanked board members for their service. The meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.