

**MCCPTA Board of Directors
January 4, 2017
Carver Center Auditorium**

Attending: President Paul Geller, VP Administration Steve Wilson, VP Programs Melissa McKenna, VP Education Jen McDonald, Treasurer Lisa Betts, acting secretary Tracie Potts and board members.

Paul Geller opened the meeting at 7:42pm and introduced guests.

Sherwin Collette, MCPS Chief Technology Officer

Reviewed Technology Plan Goal and Strategies. Discussed social media influence, increased reliance on and equitable access to digital material, partnership funding, student access to devices, connectivity, integration during the instructional day, hardware sustainability and teacher training/buy-in. Goal: 75% reduction in printed materials (not there yet). The Office of Shared Accountability is studying ES technology use. Always consider what *learning* technology use supports. Discussion included expanding ES digital literacy, coding, student privacy protection, real-time Edline reporting, and remote AP classes. Mr. Collette distributed and discussed the personal mobile devices policy under revision. The goal is enabling students to use personal devices in school for learning. The aim is not to restrict approved ES cell phones

Nicky Diamond, MCPS Chief Financial Officer

Diamond calls the Superintendent's Recommended Operating Budget is a "strategic plan in numbers," based on excellence for all by maintaining, continuing and improving outcomes and opportunities for students who not properly served. The budget summary, including Strategic Priorities, were shared and discussed. One percent of the requested \$62 million increase pays for growth. Diamond said MCPS recognizes that last year's large increase will not happen again so funds must be used wisely.

The Strategic Planning department (now in the Superintendent's office) is primarily responsible for tracking effectiveness, outcome and impact. This budget established baseline data, the initial stage of a long-term view of how the budget aligns with priorities.

- Instructional Data Assistants: (ES/ MS) All positions eliminated because new assessments and data systems such as "Performance Matters" electronically enter and analyze data. No manual entry is needed. By July 1/3 of schools will have this system. MCPS spent 2 years studying how to evolve this position, which no other area school systems have. This reduction saves \$7 million. Every effort will be made to retain individuals in other positions.
- Reading Initiative: 35 positions cut, 55 added, allocated based on student data. At some schools the position was not being used for this purpose. How this affects individual schools won't be known until program data is reviewed and allocations are made. Every effort will be made to retain individuals in other positions at the same or different schools.
- SAT/ACT fees: Members questioned whether paying fees for every student without determining financial need is the best use of funds. The Superintendent believes it sends a message about the importance of the test. She'll share this feedback with the Superintendent.

Discussion included better articulating how the budget addresses underserved students, schools and clusters.

New Business

- In the interest of time, written Officer and Committee Reports were noted.
- Per bylaws, BOD members present approved the Executive Committee's appointment of Tracie Potts to fill the BOD Secretary vacancy.
- VP Programs Melissa McKenna urged members to check today's email on the final lineup for Jan 5 & 11 Operating Budget hearings. County Council hearings likely April 4-6. See fliers for budget forums.
- Paul noted the GT Choice resolution is provided (no quorum present to vote tonight).

The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.