

**MCCPTA Delegates Assembly
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
7:30 pm, Carver Auditorium**

Call to Order

Kristin Tribble, President, called DA meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

PTA Mission Statement

Kevin David, Seneca Valley Cluster Coordinator, read the PTA mission statement.

Welcome and Introductions

- Introduction of MCCPTA Officers.

Approval of Agenda

With no objections the agenda was approved.

Approval of February Minutes

Moved to approve the draft minutes. Motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

Officer Reports

VP Legislation – Larry Edmonds (in the absence of Larry, Lynne Harris spoke on his behalf)

- Watching two issues.
 - o Pension Shift
 - There will be a shift, but the burden that will come to the county will be lightened.
 - o MOE

***Kristin announced 2 new committees**

- o **Multicultural Awareness Committee – Antonio Hernandez Cardoso, Chair**
- o **Student Involvement Committee**
 - **Established at Board of Directors meeting.**

VP Educational Issues – Laurie Halverson

- Need or would appreciate feedback on Maryland State Department of Education's proposed Suspension/Expulsion regulations which are due on March 30. MCCPTA will be providing public comments.

- o Has received three great responses to date.

***Kristin spoke about PTA being more about advocacy and not book fairs. Voices were heard when everyone signed online petition on the Pension Shift. It is a lot less than the governor proposed due to the advocacy from local PTAs.**

Treasurer's Report – Jaimie Jacobson

- Going forward insurance will match fiscal year.
 - o Insurance will be due by July 1, or else will incur a late fee (the late fee **will not** be waived).
 - Have Presidents & Treasurers be on the look out.
- IRS is now working with the states on tracking returns
 - o PTAs are filing the wrong forms. The IRS is fining for PTAs not returning the proper forms. A local PTA was fined due to the error.
- Maryland Charitable Organizations Filing
 - o Required to be filed by PTAs in order to fundraise in MD.
 - The state is working with the IRS.
 - Will fine if you failed to file the COF 85 form (Form COF 85 is only needed when filing the Charitable Org if the PTA hasn't yet filed their 990).
 - Required to complete the form annually if your PTA raises more than \$25K.
 - o Based on the PTAs gross revenue.
 - o Fine could be as high as \$900 for not filing.
- More membership dues
 - o 44,348 members/\$44,348K
- \$6K in donations for the Presidents & Principals Dinner.

MCCPTA Committee Reports

Operating Budget – Jean Schlesinger, Chair

- OB Hearings on April 10, 11, & 12
 - o Strongly encourage every school to bring parents and students. Great lesson in civics for our students.
- Pension Shift estimated to impact our county somewhere between \$7M to \$27M.
- Simply asking County Council to fund the MOE budget.

CIP – Steve Augustino, Chair

- Echo Jean Schlesinger to get numbers out to the County Council Budget Hearings.
- Education Committee
 - o Deep dive into the funding issues.
 - o Moving in the direction that we want for CIP advocacy.
 - Moved Wheaton HS up on the list.
 - The Ed Committee has ranked the proposed additions, and suggested that it might need to delay some additions if fiscal constraints require it.
 - Steve will post rankings tonight on listserv.

Membership – Janette Gilman, Chair

- March 31 is the deadline for awards.
- Several schools were named that have sent more dues to MD PTA than to MCCPTA.
 - o Cluster Coordinators/Area Vice Presidents should contact the schools in your cluster that were called out this evening.

High School Committee – Dave Lechner, Chair

- Got permit for Rockville Town Center.
- Waiting to get the permit from Silver Spring.
- Having dance/arts festival on May 12 & 13.

Unfinished Business

Proposed Bylaws Amendments – Janette Gilman, Acting Bylaws Chair

- Amendment was opened for discussion, and/or questions.
 - o **All in favor of the proposed amendments to our bylaws being adopted was seconded and carried by voice vote.**

MCCPTA Bylaws Renewal

Proposal for February 2012 MCCPTA Delegates Assembly

Approved by February 2012 MCCPTA Board of Directors

The MCCPTA Bylaws, approved on April 28, 2009, have been reviewed. The bylaws, amended three times during the past three years, have served the organization well. Two significant revisions are recommended, and a few minor language changes are proposed. Those recommendations follow; new language is in **BOLD**, recommended deletions are ~~stuck through~~.

SIGNIFICANT REVISION “NEC Amendment”

Addresses concerns raised originally by NEC that MCCPTA bylaws process for the nomination of cluster coordinators is difficult for PTA members in the consortiums to follow, at least in part because of the articulation pattern of their students. That is, there is no single feeder path to high schools in the consortium, and all schools in the consortium’s area are, in essence, part of each cluster.

The proposal adds language specific to any and all consortiums in MCPS. It eases the process of choosing cluster coordinators by recognizing the distinct situation of these areas and allows them to conduct the selection of the AVP and cluster coordinators at a single meeting. Because of the unique nature of the consortiums and the intent of the MCCPTA bylaws to ensure representation from each high school cluster, Section 4b includes the added requirement that the area nominating committee’s participant include at least one current PTA membership from each high school in the area. This proposal maintains the status quo in the remaining predominantly geographically-based clusters, allowing them to continue to have cluster coordinators chosen from the high school and designated middle and elementary feeder school PTA/PTSAs in their cluster, rather than having area representatives make such nominations.

**ARTICLE VIII.A: AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS, CLUSTER
COORDINATORS AND THEIR ELECTION**

Section 4. Elections

- a. Each area representative of the MCCPTA nominating committee shall be responsible for convening and chairing an area nominating committee of at least ~~six (6) five (5)~~ PTA/PTSA presidents, or his or her designee, and/or cluster coordinators from that area, ensuring representation from each cluster, by February 1; the area representative of the MCCPTA nominating committee may serve as one of the representatives if he/she also meets the requirements of the members of the area nominating committee. The area nominating committee shall submit to the MCCPTA nominating committee by March 15 the name and qualifications of one (1) candidate for area vice president. The MCCPTA nominating committee shall accept the recommendations of each area nominating committee and include such nominees in their report. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting at which elections are held by any member of the MCCPTA voting body from the area represented by the area vice president.
- b. **Area representatives of the MCCPTA nominating committee responsible for areas containing consortium(s), school system-defined groupings of high schools that provide students within set geographical boundaries the choice of attending one of the included high schools, shall be responsible for convening and chairing an area nominating committee of at least six (6) PTA/PTSA presidents, or his or her designee, and/or cluster coordinators from the area, such representatives also including persons with current PTA membership from each high school in the consortium, for the purpose of nominating no more than three (3) cluster coordinators from each cluster; the area representative of the MCCPTA nominating committee may serve as one of the representatives if he/she also meets the requirements of the members of the area nominating committee. These area nominating committee representatives shall submit the name(s) to the MCCPTA nominating committee by March 15. The MCCPTA nominating committee shall accept the recommendations from the area meeting and include such nominees in their report. Additional nominations for cluster coordinator(s) may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting at which elections are held by any member of the MCCPTA voting body from that cluster.**
- c. ~~Each~~ Area representatives of the MCCPTA nominating committee **responsible for all other school clusters** shall be responsible for ensuring that each cluster holds a meeting at which a majority of PTAs in the cluster are represented by their president, or his or her designee, for the purpose of nominating ~~at least one (1) and~~ no more than three (3) cluster coordinators. A current cluster coordinator or Area Vice President, will submit the name(s) to the MCCPTA nominating committee by March 15. The MCCPTA nominating committee shall accept the recommendations from the cluster meeting and include such nominees in their report. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting at which elections are held by any member of the MCCPTA voting body from that cluster.

Section 5. Vacancies

- a. A vacancy in any area vice president position shall be filled by nomination from a committee consisting of at least ~~six (6) five (5)~~ PTA/PTSA presidents, or their designees, and/or cluster coordinators from that area at a meeting convened by a Cluster Coordinator, Area Vice President, or Vice President for Administration. The name of the nominee shall be submitted to the board of directors for confirmation.
- b. A vacancy in a cluster coordinator position shall be filled by a nomination from the PTA/PTSA presidents or their designee, from a majority of PTAs in the cluster, **such representatives including at least one PTA/PTSA member from the cluster high school**, at a meeting convened by another Cluster Coordinator, the Area Vice President, or Vice President for Administration. The name of the nominee shall be submitted to the board of directors for confirmation.

MINOR LANGUAGE CHANGE SUGGESTIONS

Article VI: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, Section 5. Nominating Committee, b.

Delete the words "in writing" and "by mail". Section 5.b. would now read: The Board of Directors shall select the seven nominees for the nominating committee. The vice president for administration shall submit ~~in writing~~ the names of the seven nominees for the nominating committee to the local PTA presidents and delegates ~~by mail~~ at least fifteen days prior to the delegate assembly at which the vote will occur...

Article VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 1. President, d.

Delete the word "all". Section 1.d. would now read: be a member of the Maryland PTA Board of Directors and attend ~~all~~ its meetings as provided in the Maryland PTA bylaws and standing rules.

New Business

Nominating – Sumbal Sheldon, Chair (In the absence of Sumbal, Laurie Augustino spoke on her behalf)

- Introduced the nominees for the position as MCCPTA Officers. They stood for everyone to put a face with a name. Had everyone refer to the packet for nominations of Cluster Coordinators/Area Vice Presidents. Ask everyone to consider the open positions and mentioned that nominations will be taken from the floor. (also attached are nominations for Cluster Coordinators and Area Vice Presidents).

NOMINATIONS FOR MCCPTA OFFICERS 2012-2013

President	Janette Gilman
Vice President for Educational Issues	Lynne Harris
Vice President for Administration	Jaimie Jacobson
Vice President for Programs	Shebra Evans
Vice President for Legislation	Larry Edmonds
Treasurer	Susan Burkinshaw
Recording Secretary, Board of Directors	JoAnn Burl
Recording Secretary, Delegates Assembly	OPEN

NOMINATIONS FOR AREA VICE PRESIDENTS & CLUSTER COORDINATORS 2012-2013

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase/
Walter Johnson/
Wheaton/Whitman**

Area Vice President: Jennifer Cope

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase
Cluster Coordinators:**
Mary Cobbett
Lauri Rosen
Dana Wright

**Walter Johnson
Cluster Coordinators:**
Deborah Teicher
Mary Casell

Wheaton Cluster Coordinator:
Shebra Evans

Whitman Cluster Coordinators:
Elise Brown Hughes
Vicki Herson
Jill Chenok

**Clarksburg/Northwest/Quince
Orchard/Seneca Valley**

Area Vice President: Kevin David

Clarksburg Cluster Coordinator:
Janet Sanchez
Seenu Suvarna

Northwest Cluster Coordinator:
Beth Kennington
Sarah Kessler

Quince Orchard Cluster Coordinators:
Kim Skimmons

Seneca Valley Cluster Coordinators:
Julie Lucas
Jeri Crist

**Down County Consortium: Blair/Einstein/
Kennedy/Northwood**

Area Vice President: Ricky Ford

**Montgomery Blair
Cluster Coordinator:**
Bladimir Duenas
Shruti Bhatnagar
Kathy Larin

Einstein Cluster Coordinator:
OPEN

Kennedy Cluster Coordinator:
Frances Frost

Northwood Cluster Coordinator:
Lori Green
Stephanie Helsig

**Northeast Consortium:
(Blake/PaintBranch/Springbrook)
And Sherwood**

Area Vice President: Reva Gambrell

Blake Cluster Coordinator:
Lori Goodwin
Jocelyn Walker

**Paint Branch
Cluster Coordinator:**
Princess Akwura-Igwebuike

Springbrook Cluster Coordinator:
OPEN

Sherwood Cluster Coordinator:
OPEN

**Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/
Watkins Mill**

Area Vice President: Steve Augustino

Damascus Cluster Coordinators:
Jennifer McDonald

Gaithersburg Cluster Coordinator:
Laurie Augustino
Kathy Lloyd
Carrie Bohrer

Magruder Cluster Coordinator:
OPEN

Watkins Mill Cluster Coordinators:
Sumbal Sheldon
Jim Marsh
Tammy Clark

**Churchill/Richard
Montgomery/Poolesville/Rockville/
Wootton**

Area Vice President: Jill Trone

Churchill Cluster Coordinators:
Christopher Taylor
Ruth Magin
Melanie Twomey

Poolesville Cluster Coordinator:
Dawn Albert
Jennifer Kasten
Donna Lowell

Rockville Cluster Coordinator:
OPEN

Richard Montgomery Cluster Coordinator:
OPEN

Wootton Cluster Coordinator:
OPEN

- Jeanne Taylor, Julie Reiley, and Karen Smith gave background on resolution. Delegates were asked to take the resolution to locals to share and come back next month to discuss.

Announcements

Presidents & Principals Dinner – Dale Ryan, Chair (in the absence of Dale, Kristin Tribble spoke on her behalf)

- Event will be on Thursday, May 17 @ 6pm at the Bethesda North Marriott.
- Invitation coming on constant contact.
- Still looking for sponsorships.
- Debra Lang is putting together an Exhibitor's Hall before the next DA meeting at Richard Montgomery HS. Get there at 6pm.
- **HAPPY SPRING BREAK AND DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shebra Evans

Delegate Assembly Recording Secretary