MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

January 25, 2022

Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, quorum was established. Cynthia went over the PTA Mission to begin the meeting.

Jonathan Thessin moved to amend the agenda to discuss the guidepost MCPS is using for a school to go virtual and how they are addressing the staffing shortage. Cynthia stated that she will address this in her President’s report.

Agenda and Minutes from the November 2021 DA Meeting were approved.

Speaker began at 7:05 pm – Nicole Allain, Executive Director of Districtwide Services and Supports, Out of School Time (OST) Initiative. OST are structured activities for groups of students or an individual student, supervised by an adult, when school is not regularly in session (before school, afterschool, summer, weekends, non-instructional days). These structured in person and virtual experiences provide an array of opportunities through academic, specialty, and multipurpose programs that create a positive and safe environment for students. Ms. Allain went over current programs and programs her office hopes to implement next year. She also spoke to the various community and MCPS partners that OST works with as part of the work group to plan activities for the school year and the summer.

***Informational Updates*** began at 7:27 pm

National/MDPTA/Delaware PTA – Free State has IRS designation as non-profit and our locals have until 3/31/22 to decide if they would like to move under the DE PTA umbrella. MCCPTA is trying to determine if this is a necessary step and will have more information at the February 22, 2022 DA meeting.

***New Business*** began at 7:36 pm.

MCCPTA Standing Rules – Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds told the DA that the Bylaws template is almost ready. As for the Standing Rules, Kellie presented each rule and asked for any comments or changes. As she presented each rule Kellie mentioned the changes that were made. There were no questions or comments on Rules 1 through 4. For Rule 5, Laura Mitchell asked a question on testimony at the state level and it was determined that her question is addressed by Rule 5. There were no questions or comments on Rule 6. A few other questions regarding the rules were taken and addressed. The Standing Rules are coming from committee, Kellie made a motion to vote for the approval of the proposed Standing Rules – 86 in favor, 1 opposed, the Standing Rules have passed.

***Officer Reports*** began at 8:10 pm.

President – Report is in the OneDrive Folder, highlights are concerns school safety and security; COVID decision making (asked for a decision tree and didn’t get it) and mental health support.

VP Educational Issues – Full report in the materials folder; county wide tutoring has started; MD Blueprint – how funding will be implemented under the blueprint; gifted community updates.

VP Programs – Beginning the 4th Friday Family Forum this Friday 1/29, join us for a casual way to engage the community. There will be different breakout rooms for parents and students. Celebrations in May will be held on 5/20/22.

VP Advocacy – The Operating Budget Workshop was well attended and useful; the Health & Wellness letter will be discussed under committee reports; detailed the grant that MCCPTA received for $15,000 to help those access vaccinations.

***Committee Reports*** began at 8:45 pm.

Membership – Spring Membership Challenge – dues must be postmarked by 2/28/22. To qualify you must pay at least the same amount of dues that you paid by the end of the 20/21 school year or IF your PTA was not active pay at least 75% of the dues that your PTA paid by the end of the 2019/2020 school year. Grand prize is a custom tablecloth; runners up will get one of 15 $25 Giant gift cards. The winner of the last challenge and the tablecloth is Stonegate ES.

Health & Wellness Committee – Letter to the MSDE about in school making requirement. Hannah Donart presented the letter, MCCPTA recommends that the Maryland State Board of Education not lift the mandate, https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/office\_mccpta\_org/EbccpiG0nVNHvnw2iYi5Iw4BwJjoOBp5ieWJ1a-U0BZbqQ?e=PIeJna. She went through the letter, answered questions. Hannah made a motion to vote on the letter at the February DA so that the delegates have time to take the letter back to their locals to gain feedback.

**Upcoming Dates**:

* February 9, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* February 22, 2022 – DA Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* March 9, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* March 22, 2022 – DA Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* April 6, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.