

**MINUTES of the MCCPTA Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM**  
**Carver Education Services Center (CESC) Auditorium**

President Lynne Harris called the meeting to order at 7:13pm and introduced MCPS Chief Operating Officer Andrew Zuckerman to lead tonight's School Safety Forum II. A brief presentation summarized the new Safe to Learn Act and MCPS Action Plan (available on MCCPTA.org). A panel of MCPS and MCPD officials and a student from the Montgomery County Regional SGAs answered questions about active shooter drills, school resources officers (SROs), Restorative Justice, secure entrances and other safety issues.

At 8:22pm President Lynne Harris called the Board of Directors to order with quorum. The agenda and minutes were approved. President Harris welcomed back Cultural Arts chair Priscilla Peterson, who has been ill.

The following officers were present: Lynne Harris, Cynthia Simonson, Matt Swibel, Erin Clegg, Oriole Saah and Tracie Potts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AVPs and Cluster Coordinators**

The board accepted two resignations:

- Rich Liu (Clarksburg)
- Karen Allman (Damascus)

And confirmed these new/additional cluster leaders:

- Alexandrine Henry (Einstein)
- Julie Yang and Mandy Lemar (Churchill)
- Kelly Dockery, Chris Bowerman, Chaunetta Anderson (Watkins Mill)
- Teddy Wu (Clarksburg)
- Torie Rodriguez (Northwest)
- Carrie Bohrer and Carolyn Garvey (Gaithersburg)

**Leadership Development**

The board discussed options for adding leadership development and recruiting responsibilities to the Nominating Committee, forming a new Leadership Development Committee, or making this a focus for the VP of Administration and AVPs. The goal is to be more intentional about "building the bench" by beginning in July to identify and mentor experienced, outgoing PTA leaders to serve as Cluster Coordinators, AVPs and committee chairs the following year. Members suggested scouting out potential cluster leaders at CIP testimony and BOE cluster meetings, and using experienced leaders to help recruit. The CC role should be viewed as a four-year term (even though it is renewed annually). Summer area meeting dates will be available soon.

*Action: Direct comments/suggestions to Tracie Potts. She will work with bylaws chair Kellie Schollar-Reynolds to prepare a proposal for the June BOD.*

*Action: Tracie will post AVP/CC bylaws, job description and training info to the board e-list.*

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**ACT-SO Ad**

The board approved \$125 from Organizational Advocacy/Representational Events budget line item to purchase a full-page MCCPTA ad in the NAACP ACT-SO year-end journal. The ad will list upcoming MCCPTA events.

**Training**

Spring Training is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 6pm-9pm at Walter Johnson High School. Training chair Frances Frost said there have been a few requests from other Councils to attend. Members discussed whether to allow non-MCCPTA members to attend, and whether to impose a nominal charge. Members discussed that advantages include building relationships with other Councils to strengthen cross-state advocacy. A question was asked whether other Councils charge for non-members to attend.

Mrs. Frost will proceed with a sense of approval from the board and invite the handful of non-members who asked to attend. The board can revisit the issue for fall training.

**Smith Meeting**

Topics suggested for the Executive Committee's next meeting with Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith include an update on lead in water testing, and community involvement in hiring decisions.

**Committee Reports** (additional information from written reports)

- Health & Safety would like to plan another wellness forum for January.
- Presidents & Principals notes the Celebration of Excellence is in two weeks! Get tickets ASAP! MCPTA President-Elect Edna Harvin-Battle will conduct the officer installation.

**Announcements**

- Special Education Awards, Monday May 14, 7pm at Rockville High School

The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracie Potts, Board Secretary