MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

October 27, 2020

Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, quorum was established. The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the September 2020 Delegates Assembly were adopted. Cynthia went over “Zoom Ground Rules” and asked that everyone please be respectful and exercise grace.

***Announcements and Updates*** began at 7:06 pm.

Cynthia Simonson provided an update on the MDPTA v. National PTA situation. The timeline was briefly reviewed and the updates provided by Cynthia on 9/10/20, 9/16/20, 10/9/20 and 10/22/20 were referenced. There has been a Motion to Remand, National PTA opposition due today (10/27/20) and MDPTA’s reply due 10/30/20. There has been a motion to dissolve the TRO with MDPTA’s reply due by 10/30/20. Oral arguments to be held on both via Zoom on 11/4/20 at 2:30 pm. The TRO remains in effect until 11/12/20 at which time the court will rule on the motions. MCCPTA does not know if MDPTA has received any of the ballots back that they mailed to all locals. MCCPTA will take a straw poll vote of delegates prior to casting MCCPTA’s 3 votes, the Board is hopeful National will rescind Advisories, allowing Locals to interpret bylaws according to Roberts Rules.

Voting at the DA –

* September DA – Held meeting on Zoom from 7 – 9 pm and then held parking lot vote to elect officers, pass budget, pass motions related to ballot questions A and B.
* October DA – Enact Zoom “poll” voting to pass priorities, hold DA meeting on Zoom from 7 – 9 pm, place acknowledgement on Advocacy Priorities stating – Advocacy Priorities until such time as we hold in person meeting/parking lot/have permission to pass via virtual platform.

MSDE Announcements/Impacts – October 26, 2020 and October 27, 2020 MSDE Board Meeting. See DA slides in the October 2020 DA folder for links to agendas, recovery plans, COMAR, etc. <http://marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/meeting-agendas/2020/2020-10-26.aspx>

Mental Health Week – October 26 through October 30th. Visit [www.MCPSmentalhealth.org](http://www.MCPSmentalhealth.org) for further information.

***New Business*** began at 7:17 pm.

Advocacy Priorities – Presented by Laura Stewart and worked on by Laura Stewart, MCCPTA VP of Advocacy and Dalbin Osario, MCCPTA Advocacy Committee Chair. Laura explained that the goal this year was to come up with a one-page document to succinctly list the priorities with a longer document to be used by committees to steer their advocacy. Laura shared her screen with the one pager and at 7:24 pm Laura started going through each of the proposed amendments. Each amendment was read aloud, 30 seconds was given for the person proposing the amendment to speak and then an opportunity for anyone to speak against the amendment was given. A poll will be conducted after a block of several amendments to determine approval. Copies of the proposed amendments are in the OneDrive folder: DA - 2020-2021 - October

Proposed Amendment #1 – by Miguel Mitchell, Delegate Parkland MS – approved by 96%, 4% reject.

Proposed Amendment #2 – by Debby Orsak, AVP BCC – WJ- Whitman – approved by 90%, 10% reject.

Proposed Amendment #3 – by Anne Reid, Delegate Bradley Hills ES – approved by 96%, 4% reject.

Proposed Amendment #4 – by Anne Reid, Delegate Bradley Hills ES – approved by 87%, 13% reject.

Proposed Amendment #5 – by Jen Dragone, PTA Exec Board, Burning Tree ES – approved by 88%, 12% reject. In addition to Jen, Fred Azcarete and Anand Patwardhan also spoke in support.

Proposed Amendment #6 – by Rodney Peele, MCCPTA VP for Educational Issues – approved by 99%, 1% reject. Rodney spoke for; Sarah Kogod (Ashburton) spoke to change the word disability to ability. Jennifer Young also spoke to support Rodney’s amendment to use the word “disability”.

Proposed Amendment #7 – by Rodney Peele, MCCPTA VP for Educational Issues – approved by 99%, 1% reject.

Proposed Amendment #8 – by Lynn Amano, Delegate BCC – approved by 95%, 5% reject.

Proposed Amendment #9 – by Anand Patwardhan, Delegate Wootton HS – approved by 89%, 11% reject. Jane Lehrman spoke in support, Anand spoke for highlighting that the main issue is choice, Adam Bornstein questioned the practicality of the change.

Proposed Amendment #10 – by Monica Berger, Delegate Bayard Rustin ES – spelling error, change discreet to discrete.

Delegate Role – Cynthia went over the role and responsibilities of being a Delegate. Please see slide deck for details, link to Delegate Guide: <http://nebula.wsimg.com/36db55a25dee91bd2aa5f66032eb68b5?AccessKeyId=AB71C8A62DC88BF7171E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Training Materials – Training materials can be found on the MCCPTA website - <http://www.mccpta.org/training-1.html>, additional links in the slide deck from the meeting.

Committee Membership – please contact committee chairs to join, a full list can be found on the MCCPTA website - <http://www.mccpta.org/mccpta-leaders.html>

Blue Book – the Blue Book is published each year and distributed to MCPS Staff, BOE Members and Staff, County Council, State Senators and Delegates and members of other organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Associations and Partners. Please make sure your locals have submitted their updated information - <http://www.mccpta.org/bluebook-1.html>

***Old Business*** - None

***Officer Reports*** began at 8:42 pm.

* All Officer Reports can be found in the October 2020 OneDrive Folder - <https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/office_mccpta_org/EsaofxGwXbpPh859SJ9WXoUBXJKa3ThNjmDz4y97vBv_FQ?e=xtjESW>

***Committee Updates & Announcements*** began at 8:49 pm.

Membership Committee, Carrie Palsson, October Challenge is over and she will announce the winner soon. The membership emails that are sent are just updates based on where your local was last year with membership. Membership cards may have been mailed to your schools, if they have please get them and keep them in a safe place as they will likely need to be mailed back.

BOE/BOD Meeting – will be held on October 29, 2020. You can live stream the meeting from the BOE website.

Nomination Committee – Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds, committee is comprised of 7 members, one from each area plus one additional, AVPs typically help to recruit members.

Committee reports can be found here - <https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/office_mccpta_org/EnISQDTdo3BLs8M-N5Te4-4BDmk-67P0DmwxLwR1DriVNQ?e=AC6MGy>

Cynthia ran through a few upcoming events:

* **October 29, 2020 –** MCCPTA/BOE/BOD Meeting, 7-9 pm
  + View via MCPSTV or Live Stream via the MCPS BOE page
* **November 2, 2020 – BOE CIP Hearings, 6pm** – Virtual testimony but live BOE deliberations
* **November 3, 2020 – Election Day**
* **November 5, 2020 – BOE CIP Hearings, 6 pm** – Virtual testimony but live BOE deliberations
* **November 12, 2020 –** BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* **November 12, 2020** – MDPTA/National TRO expires
* **November 19, 2020 –** Delegates Assembly Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom, registration link will be sent via email
* **December 1, 2020 – Swearing in of Elected Board of Education Members, 7pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.