

**MCCPTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
**April 24, 2018**  
**Gaithersburg High School Cafeteria**

The November Delegates Assembly called to order at 7:30pm by President Lynne Harris.

Agenda – approved  
Minutes – approved

**MCPS MINUTE:** Shell Cherry spoke on the process for selecting organizations who offer SSL hours and other details related to performing SSL hours. Elementary students can begin after the end of their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year. Follow Ms. Cherry on Twitter & Instagram.

**COMMUNITY MINUTE:** Officer Jim Whalen, spoke on the value of sending students to Safety Patrol Summer Leadership Camp at Summit Lake.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Junior Achievement Financial Park:**

- When the new Edison opens in fall 2018 the top floor will be dedicated to the Junior Achievement Finance Park
- Previously MCPS students visited the Finance Park in Virginia
- During the visit, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a simulation which will expose them to real-world financial choices they will face as adults
- What volunteers need/can expect
  - Volunteering at JA Finance Park®
  - Advise students on budget choices!
  - No expertise needed!
  - 20 volunteers a day!
  - Need to arrive at park before students!
  - 5 Hour volunteer commitment (~8:30-1:30)!
- Timeline
  - Now – spread the word in the community! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
  - June – release of calendar: when each 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will attend.
  - August – JA and schools implement recruitment strategy plan.
  - September – Begin promoting opportunity at back to school night.
  - Ongoing – PTA presentations - flyers and messaging to go home.
- How MCCPTA/PTAs/PTSAs can help
  - Look to your school for the date of JA Finance Park visit!
  - Plan a presentation with JA's help to recruit parents to volunteer at JA Finance Park.
  - Outside of PTA - Involve your company or community group!
  - Connect JA to other stakeholders and community partners!
- Visit [myja.org](http://myja.org) for more information

**Give Backpacks:**

Thanked MCCPTA and PTA units for past contributions. New drive ramping up now for next year. Here's how you can donate (your unit can still send a check):

- Text Backpack at any amount to 301-329-2238
- Follow the prompts
- Register your credit card (only first time)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Lynne Harris reviewed the process followed by the MCCPTA Audit Team and other volunteers over the past year to identify, investigate, and report to authorities financial misappropriations performed by former Treasurer Lisa Betts while managing finances for MCCPTA and two local PTA units. Ms. Betts plead guilty at a hearing earlier this year. Today she was sentenced to five years in jail, all but nine months (minus one day served) suspended. Her sentence began Tuesday, April 24. She will subsequently make restitution to MCCPTA (for insurance deductible), Greencastle PTA, and Traveller's Insurance Group.

## **OFFICER REPORTS** (updates/highlights only to written reports provided prior to meeting)

Health & Safety – Sunil Desgupta – First Annual forum was a success. Please plan to attend next year.

CIP & lead testing – Laura Stewart

- Lead testing is ongoing. MCPS is updating their web site as s they go and Laura will continue to update her shared spreadsheet.
- Water in a school is shut off if it exceeds 5 parts per billion (ppb).
- The State of Maryland requires that lead in water not exceed 5 ppb but Montgomery County could choose to reduce the limit.
- Board of Education is waiting to see the outcome of the testing before acting to lower the limit.

Advocacy – Neal Orringer

- BOE Candidate Forum was well attended. Neal will send a link so you can watch.
- Fix the Fund will be on the upcoming ballot as a referendum. \$500 million each year will be reserved for education, in addition to legislated funding formulas.
- Vote Guide – candidates didn't understand the 300-character limit: more than a tweet. Also, some had issues with copy/paste into an Adobe document.

Membership – Carrie Palsson

- Announced contest winners for February (March DA meeting cancelled) and March
- Feb: Wilson Wims (banner!) and \$25 gift cards for Bradley Hills, Takoma Park, Goshen, Montgomery Blair, Somerset, John Poole, Woodfield, Burning Tree, Mill Creek Towne, East Silver Spring.
- March: Woodfield (banner!) and \$25 gift cards for Greencastle, Candlewood, Clear Spring, Churchill, Seneca Valley, Galway, Hoover, Clemente, Clarksburg HS, Oakland Terrace.

Program – Erin Clegg

- Annual Celebration of Excellence event will be May 24 at the Montgomery College Cultural Arts Canter in Silver Spring, MD.
- Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered online through [mccpta.org](http://mccpta.org) or by check

Treasurer – Cheryl Pierce proposed budget changes, as approved by the MCCPTA Board of Directors. Revisions include the addition of a \$27,000 insurance payment; adjustments to payroll, committees and organizational advocacy to reflect actual or expected expenses; and an increase in come and expenses for the Celebration of Excellence. See meeting materials for detail. Changed adopted unanimously.

Special Education – Jeanne Taylor invited all to attend the Special Education Forum at Rockville High School on May 18. Details available on [mccpta.org](http://mccpta.org).

## ACTIONS

- Cynthia Simonson moved that MCPTA support the Moving Montgomery Forward "Call to Action: Early Care & Education," as previously approved by the Board of Directors. Approved unanimously
- Lynne Harris handed the gavel to Matt Swibel and moved that MCCPTA support the Call for Action to Prevent Gun Violence: Interdisciplinary Group on Preventing School & Community Violence, as approved by the Board of Directors. Approved unanimously.
- Nominating Committee Annual Election – Paul Morrison
  - Slate of Executive Board members unopposed, elected
    - President - Lynne Harris
    - VP Educational Issues - Cynthia Simonson
    - VP Administration – Tracie Potts
    - VP Programs - Erin Clegg
    - VP Advocacy – Laura Stewart
    - Secretary DA - Oriole Saah
    - Treasurer – Khristy Kartsakalis
  - Nominated from the floor, unopposed, elected
    - Secretary BOD – Daria Daniel
  - Area Vice Presidents and CC's (the following ran unopposed and were elected). Each Cluster is entitled to up to three Cluster Coordinators. In each case, where additional CCs were needed, nominations were solicited from the floor.
    - DCC AYP Chris Rutledge
    - Einstein CCs
      - Laura Stewart
      - Alan Heymann
    - Blair CCs
      - Michelle Riley
      - Therese Gibson
      - Fred Azcarate
    - Northwood CCs
      - Michele Moller
      - Ashley Franzel
      - Henriot St. Gerard
    - Wheaton CCs
      - Chris Rutledge
      - Nell Rumbaugh
    - Kennedy CCs
      - Francisco Negrón
      - Amit Banerjee
    - BCC/WJ/WHITMAN AYP Yvonne Van Lowe
    - Bethesda Chevy Chase CCs
      - Jesse Nickelson
      - Tim Wolf
    - Walter Johnson CCs
      - Wendy Calhoun
      - Nermine Deminopolus
      - James Bradley
    - Whitman CCs

- Jason Sartori
- Rochelle Fink
- Lisa London
- Churchill/Poolesville/RM/Rockville/Wootton AVP Jennifer Young
- Churchill failed to nominate Cluster Coordinators
- Richard Montgomery CCs
  - Monique Ashton
  - Rodney Peele
  - Mallika Sastry
- Rockville CCs
  - Sunil Dasgupta
  - Pablo Blank
  - David Mintz
- Poolesville failed to nominate Cluster Coordinators
- Wootton CCs
  - Brian Rabin
  - Gumei Liu
  - Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds
- DAMASCUS/GAITHERSBURG/MAGRUDER/WM AVP - Victoria Kelly Robles
- Damascus CCs
  - Karen Allman
- Gaithersburg CCs
  - Carrie Bohrer
  - Carolyn Garvey
- Magruder CCs
  - Deirdre Appel
  - Cynthia Simonson
- Watkins Mill CCs
  - Vicky Miller
- NEC/SHERWOOD AVP - Charisse Scott
- Blake CCs
  - Victoria Henley
- Paint Branch CCs
  - Brian Anleu
  - Tracie Potts
  - Collins Odongo
- Springbrook CCs
  - Bonita Sondoral
  - Toyria Cromer
- Sherwood CCs
  - Brian Carter
  - Tammy Fox
  - Kristy Kartsakalis
- CLARKSBURG/NW/QO/SV AVP – Sarah Kessler
- Clarksburg CCs
  - Rich Liu
  - Wendy Davis

- Likan Liang
- Northwest CCs
  - Sarah Kessler
- Quince Orchard CCs
  - Andrew Ross
  - Cory Estoll
- Seneca Valley CCs
  - Melissa Regan

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual MCCPTA Special Education Recognition Ceremony 5/14/18 at Rockville High School.
- Special Education Forum 5/28/18 at Quince Orchard with multiple breakouts
- Celebration of Excellent at the Silver Spring Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College on 5/24/18
- Spring Training will focus on PTA board members, 6/4/18 at Walter Johnson HS from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, flyer out soon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Oriole Saah, DA Secretary