

MCCPTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
September 25, 2018
Carver Educational Services Center Auditorium

The September meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by President Lynne Harris.

Agenda- approved by consent.

April 24, 2018 Minutes-

Corrections needed: First line- change "November" to "April"

Page 2, Treasurer- Cheryl Peirce's name is misspelled

Page 3- Change "MCPTA" to "MCCPTA" Change "AYP" to "AVP"

Page 4- The following individuals were not confirmed at the April election because the area or cluster did not vote by the deadline: Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill AVP, Watkins Mill CC, Damascus CC.

Following the corrections, the minutes were approved by consent.

MCCPTA Minute

Student minute- Zoe Tisha, from Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association (MCRSGA). The MCRSGA is discussing how to partner with student leaders in schools. They want to expand the role of "S" in the PTSA. Many PTSAs do not have any student representation.

Community minute- Patty Winters, from Brave and Bold, explained that Brave and Bold is a community coalition that evolved after a 2011 DUI related crash involving students. The group's goal is to help parents and students make safe, legal, and responsible choices about alcohol and other drugs. They have activities that provide SSL hours. Brave and Bold is advocating for the reopening of the MCPS recovery HS. The HS provided recovery support during the school day for students at risk of relapse.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

Budget- Treasurer, Khristy Kartsakalis presented the 2018-2019 MCCPTA budget that was approved by the MCCPTA BOD for discussion and approval by the DA.

The following items were discussed in response to comments and questions:

Difference from last year- We are starting the year with more money than last year because: (1) Insurance reimbursed us for funds stolen by the 2016-2017 treasurer, (2) we reduced spending last year because we did not know what we would receive from the insurance company, (3) Greencastle ES repaid the \$5000 loan that they needed last year when the theft of their funds was being investigated.

Line item 5008 (insurance)- The lack of budgeted expense may be an error.

Line item 5033 (web hosting/e-comm)- The increase from \$249 last year to \$892 this year needs to be checked.

Line item 5209 (Health and Wellness)- The increase from \$823 last year to \$4500 this year is needed for the Mental Health Forum, several activities planned by the Safe Tech subcommittee, more ICB needs, and the addition of subcommittees to the committee.

Line item 5034 (Celebration of excellence)- Increased expenses from \$6138 to \$20,000 because we will use a different venue this year and expect more funding from sponsors and ticket sales.

Line item 5104 (Other National/MD PTA events)- The \$100 includes a March Legislative Conference.

Line item 5401 (Payroll)- increased from \$4808 to \$13,000 because last year we hired our office assistant half way through the year.

We have enough planned carryover for next year to allow committees to request an increased budget if they have activities to support the funding.

Frances Frost indicated we should allocate more funds to line item 5104 (Other National/MD PTA events) to support anticipated events. She made the following motion: **Accept the proposed budget with an additional \$300 for line item 5104.**

The motion was seconded and passed.

Advocacy priorities- President Lynne Harris explained that the items selected for MCCPTA Advocacy Priorities need to be germane and relevant to all (or most) PTAs and students. It is a succinct document, not a White Paper. The items were selected based on discussion at the summer MCCPTA area meetings, anticipated events in MCPS, and MCCPTA committee work. She explained the timeline: draft to DA by Sept 28, comments from local PTAs and clusters back to MCCPTA Oct 5 so the MCCPTA BOD can discuss on 10/11. The final version will be presented to the DA on 10/23.

Laura Stewart, VP of Advocacy, explained the topics in the document

Bylaws amendment-Kellie Schoolar Reynolds, Bylaws Chair, presented a proposed bylaws amendment that will be voted on at the October meeting. Proposed addition to Article, VIII Section 3 (defines board member) "If a standing committee chair cannot attend a board meeting, a committee vice-chair or a subcommittee chair can substitute. The substitute must have completed the required boardsmanship and fiduciary training. The standing committee chair must notify the executive committee prior to the board meeting."

OFFICER REPORTS (In addition to the written reports)

VP of Educational Issues, Cynthia Simonson- A focus this year- having MCPS inform us about curriculum and how it is implemented in the classroom.

VP of Administrative Issues, Tracie Potts- SOCA (Standards of Continuing Affiliation) are required by MD PTA. As of 8/31, 175 of 195 PTAs had outstanding issues. A common issue- not sending copies of documents to MD PTA after filing. There is an organized effort to increase compliance this year. Nominating committee-need one person per area. Blue Book- PTAs need to send information for each officer.

VP of Advocacy, Laura Stewart- We need advocacy committee volunteers who will pay attention to the various government bodies (state, county, BOE) and look for advocacy opportunities. The committee needs geographic diversity. There are two new ad hoc committees- Safe Water (look at lead level threshold); Field (ensuring adequate field at schools).

VP of Programs, Erin Clegg- MCCPTA Presents (Creating a Digital Footprint; Brad Shear) was taped and will be shared. We need Celebration of Excellence volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45, to allow time for individuals to sign up for committees.

Submitted by- Kellie Schoolar Reynolds