

MCCPTA February 22, 2011 Delegates' Assembly Minutes

President Kristin Tribble called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm, welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Officers present. She then read the Mission Statement of MCCPTA.

Approval of the Agenda: Ted Willard asked to add a committee report from the Gifted & Talented Committee. With that change, the agenda was approved.

Approval of the November Minutes: Beth Kennington moved to approve the minutes from the November, 2010 DA meeting, which minutes are attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof. This motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Approval of the January Minutes: Ted Willard moved to approve the minutes from the January, 2011 DA meeting, which minutes are attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof. This motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: President Tribble spoke about the upcoming Study Circles program in which MCCPTA will participate.

Patti Twigg asked about the method that MCCPTA will be using in order to ensure that if MCCPTA were to participate in the selection process for the new Superintendent, that it would be able to represent its constituency. Kristin will be reaching out to our Delegates to allow for direct feedback in the coming weeks.

Vice President - Programs: Vice President of Programs, DeBora King, announced that the presentation before the March 22nd Delegates Assembly will be about the MCPS Teacher Evaluation Process (PAR). Please watch for further information and invite any interested members of your school community.

Vice President - Administration: Vice President in charge of Administration, Paul Morrison, presented and explained the most recently circulated Standards of Continuing Affiliation report..

President Kristin Tribble reminded all to please participate in our Advocacy Night in Annapolis, taking place on Monday, February 28th. Bus transportation and dinner will be provided for all who pre-register with Legislative Chair, Rebecca Smondrowski (rsmondrowski@gmail.com)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jaimie Jabcobson reminded all that their audits need to be current and that their dues need to be paid on a timely basis. He also asked all Delegates to forward the Presidents' and Principals' Dinner Sponsorship Form to any potential sponsors in their local communities.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CIP: Committee Chair Steve Augustino expressed his concern about CIP funding for next year. He reported that last week the County Council cut the amount that they would borrow by \$5 Million and said that next year, when the entire CIP would be considered, would be the time to make some serious cuts in CIP spending. The CIP Committee will undertake to educate us all about all matters CIP in the upcoming months, and especially next fall when we have new delegates participating in the process.

Jean Schlesinger asked in what way the Spending Affordability Guidelines effect the CIP - - Kristin said that she would get back to Jean with an answer.

Nominating Committee: Committee Chair Frances Frost reported that the Nominating Committee is still soliciting nominees for the officer positions of President, VP-Educational Issues, VP-Administration, VP- Programs, VP-Legislation, Treasurer, Recording Secretary-Delegates Assembly, and Recording Secretary-Board of Directors. They are also soliciting nominees for the Area Vice President and Cluster Coordinator positions. Contact Nominating Committee Chair Frances Frost at francesfrost4@gmail.com or any member of the Nominating Committee to nominate someone or to have your questions answered. They intend to present their slate at the March Delegates Assembly.

Gifted & Talented: Curriculum Co-Chair Ted Willard, on behalf of Michelle Gluck, mentioned that it the BOD recently authorized the Gifted & Talented Committee to prepare a letter and testimony to the BOE recomunicating MCCPTA's position taken on March 24, 2009 with respect to accelerated and enriched instruction. All Delegates are asked to familiarize themselves (and their local school communities) with that resolution and the surrounding issues.

Unfinished Business: By-Laws: By-Laws Chair, Andrea Bernardo, proposed amendments to the MCCPTA Bylaws as shown below:

Proposed Amendments to the MCCPTA Bylaws

ARTICLE VIIIA: 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 **five (5) ~~six (6)~~ 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 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. Each area representative of the MCCPTA nominating committee shall be responsible for ensuring that each cluster holds a meeting at which **a majority of each PTAs** in the cluster is **are** represented by **its ~~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 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 each local PTAs in the cluster 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.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

#Section 1. Only members of this council PTA or of the local PTAs constituting this council PTA shall be eligible to serve in any elected or appointed positions.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may establish such committees, as it may deem necessary to promote the purposes of MCCPTA and to carry out the work of MCCPTA.

Section 3 Chairs of ~~standing~~ committees shall be elected by the executive committee.

Section 4. The term of office of a committee chair shall be one (1) year or until the selection of a successor. Chairs shall assume their duties July 1st. Chairs may be re-elected by the executive committee for additional terms.

Section 5. Special committees may be established when such committees are deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or by the MCCPTA. The Executive Committee must notify the Board of Directors immediately, and the Delegates within 15 days, of the establishment, appointment and charge of special committees.

Section 6. The chair of each committee shall present a plan of work to the Board of Directors for approval. **Committees shall begin work under the direction and supervision of the Executive Committee until such time as the work plan is approved by** ~~No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 7. A person elected by a majority vote of the executive committee shall fill a vacancy occurring in any chairmanship for the remainder of the term.

Article IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be an executive committee of the MCCPTA PTA, the members of which shall be:

a. all elected officers.

#Section 2. Each executive committee member shall be a member of a local PTA within the area of the council whose state and council PTA dues are paid.

Section 3. Regular meetings of the executive committee shall be held with the dates and times fixed by the executive committee at its first meeting of the year. Special meetings of the executive committee may be called by the president or upon written request of three (3) members with two (2) days' notice to each member of the executive committee.

#Section 4. At all meetings of the executive committee, a majority of the members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Duties of the executive committee shall be to:

a. develop the agendas for delegate assemblies and meetings of the board of directors;

b. elect standing committee chairmen;

c. manage the business of the organization;

d. make a report at each board of directors meeting

e. establish special committees

Patti Twigg moved to amend this amendment, by adding Section 1, under Article VIII. A. Section 4 (b), as shown below, which motion was seconded and approved.

1. Within the Northeast Consortium, which consists of three clusters, instead of individual cluster meetings, there shall be convened a Consortium meeting at which a majority of the PTAs in the Consortium are represented by their President, or his or her designee, for the purpose of nominating at least three (3)

and no more than nine (9) cluster coordinators, ensuring each cluster coordinator is a member of a PTA in the cluster they are nominated to represent. Should the Northeast Consortium model or structure cease to exist, then this subsection shall become void and section b shall take precedence.

Andrea Bernardo moved that the Board adopt the amendments as amended, which motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

Samantha Shofar from Tacoma Park moved that we consider the proposed Resolution on Support for Maryland High School Students being Eligible for In-State Tuition at Maryland Public Colleges and Universities on an expedited basis, which motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion was not approved.

Susan Fleck, Blair Cluster Coordinator, introduced the following resolution which will be discussed and voted on at the March Delegates Assembly:

Resolution on Support for Maryland High School Students being Eligible for In-State Tuition at Maryland Public Colleges and Universities

Whereas:

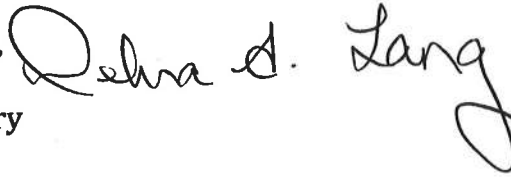
1. Montgomery County Public Schools and all U.S. public schools provide the right of education to all children attending school through grade 12, regardless of federal immigration status.
2. Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations is one of many voices for Montgomery County children.
3. An unknown but not insignificant number of children living in Montgomery County who are MCPS students or who have graduated from Montgomery County secondary schools are undocumented (i.e., have no legal federal immigration status and are not eligible for a U.S. social security number). These children were brought to live in the United States and are raised as Americans.
4. The University System of Maryland does not grant in-state tuition to undocumented students; the 2010-11 out-of-state and in-state tuition at the University of Maryland, College Park, is \$24,800 and \$8,400, respectively.
5. Many undocumented students maintain interest in pursuing higher education to gain social mobility and contribute positively to their community and the society at large, even though they must make enormous sacrifices to study at college or university. In addition to having to pay more for out-of-state tuition, undocumented students are responsible for the full tuition bill; they are not eligible for federal loans or grants.
6. The limitations that go along with a lack of official identification – ineligibility to work, difficulties opening a bank account, lack of income tax forms, restrictions on transportation such as a train or plane that require official ID – means that undocumented students are not mobile and require access to public universities close to their homes.
7. Ten states provide in-state tuition for their state residents, regardless of federal immigration status (California, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Washington).
8. The National Immigration Law Center (NILC) reports that an estimated 70,000 undocumented students graduate from American high schools each year.

9. The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (The "*DREAM Act*") has failed to pass the U.S. Congress every year that it has been introduced, starting in 2001. The bill's intent is to provide a path to legal residency for undocumented students who graduate from college.

Be it resolved that:

1. MCCPTA supports charging in-state tuition, rather than out-of-state tuition, for all Maryland residents who have graduated from Maryland secondary schools.
2. MCCPTA supports the passage of Maryland State Senate Bill 167 and Maryland State House Bill 470 that establish the conditions for public state universities to grant in-state tuition to undocumented students who have attended secondary school in Maryland for at least 2 years and whose parent or guardian has had Maryland income tax withheld during the year prior to the individual graduating from school, among other requirements.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, 

Deb Lang, BOD Secretary