MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

November 30, 2021

Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, quorum was established. Cynthia went over the PTA Mission to begin the meeting.

Speaker began at 7:06 pm – Role of the Ombudsman, Ryvell Fitzpatrick. The role is conflict resolution, each conflict or concern emailed or called into the office will get a response. Provided a job overview and the process for conflicts that deal with education and/or MCPS. The role is not that of an advocate but to put the parties involved in a room together with the appropriate people to resolve the conflict.

The Restorative Justice speakers were not on the Zoom.

At 7:25 the agenda was adopted with one change. The minutes from the October 26, 2021 Delegates Assembly were adopted.

***New Business*** began at 7:30 pm.

MCCPTA Standing Rules – Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds presented the Standing Rules to the DA. She will write a one pager for the locals that outlines what is new and what has changed. She went through the document (in the OneDrive folder, https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/office\_mccpta\_org/ESt1ivqqs1dIvEh03ERP9d4BUaTBqI7sIIlAyeSzoiVmqQ?e=gSaMRy) and explained changes along with the why and where the change came from. If you have questions please email Kellie at bylaws@mccpta.org. Do not worry about your locals current bylaws, hoping to get the template soon from Free State PTA.

VP Programs – work plan & budget adjustment for the Engagement Programs Subcommittee – Charisse Scott was not able to join the meeting during New Business.

Health & Wellness Committee – Letter to the MSDE about in school making requirement. Hannah Donart presented the letter, MCCPTA recommends that the Maryland State Board of Education not lift the mandate, https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/office\_mccpta\_org/EbccpiG0nVNHvnw2iYi5Iw4BwJjoOBp5ieWJ1a-U0BZbqQ?e=PIeJna. She went through the letter, answered questions. Hannah made a motion to vote on the letter to send it from the Delegates to the State Board of Education, requesting “The MCCPTA recommends not lifting the mask mandate any earlier than February 28, 2022. We urge the State Board of Education to evaluate maintaining the mandate beyond that date based on circumstances assessed closer to that time. Considerations that should be taken into account include 1) COVID-19 case rates and 2) pediatric vaccination rate and availability.” A letter has already been sent from the BOD to MSBOE. A vote was taken, 85 in favor and 7 opposed.

***Committee Reports & Announcements*** began at 8:11 pm.

Membership – numbers are lower than last year. Please pay your MCCPTA dues ($1 per member) by sending a check to the office in Rockville. Pay Free State by sending a check to National PTA ($4.25 per member). Do not pay through MemberHub but you can use it collect dues. Today is the last day to enter for the November incentive.

***Officer Reports*** began at 8:17 pm.

President – Report is in the OneDrive Folder, highlights are concerns over lack of budget information from the budget advisory subcommittee; the county council has taken up the issue of the principal selection process; school safety and security and National/Free State PTA.

VP Educational Issues – grading issues, ESOL Audit, more tutoring resources for students, looking at a .5 Financial literacy credit for graduation to determine feasibility, looking at the math pathways and how students are chosen

VP Administration – Remember to complete your tax filings and other documents that would typically be on the SOCA. All locals must be insured. MCPS is seeking calendar feedback from stakeholders on the 22/23 calendar and beyond.

VP Programs – looking to upgrade programming content, looking for a broad representation in Reflections and happy to be planning Celebrations in person in May 2022.

VP Advocacy – We currently do not know what is in the Operating Budget, there is a December 2nd Board meeting that will provide an overview. Save the date fore the budget workshop on Zoom – 1/8/22.

Treasurer - $7518 income, no real expenses other than general office expenses, documents are in the OneDrive folder. There is a Budget Amendment – to add to membership and engagement budget based on the work plan accepted by the BOD, adding $4800, $600 per subcommittee. Charisse Scott made a motion to amend the budget, Stephanie Martinez seconded the motion, there was some discussion then a vote, 65 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Upcoming Dates**:

* December 8, 2021 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* January 8, 2022 – Operating Budget Workshop on Zoom
* January 12, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* January 25, 2022 – DA Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* February 9, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* February 22, 2022 – DA Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.