

**MCCPTA Delegates Assembly**  
**Tuesday, September 28, 2010**  
**7:30 pm, Carver Auditorium**

Call To Order at 7:35 pm

Reading of the PTA Mission- Laurie Halverson

**APRIL MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN**

President: (Kristin Tribble)

Being a Delegate:

- Pick up information in folders (please leave folders)
- Sign Attendance sheet
- Subscribe to the MCCPTA Bulletin E-list
- Pick up Delegate card from last year's delegate. (Valid thru October Meeting)
- Remember to Staple current PTA card to Delegate card. (Card needed for purposes of voting within MCCPTA and MDPTA)
- Brief Review of key MCCPTA meeting procedures: Parliamentary Procedure, Robert's Rules, Making a Motion, Resolutions, Amendments.
- Reminder YOU are voting for your local school community to represent them at the DA meeting.
- YOU are encouraged to come early to partake in the Programs portion of the meetings
- REMEMBER: Education is KEY! BE A PART OF IT.

MCCPTA Office Hours- 9:30-1:30, Monday-Friday

MCCPTA Blue Book Directory- October 1 deadline for Officer and Delegate contact information

Creation of Ad Hoc Committee on Growth Projections- Merry Eisner, Chair

Superintendent Search Update

- Nov-Dec: Firm chosen to conduct national search
- Pushing hard for parental/PTA input

Budget News

- We will need you, very tight budget year.
- EVERY County, State, and Legislative dollar needed

Upcoming concern: Common Core of Standards

Introduction of AVP

VP EDUCATIONAL ISSUES: (Laurie Halverson)

Find a Passion-Get Involved

Open Chair positions:

- Reflections (immediate opening)- Art, Music, Literature Focus
- Middle School
- Technology

Every committee is looking for active members to help with ideas and a fresh look.

Introductions of installed MCCPTA Chairs

VP ADMINISTRATION: (Paul Morrison)

MCCPTA is currently seeking nominations for Nomination Committee.

VP PROGRAMS: (DeBora King)

- Training was a lot of fun. Next MCCPTA training will take place the first week of June 2011. More details to follow.
- Feedback from summer survey was used to plan this year's Program schedule

- October- Parent Involvement
- November- Math Workgroup
- January- Superintendent Search
- February- Bully/Cyber Safety
- March- TBD

VP LEGISLATION: (Rebecca Smondrowski)

- Everyone is encouraged to get actively involved in the State Legislative Process. Attend sessions, talk to Representatives, schedule trips to Annapolis, etc.
- The committee will report Bills and Laws introduced in this years' session regarding school/safety/educational issues.
- BOE Forum in conjunction with League of Women Voters and went well
- OCT 19<sup>th</sup>, Governors' Debate More information to come, would like great attendance
- MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, Principals Presidents Dinner
- NOV 2<sup>nd</sup>- Election PLEASE VOTE
- Committee will be more than happy to assist clusters assembling local Candidates Forums

TREASURER: (Jaimie Jacobson)

Presentation of the proposed 2010-2011 Budget

- Fiscal year July 1st – June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Not much material change from last year
- Income: 2010-2011 Projection of \$52000 in Membership Dues, Up 4K from Last Year (\$48K) Really think it's possible
- Expenditures:
- Blue Book Publishing costs down
- Legislative committee requests increased
- Fixed expenses and will try to keep it down through email
- Copier
- Employee- Proposed \$1.00 increase. Capacity to support the increase.

Discussion:

Q: Health and Safety Committee broken into 2 categories –AND- Awards and Honors vs. Recognition and Appreciation. Why? (Patti Twigg- AVP/NEC and Sherwood, Paint Branch Cluster Coordinator)

A: Health and Safety will be corrected and combined  
 Awards and Honors Committee: Internal Recognition  
 Recognition and Appreciation: External Recognition

Q: Why are we wasting money on publishing a Blue Book. Why not use the internet?  
 (Greg Williams, Rock Creek Valley ES)

A: Safety of Phone number and contact information for committee chairs and other MCCPTA leadership

Q: Why the P/P dinner if it eats up so much of our budget? (Maureen Menovich Wayside ES)

A: Not designed to be a fundraiser. If you note, expenses and income are balanced although last year expenses did come in lower than anticipated so some funds were gained from the event. Additionally, Stacey Menendez Arcola ES, past member of P/P Committee said the event is big and grand because MCCPTA wants guests and participants to be taken seriously and to make it our "big bang".

**MOTION: INCREASE SALARY FOR OFFICE MANAGER FROM 17 TO 18/HOUR EFFECTIVE OCT 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

Proposed: Jaimie Jacobson, seconded Passed through a voice vote

**MOTION; APPROVE THE FY10-11 MCCPTA BUDGET AS SUBMITTED**

Proposed: Jaimie Jacobson; seconded Passed through a voice vote

OPERATING BUDGET- (Pamela Moomau)

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>: Budget Released

Two resolutions are being proposed. Please take them back to your school and discuss. Statements are still up for discussion.

- Within the past 2 years the budget had undergone cuts within the county that have not affected other places in MD. EFO/SRO program, increase in class size by 1 student, and teacher salaries frozen for 2 years. The State and County are pinched but we still need to advocate for our children and their needs.
- Within the past 4 years, MCPS has invited MCCPTA to help understand the effects of a cut on a proposed budget cut and administration, services, and teachers from a Parental perspective. Attendees are sworn to secrecy but will brief what can be said whenever possible.
- **Operating Budget Priorities**
  - Information for the Priorities was discerned through area meeting summer notes and an online survey to pick top 6.
  - The six items focus upon the items the Delegates believe can least afford to be cut.
  - The Committee believes it's most effective to keep the list no more than 6, since it expresses our *major* concerns.
- **Operating Budget Compact:**
  - The Compact is organized in such a way to follow the MCPS Strategic Plan.
  - The Compact predates current chairperson (15+ years) and lists the things we'd want to see in an "ideal world".

Q: What is Hours based staffing?

A: Tailors the staff at the school to best help Mainstreaming of students

Q: Are the Priorities ranked equally?

A: Fluid document and changes can come from this "body".

Q: Do Compact/Priorities correspond to specific items?

A: Yes, MCPS Initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Q: What does LAD stand for?

A: Learning and Academically Disabled

Q: What do we do if we have questions?

A: Sign up for the DELEGATES ELIST and ask your questions there.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) – (Steve Augustino)

GET INVOLVED!!

**CIP Priorities Resolution** is used to help guide our advocacy throughout the rest of the year so we can

- 1- Prioritize what Parents think is best -and-
- 2- Prioritize how we can work to get proper funding from county and state.

*The last 3 clauses of the resolution are the MOST IMPORTANT. Please read them over.*

**Facilities Assessment Criteria and Testing (FACT):**

- The CIP Committee is working with MCPS on criteria used to assess the 51 newly schools added to the FACT list for modernization.
- The committee believes understanding of the weight of each criterion is relevant and would like to input from schools as to what they believe is most important.
- In December, finalization of the data will go out for review and public comment.
- Funding and support are required by the Board of Education, Montgomery County Council, and Maryland State Legislators.

Delegates are encouraged to contact Steve Augustino (Chairperson) to get all background information for items.

MCPS is planning at this time.

CIP book comes out Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Information is needed by October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The resolution will be on list serve

Public Testimony to the Board of Education (BOE) is November 10-11

Public Testimony to the County Council is in January date to be determined.

Q: How does this affect the current FACT listing?

A: The CURRENT FACT still has two high schools, five middle schools, and six elementary schools to complete. These schools will not be reassessed and will remain on track within the current queue. The newest FACT schools will be placed after the completion of the current list.

It was noted by Cheryl Moss-Herman that APPENDIX C had the current listing of schools effected by the FACT changes.

HEALTH AND SAFETY- (Donna Pfeiffer)

Past Years: Educational Facilities Officers (EFO) were present at all (25) high schools and 2 middle schools

This Year: EFOs were "replaced" with SRO (Safety Resource Officers; name change falls in line with rest of country) and the County only funded 9. Fighting to get Officers back into every school because the behind the scene work they do may not be seen but has proven to be most beneficial to the school environment.

CURRICULUM- (Ted Willard)

MCPS Elementary School curriculum evolving and is toward uniformity in Math, Reading, and Language Arts education within the State.

The State does not specify how it's supposed to be taught nor how MCPS's current curriculum is affected.

Input to MCPS on the way it is to be taught is being discussed.

OCT 11<sup>th</sup>- Reading LanguageArts

OCT 18<sup>th</sup>- Math

NOV8th- Elementary curriculum specifically

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AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON GROWTH PROJECTIONS- (Rich Edelman)

- o Department of Long Range Planning projects population growth within MCPS schools. From the Area meetings held this summer it was noted that many clusters found the numbers to be "OFF" on a Micro level but are "ON" on a Macro level seem to be correct.
- o Purpose of the committee is to ascertain information and make sure the needed changes to forecasting correctly are being implemented. Can the forecasting be done differently? Currently researching surrounding counties and states to ascertain the answer and working with MCPS's LRP Director, Bruce Crispell to get answers.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE- (Kristin Tribble for Suzanne Weiss)

- o Next year students will still have a Half day before Thanksgiving.
- o One concern raised again this year is the idea of rotation of "SPECIALS" (Art, Music, PE, ESOL, Language). so students don't repeatedly miss these courses. Many "SPECIALS" fall on a Monday or Friday -offering families three day weekends, but- students repeatedly miss these enrichment courses.
- o January /February the new calendar should be finalized and published.

Please take compact back and all other pieces of information given tonight back to your schools and bring back your concerns, changes, resolutions, and thoughts to the next Delegates meeting OCT 26<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 9:06 pm