

## **MCCPTA Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**January 10, 2019**

**Carver Educational Services Center**

**Room 134**

**Call to Order:** MCCPTA President Lynne Harris called meeting to order at 7:010 pm; quorum (24) was reached shortly thereafter at 7:20pm.

**Members present:** Officers - Lynne Harris, Cynthia Simonson, Erin Clegg, Daria Daniel, Khristy Kartsakalis, Tracie Potts, and Laura Stewart. See attendance sign-in for other members present.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus as amended.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the December 2018 BOD meeting were approved by consensus.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Operating Budget Forum – Laura Mitchell**

**Operating Budget Chair Laura Mitchell** recapped the forum that was held on Saturday, December 12.

##### **Nominations Committee - Chris Rutledge**

**Nominations Committee Chair Chris Rutledge** noted that the Nomination Committee had begun its work in selecting MCCPTA leadership for 2019-2020. MCCPTA President Lynne Harris thanked committee members for their service.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **DA Secretary**

Zoe Tischaev was approved by consensus to fill in as MCCPTA DA Secretary, since she will be a candidate for another MCPS office.

##### **Damascus HS meeting**

**President Lynne Harris** MCPS will be hosting series of meetings with parents and students. Training opportunity for coaching boys to men. Investigation into incident also expanding. Damascus HS is moving forward with athletic banquet.

##### **VP of Engagement Discussion**

Core mission advocacy and engagement. Engagement key focus but spread across many areas. Focus of potential new VP is training local PTAs how to engage families and keep momentum going.

##### **MCPS PTA Partnership- Tracie Potts**

**VP of Administration Tracie Potts** is a National PTA Family Engagement fellow. Work in community – differing views by principals on what community should be doing. Many have arms-length relationships versus working hand in hand with families.

Regarding MCPS –

1. Dr. Smith is creating blog on “What is PTA?” and Tracie Potts will be a guest blogger

2. Training video for MCPS staff- spring preservice week training.
3. OSSI/Directors to monitor relationships
4. Department of Family and Student Services – will host workshop with MCCPTA in Spring. Also, **Parent Advisory Council** – looking to retool and have group of parents across the country to advise MCPS
  - a. Empowered by MCPS to come up with best practices for family engagement.
  - b. Prior group was 30 people; new group will be smaller but representative of county.
  - c. Applications go out in spring. Selections by end of year to be in place in the fall  
Board members expressed concerns about this MCPS council conflicting with MCCPTA views. Tracie said she would discuss council and hear issues with those expressing concerns after the meeting.

### **Upcoming Proposal for MDPTA bylaws revisions**

MDPTA amending bylaws, basically a complete rewrite, which will impact MCCPTA. Comments are due by February 22. Vote on new bylaws occurs April 10<sup>th</sup> and they will be adopted formally over the summer. Treasurer Khristy Kartsakalis is on the bylaws revision committee and they also took volunteers from MCCPTA including VP Tracie Potts, VP Laura Stewart and Bylaws Chair Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds to review.

### **New IRS Rules/Cash encounters revision**

**Treasurer Khristy Kartsakalis** noted major change due to new IRS rules – MDPTA revamped cash encounters form and rules regarding 501c3 and gift cards. Gift cards are considered cash donations now to PTAs. She said it is important to read that section and share with local Treasurers.

### **Mental Health and Wellness**

**President Lynne Harris** mentioned that the Mental Health and Wellness fair will be held on Saturday, January 12 and Sunil Dasgupta is Chair. There will be mental health and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid trainings held. Also, Lynne got Superintendent Dr. Smith to agree to LGBTQ forum to be chaired by Pablo Blanks.

### **Awards**

**President Lynne Harris** noted it is award season time and really encouraged MCCPTA leaders to nominate outstanding PTA leaders and teachers/principals for these awards. MCCPTA Awards Chair Daria Daniel mentioned the Awards MCCPTA gives out and noted general deadline end of March but for Champion for Children Award the deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **OFFICER REPORTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **MCCPTA VP of Advocacy – Laura Stewart**

**VP Laura Stewart** mentioned that \$25 million needs to be cut from MCPS budget, so carryover eliminated. Nicky Diamond testified January 8<sup>th</sup>. MCCPTA should bring up with county council. March 11 is MCPS March in Annapolis. Changes on way MCPS will be doing individual school boundaries. CIP Chair Katya Marin working on summarizing new process. Youth commissioners doing countywide study of students use of metrobuses relating to transit options for students.

**MCCPTA VP of Education – Cynthia Simonson**

**VP of Education Cynthia Simonson** mentioned Washington Post articles on MCPS grade inflation; AP. AVPS are meeting with Deputy Superintendent and Associate Superintendent to discuss issues, including homework, ESOL and equity unit.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm**

Submitted by Daria Daniel – MCCPTA BOD Secretary