

Minutes MCCPTA Board Directors
Sept. 4, 2008
Carver Educational Service Center
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Officers

Kay Romero, President, Liz Wheeler, VP Administration, Karen Smith, VP Programs, Merry Eisner, VP Legislation, Dale Ryan, Treasurer, Patti Twigg Recording Secretary, Delegate Assembly, Andrea Q. Bernardo, Recording Secretary, Board of Directors

AVPs, Cluster Coordinators and Committee Chairs

Susan Joyce Thomas, Mary Abe, Jennifer Chambers, Juan Johnson, Jim Keenan, Paul Morrison, Julie Lucas, Brenda Martin, Lori Merrill, Roy Broussard, Terri Salus, Amiee House, Debra Goldman, DeBora King, Priscilla Peterson, Pam Moomau, Sally Taber, Sonya Leaman, Donna Pfeiffer, Kristin Tribble, Linda White, Susan Young, Dawn Dolan, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Fran Simons

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. A quorum was present.

The Agenda was approved, as amended by adding the Cultural Arts work plan.

The June Minutes were approved.

The August Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Dale Ryan presented the Treasurer's Report. She explained the proposed draft budget. The draft budget was approved, as amended. Amendments are as follows: The DCC Committee and the Health Committee averred on funding. Cultural Awareness reduced its funding to \$100 and Community Outreach adjusted upward to \$1,700. The draft budget will be brought to the Delegates at the September 24th business meeting for their vote to amend or approve.

Dale also reported that the '07 audit was not complete, as there were outstanding issues. She asked the Board to approve \$320 to pay the current auditor to correct this problem. The motion passed.

Dale reported on the bids for audit services. She recommended the Board approve hiring Rosenbloom and Associates to perform a financial review at a cost of \$2,000. A motion was made and passed.

Finally, Dale reported that MCCPTA would get a refund credit of \$700 for copies due to a reading error on the part of the copier service.

Officer Reports. Fall training was scheduled at Rockville HS on Sept. 6 starting at 9:30.

Karen Smith reported that one of the training sessions was membership drives to reach out to immigrant communities.

Legislation. Merry Eisner reported on council training. Cluster comments to CIP—areas should have received call from MCPS for meetings by now.

Workplans. Approved.

Cluster Coordinators. Amiee House, Deedee Jacobson and Elizabeth Sadove were elected for Walter Johnson. Martha Crews for Watkins Mill. Sarah Defnet for Poolesville. Roy Broussard for Rockville.

CIP. The Board discussed CIP issues. It was noted that MCPS favored additions over modernizations, having pushed back 4 planned mods. Kay Romero advised Board members to further engage discussion of this topic on the Board listserv. Board members were asked to seek feedback from their school communities related to the upcoming CIP and then send the information back to Steve Augustino, CIP chair.

Area Meetings- A document listing concerns and issues that came up consistently in the recent summer meetings was shared. The MCCPTA Budget Priorities Resolution from 07-08 was discussed. Board members were asked to rank their priorities from the list provided while including items they think carried over from last year's concerns. The proposed Budget Priorities Resolution for FY 2010 will be shared at the September 24th Delegates Assembly. Delegates will be asked to take this back to their

school communities and seek feedback. A vote on this proposed resolution will occur at the October Delegates Assembly. The MCCPTA Operating Budget Compact will also be worked on.

Student Curriculum Fees. The inconsistency of fees and legality are being discussed in the community. MCCPTA has received feedback from 4 categories of parents and guardians about school fees. MCCPTA represents all parents in the categories below:

1. Parents who thought the fees were illegal.
2. Parents who did not care about the issue and paid the fees.
3. Parents who thought being able to purchase the supplemental materials enhanced their child's education and helped their schools.
4. Parents who could not afford to pay the fees on any level.

The Clarksburg Cluster Coordinators clarified that what neighboring parents in other school communities were reporting to the press on behalf of the Clarksburg Cluster was inaccurate and was not representative of the school community.

After discussion, a motion was made and passed as follows.

That the President of MCCPTA ask MCPS to gather an accurate and complete list, by school, of all fees charged to students for all curricular activities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.