

Exec Committee Minutes 6/4/2015

Attendance: President Frances Frost, VP of Curriculum Michele Gluck, VP of Administration Kellie Scholar-Reynolds, VP of Programs Paul Geller, VP of Advocacy Lynne Harris, Secretary of Delegates Assembly Melissa McKenna, Secretary of Board of Directors Julie Grimes

Members: Cheryl Peirce, Lang Lin, Kim Testa, Yvonne Van Lowe, Jeanne Taylor, Rick Chimera, Liz King, Joe Piff, Howie Phillips, Elaine Weiss, Therese Gibson, Vincent Mickens, Matt Swibel, David Mintz, Karen Collishaw, Brian Rabin, Tammy Clark, Carol Shivers, Kevin David, Stephen Wilson, Erin Clegg,

Minutes taken by: Julie Grimes

Frances Frost called meeting to order at 6:40

Spring Training 6/3/15 attendance count over 250

Discussed Study Circles: John Landsman at MCPS wants to work with MCCPTA to help facilitate discussion of racial issues. He usually works with schools but suggests that we work with PTAs helping identify the barriers that are keeping us from growing.

Michele brought up concern with implementation.

Frances said the presentation would be the same night 6/4/15 after the Executive Committee Meeting with the Board of Directors. The proposal is to do two days, possibly the first at fall training, then a second date. Kellie and Paul concerned that if at fall training this would deplete the pool of trainers and exclude themselves from taking part in study circle.

Discussed possible date for fall training: 9/19?

Discussed MDPTA convention.

Cluster Coordinators need to get forms to Kellie. Jen Cope will possibly arrange a "Welcome to Montgomery County" reception for out of town delegates.

Lynne is putting together an Advocacy Lunch with the hopes that it will get the other parts of the state excited about Advocacy.

Re empty officer slate: Frances said the Nominating Committee didn't seem to do its job. MDBOD called special meeting regarding what happened. MCCPTA Exec board commented that we had seen nothing soliciting nominees. We will know who is running from the floor as of 6/17/2015. The concern is that now the nominating committee will not be weighing the candidates and making a choice.

The awards notification due by 6/12/2015. We believe we will have enough for the council of excellence. Kellie pointed out that we had many schools out of compliance because the latest list came out just as 990's were due—so many schools were probably in compliance but MDPTA not yet crediting as such.

If a PTA president would like to attend the convention and none of her cluster coordinators are going, we can cover that president.

Frances and Paul will travel to National PTA convention and will represent MCCPTA as coaches. A PTA member asked if we could cover National Convention attendance. Decided to only cover those representing us, not just those that want to attend.

Consider for 2015-2016 budget: How are we spending our budget? Can we include Area and Cluster line items?

Re: Area Meetings

Ask AVPs to reserve one and a half hours before the start of the actual area meeting to allow for set up and the meet and greet with the electeds. Perhaps call the meet and greet a "Community Reception" as a more inviting title to those hesitant to speak with politicians. Remind those in attendance to not necessarily ask for anything PTA –wise at this event. Supposed to be casual.

2015-16 Budget: We need to include line item descriptions.

Taxes: "IRS is crazy." In February, Susan Birkenshaw sent \$2400 for late 2011 payroll taxes but didn't say for what in memo line. The IRS then said we didn't file 990's or extension on time and charged a penalty of \$1800. Then said we paid \$1600 over in payroll taxes and gave the money back, applying to \$1800 penalty. Then said we owed \$1600 in payroll taxes. Now threatening to seize our property. We need to change accountants.

We need to figure out which line item we will move money from for the \$1500 to Give Backpacks program.

Frances will post pictures from Presidents and Principals Dinner. 5/16/16 tentative date for next Presidents and Principals Dinner. We are looking at potential speakers.

Need to discuss and fill chair positions for 2015-2016. We can't have co-chairs but we can have vice chairs. We have not heard from everyone. There are important holes at CIP/Membership/OB. Julie suggests moving ESOL to its own committee. Frances would prefer not to appoint any board members as chairs because of conflicts of commitment and problems with quorum. Certainly not more than 2 board positions per person.

Meeting adjourned 7:28