

**MINUTES OF THE MCCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Carver Education Services Center - Auditorium

**ATTENDANCE:**

Officers: Kristin Tribble, Laurie Halverson, Paul Morrison, Larry Edmonds, Rebecca Smondrowski, Shebra Evans and Debra Lang

Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators & Committee Chairs: Steve Augustino, Ted Willard, Donna Pfeiffer, Janette Gilman, David Lechner, JoAnn Burl, Antonio Hernandez-Cardoso, Priscilla Peterson, Lynne Harris, Sumbal Sheldon. Kevin David, Jennifer Cope, Mary Cassell, Elise Browne Hughes, Ricky Ford, Scott Harper, Jill Trone, Melanie Twomey, Cheryl Moss Herman, Cheryl Peirce, Donna Lowell, Karen Collishaw, Amy Hartley, Juan Johnson, Todd Powell, Beth Kennington, Sarah Kessler, Jim Keenan, Laurie Augustino, Kathy Lloyd, Carrie Bohrer and Patti Twigg.

Also Attending: Richard Yarrow, student.

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

**Call to Order:** President Tribble called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. All in attendance introduced themselves.

Ted Willard moved that we approve Amy Hartley, Jeanne Ellinport and Mary Cassell as cluster coordinators for Rockville, Quince Orchard and Walter Johnson, respectively. After this motion was seconded, it was approved.

President Tribble asked that the proposed agenda be reviewed. Ted Willard asked that GT/Curriculum Committee be added under New Business. With this change, the agenda was approved.

President Tribble asked that the minutes from the prior meeting be reviewed. Ted Willard moved to approve the minutes of the June, 2011 meeting, which motion was seconded and approved.

Richard Yarrow asked that the minutes be adjusted to reflect his attendance at the meeting as a student representative. Ted Willard moved to approve the minutes of the September, 2011 meeting as amended, which motion was seconded and approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:**

President Kristin Tribble thanked those who have attended and posted notes from the various Listen and Learn sessions. Attendance at the upcoming Board of Education Community Conversations is encouraged, as is participation at our BOE- PTA meeting on October 26th. President Tribble spoke briefly about her participation on the Parent Advisory Council and with the Parent Leadership Group; she encourages all to consider participating in the future. Blue Book changes need to be sent to Pam in the office asap. President Tribble spoke about the proposed new office space, and her efforts to secure

something more appropriately sized and located. Media training will again be available for all interested BOD members prior to the next BOD meeting. The newly adopted standing rules will require that Delegates have their Delegate Cards and local PTA Membership Cards in order to vote at Delegate Assemblies. President Tribble mentioned that the Area Realignment was inadvertently left off of the agenda for the September DA, so it will be on in October.

**Vice President - Administration:**

Vice President Paul Morrison spoke about the need for one representative from each area to participate on the Nominating Committee for this year. After discussion, he moved that the Board present the following slate of Nominating Committee members to the Delegates Assembly later in the month, which was seconded and approved:

- Shebra Evans (BCC/WJ/Wheaton/Whitman)
- Susan Fleck (Blair/Einstein/Kennedy/Northwood)
- Cheryl Peirce (Churchill/RM/Rockville/Wootton)
- Sumbal Sheldon (Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/WM)
- JoAnn Burl (NEC and Sherwood)
- Janet Sanchez (Clarksburg/Northwest/Poolesville/QO/SV)
- Laurie Augustino (at large)

**Vice President – Educational Issues:**

Vice President Laurie Halverson invited all to the first PTA Mixer to be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in Rockville. She encouraged all to invite their local leadership, and mentioned that there will be no official agenda, just a chance to meet and mingle in a casual setting. She thanked Sumbal Sheldon for organizing. President Tribble announced that MCCPTA is proud of Laurie and Steve Augustino and of Pam Moomau for their many accomplishments and years of involvement with our school communities, which are being recognized by the Board of Education with Distinguished Service Awards. She thanked them for their exceptional work and for truly making a difference!

**Vice President - Legislation:**

Vice President Larry Edmonds expressed disappointment at the recent County Council vote regarding the Spending Affordability Guidelines, but feels that good connections were made that will be helpful in the future.

**Vice President - Programs:**

Vice President Rebecca Smondrowski announced that Dr. Starr would be the guest for the program preceding the October Delegates Assembly.

**Committee Reports:**

**Operating Budget:** President Tribble reported that she and Committee Chair Jean Schlesinger have been meeting with MCPS officials twice weekly for a few weeks now. She also announced that we will be holding a Maintenance of Effort Law Forum on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. After discussion, it was agreed that the NAACP will co-sponsor the event with us.

**CIP** - Committee Chair Steve Augustino announced that the next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and will include the Farquar resolution follow-up.

**Cultural Arts** – Committee Chair Priscilla Peterson reported that the final showcase will be held on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, but only from 9:30-1:30 as there were less newly approved performers than expected. All are invited to attend. This year's catalog is now available and will be online soon. She has initiated her annual survey of cultural arts budgets – please encourage your schools to respond. Finally, they are aware of, and working on correcting, the inaccessibility of prior showcases on the web.

**High School** – Committee Chair Dave Lechner announced that there will be an MCCPTA United Nations on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. He also inquired about the level of interest in other countywide projects. Dave moved that the High School Committee's work plan be amended to include the investigation of, and potential planning for, further, future art events, which was seconded and approved.

**New Business:**

**Proposed Resolution on Support for Legislation on Teen Curfew:** –Juan Johnson moved to not support the proposed resolution, which was seconded and approved.

Laurie Halverson moved that MCCPTA submit a resolution taking a stand against a proposed curfew, which was seconded and approved.

**Committee Work Plan Approval:**

President Tribble asked that the Work Plans of the Guidance and Counseling Committee and the Legislative Committee be reviewed. The Board approved both of these proposed work plans.

**Gift & Talented/Curriculum Committee** – Ted Willard moved that the Board support the drafting and submission to the Delegates of a resolution supporting honors classes in all subjects in all middle schools, which was seconded and approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

**By-Laws Amendment** – President Tribble explained that since By-Laws Chair Sandy Holloway is not present, this issue will be brought up at the upcoming Delegates Assembly.

**New Area Superintendents** – After some concern expressed by Poolesville about a lack of contact with their new Community Superintendent, everyone was reminded to reach out to their Community Superintendents in order to establish good working relationships with them.

**Voting at DA** - Donna Pfeiffer reminded all that local Presidents should contact the MCCPTA office one week prior to any Delegates Assembly with the names of any new authorized representative.

President Kristin Tribble adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Debra Lang, Recording Secretary BOD