

NOTES AND MINUTES of the MCCPTA Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 7, 2017 – 7pm
Carver Educational Services Center (CESC) Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Lynne Harris. MCPS Chief Financial Officer Nikki Diamond did a presentation and answered questions about the framework/priorities for the FY19 Operating Budget. Detail will be released by the Superintendent on Dec. 19 at Rockville HS.

By 7:45pm quorum was achieved. Minutes were unanimously approved without correction. The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- New Business: County Mental Health Forum (Health & Safety chair Sunil Gupta)
- Officer Reports: Awards Committee announcement (Awards chair Daria Daniel)

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance payment: MCCPTA will receive restitution from our insurer. Officers signed a document assigning reimbursement from Lisa Betts to the insurer. Banneker MS is believed to have no net loss due to MCCPTA funds Mrs. Betts deposited in their account. Greencastle ES's loss is difficult to determine because Mrs. Betts had near access to multiple accounts since 2001 with few records. Pam Loebach will be re-hired as Office Manager two days a week (applause!).

Blue Book: To be delivered this week. Photocopied versions are available tonight. One book/PTA will be distributed at January DA. Those not picked up will be PONYied to schools. Elected officials will receive copies. Board members can pick up copies at the Jan. 3 BOD.

Board training: Lynne will contact members who have not completed required training.

NEW BUSINESS

Kennedy Cluster Coordinator: On a motion by DCC AVP Chris Rutledge, Francisco Negrón was unanimously confirmed.

Operating Budget Hearings: Hearings will be held Jan. 4 and 10 at 6:30pm. VP of Administration Matt Swibel noted this is an opportunity, not an obligation, for clusters to testify. Submit names to testify to Mr. Swibel ASAP – they must be reported to MCPS by 12/18. Consistent messaging was discussed. A state funding briefing/budget workshop is being planned for 12/20.

Communities United Against Hate: On a motion by President Lynne Harris, the board approved \$50 membership in this organization.

Chamber of Commerce: Membership is \$650; \$600 was budgeted. On a motion by Mrs. Harris, the board approved the expense. The extra \$50 will come from "Organizational Advocacy" funds. The board discussed whether the Chamber has conflicting priorities development. Treasurer Cheryl Pierce confirmed current memberships include the Chamber, Committee for Montgomery, MC Business Roundtable for Education, in addition to a few representational events.

12/11 Superintendent meeting: VP Swibel reviewed discussion topics proposed by the Executive Committee: CTE, budget shortfall, achievement for 23% of students not meeting benchmarks, and the recent MCPS programming audit. The following additional topics were suggested:

- Parent voice in the pending Safety Climate report
- Funds spent on consultants
- Details on 11-month pilot schools
- Is new ES grading subjective?
- Connect budgeting to performance

Bus Rapid Transit: Montgomery County is planning BRT depots at or near several MCPS schools. See Cluster Coordinator Therese Gibson's testimony and documents posted on the board listserv. Contact her if your school is involved.

Expanded Advocacy Priorities: VP of Advocacy Neal Orringer convened a group of MCCPTA "subject matter experts" to draft by Dec. 15, along with candidate questions for County Council, BOE and MD General Assembly. He expects to distribute the draft via listserv around 12/17 for feedback. DO NOT distribute in advance to candidates!

County Mental Health forum: The Health and Safety committee is planning this with MCPS. Help and speaker suggestions are needed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mrs. Harris noted there was lots of feedback on the RMES #5 boundary study process. The Executive Committee sent a memo to BOE urging them to adhere to the process, be careful to use accurate data and give the greatest weight to whether parental engagement is affected by changes. Also, a student representative from the MC Regional SGAs now serves on our board.

VP of Administration: Mr. Swibel noted that due to scheduling volunteers will be "unofficially" trained before being approved at January DA. He will be absent; Mrs. Clegg will handle this item.

VP of Programs: Considering Universities at Shady Grove and other venues for year-end event.

VP of Educational Issues: Mrs. Saah shared info in the absence of Mrs. Simonson. More clusters are needed to participate in the 12/13 ES Report card meeting.

BOD Secretary: Mrs. Potts reminded members to sign in to confirm quorum and leave name tags. No members present reported issues accessing meeting materials. For future, materials will also be available in one PDF. She thanked members for responding to the Signup Genius and potluck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIP: Chair Laura Stewart thanked members who attended the legislative meet and greet.

Operating Budget: Chair Laura Mitchell will send dates for cluster meetings.

Awards: Chair Daria Daniel needs members to select awards to be presented at the 5/24 year-end event. Dad4PTA award will return this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Washington Post sent MCCPTA an invitation seeking volunteers to judge its Teacher and Principal of the Year Awards. It appears this year's judging may be mostly, or all, online. Names are due by Jan. 4.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Submitted by Tracie Potts
Secretary, Board of Directors