

## Board of Directors Feb 4, 2016

In attendance: President Frances Frost, Vice President of Administration Kellie Scholar Reynolds, Vice President for Advocacy Lynne Harris, Vice President of Education Michelle Gluck, Vice President of Programs Paul Geller, Delegates Assembly Secretary Melissa McKenna, Board of Directors Secretary Julie Grimes, Kevin Schramm, Yvonne Van Lowe, Nicole DiResta, Cori Vanchiari, Lynn Perry Parker, Jennifer McDonald, Tammy Clark, Darwin Romero, Kim Testa, Karen Collishaw, Jennifer Young, Mary O'Driscoll, Steve Wilson, Carol Shivers, Joe Piff, JoAnn Burl, Sarah Kessler, Dave Mintz, Stefania Clerici, Lindsay Parsons, Revonne Johnson, Jeanne Taylor

Minutes by Julie Grimes

Frances Frost called the meeting to order at 7:00

### **President's Report**

Jack R. Smith appointed to Superintendent. Frances represented MCCPTA for the interview process. He is currently MD Interim Superintendent. Yvonne Van Lowe asked whether Frances felt good about the choice. Frances felt like Dr. Smith had a good grasp of Montgomery County and its issues. There were three final candidates, but one withdrew. The process improved from last time. Darwin Romero asked whether the achievement gap was addressed. Michelle Gluck said that it was an ever present topic.

Erin Clegg moved to approve the agenda. Steve Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Nicole DiResta moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Schramm seconded. Motion passed.

CIP Testimony will be next week. The Executive Committee also has a meeting with Larry Bowers. Frances will be sitting on the calendar meeting.

### **Vice President for Education Report.**

Michelle explained how the delivery of Compacted Math works. Math levels 4/5/6 are all compacted into two years. Not every elementary school has enough students to form a class, so MCPS buses student to a local middle school for it with a .2 math allocation per middle school. In order to save money Larry Bowers has decided to cut that allocation. Students will now be taught in home schools through differentiated instruction and grouping. However, MCPS to date has always said compacted math cannot be taught effectively with that delivery method. This becomes an equity problem because the high FARMS/high ESOL schools will most likely not have enough students for a class of their own. MCPS Curriculum Department has said that to solve the equity issue they are considering eliminating Compacted Math altogether. Michelle asked that as a group we speak up to MCPS to say that compacted math must be a stand alone class. Kim Testa pointed out that Principals still need to be identifying students for Compacted Math for next year because the final decision has not yet been made. Forty schools currently bus children to middle schools. Charisse Scott asked if we could see the list of those schools. Michelle and the GT has asked that the current 3<sup>rd</sup> graders be grandfathered into Compacted Math.

### **Vice President of Administration Report**

Kellie called for a vote on new Cluster Coordinators which have been approved by their respective Clusters: Leah Montas-Gaithersburg, Charisse Scott-Blake, Crystal Baker-Paint Branch, Tracie Potts-Paint Branch, Mark Pharoah-Paint Branch. Motion Passed.

Crystal Baker is the nominating chair. After the bylaws vote at the Delegates Assembly, the nominating committee will begin the attempt to replace treasurer.

Melissa McKenna asked about the inaccuracies on the last SOCA report. Kellie said most things incorrect were corrected.

### **Vice President of Programs**

MCEA and the Board of Education said that we need \$100 million more than in the Superintendent's budget. Now a Board Member says we need only 45 million. Paul says we shouldn't back off. Paul delivered an invitation to the governor and asked him on MCCPTA presents.

### **Vice President of Advocacy**

The big Day of Action in Annapolis is February 15. There is a bill for school construction, a capital grant program for counties experiencing growth. Senate has put in a bill to increase that grant. Montgomery County would be largest beneficiary. MCCPTA and the League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring a BOE forum 2/29. We will have a little reception before. Lynne asked that members help distribute the flyer for the event. Craig Rice's education forums Location are not in the eastern part of the county. Lynne will write a letter to ask him to add one set in the east part of the county.

**Financials:** Make sure PTAs send in dues. \$250 should be under Payroll Service Expense but total will be same.

**Health and Safety** committee presented the revised nutrition resolution. Kim Testa asked whether the committee considered things brought into parties or by PTAs. Lisa Mandel explained that the resolution was built from polls of the DA. Jennifer Young expressed that she is not sure about shutting down vending machines because community organizations often use school space and would like to access the machines. The vending machines are money makers. Frances and Michelle remind everyone that we are just asking whether to send it to the DA. Steve Wilson motioned to send to delegates. Nicole DiResta seconded. Motion carried.

7:57 adjourned.