**MCCPTA Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 9, 2020**

**Carver Educational Services Center – Room 134**

Lynne Harris, MCCPTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. A quorum was present at the beginning of the meeting.

The Agenda and the November minutes were approved by consent. (No minutes for December because we did not achieve quorum)

**Discussion with boundary assessment consultants, WXY**

Three individuals from WXY attended the meeting to get input on the most effective way to engage with the community. WXY representatives: Adam Lubinsky (Managing Principal), Kushan Dave (Director of Planning), and Theo Brown (Communications)

The following points were raised during the conversation-

Scope of work- Stability of school assignments was removed as a factor because it will be a consideration when actual boundary changes are discussed. It is not part of the current work.

WXY is familiar with different school assignment processes in other states (NC, Colorado).

Process for community meetings- Based on experience at earlier meetings, WXY identified questions to address at the beginning of community meetings (scope of project, how the scope changed)

WXY is working on FAQs to post.

The data tool- WXY is working with MCPS to determine what will be publicly available.

MCCPTA BOD can help provide input on the types of data and the data tool that would be helpful. There were several comments about the desire for validation of the data.

Communication issue- there have been comments that the form for questions (on the website) is hard to find. This will be addressed.

It is important for the community to understand the amount of busing that currently occurs. Many students are not assigned to the closest school.

There were a number of comments about the definition of “diversity” and the actual goal related to diversity. Questions raised include: What is a diverse school? What schools are diverse because of the opportunities in the school?

WXY and MCPS have not yet determined how they will receive input during Phase 2 of the project.

Students in choice programs are not part of the analysis, but will be (somehow) included in the next phase.

Use of ever-FARMs as proxy for poverty—There are resources and references in the “Boundary Analysis” booklet (available on the website).

**Officer Reports**

VP Educational Issues- Cynthia Simonson (written report is available)- a few highlights:

MISA- for two more years “taking” the MISA fulfills the graduation requirement (rather than having to pass). MCPS (as of mid-December) had not yet received the cut scores to determine how previous test takers did on the assessment. This year’s freshman will be the first cohort required to pass.

Graduation Requirements – a Graduation Task Force has recommended changes to completion requirements. Of note, Health Education is recommended to increase the credit requirement from .5 to 1.0 and Technology Education to remain at 1.0 (whereas previously it was expected to drop to .5 credit).

AP/IB report is now available- this year’s edition of the AP/IB report includes specific IB information by course and by school for the most popular IB courses.

President- Lynne Harris- The recent operating budget/Kirwan workshop was excellent. A summary will be available. Events listed at the bottom of the agenda were highlighted.

VP for Administration- Tracie Potts (written report available)- a few highlights-

We should be communicating via groups.io, not yahoo.

Use the “Take Action” button at the top right of the MCCPTA website for event registration/info and public comment on MCPS policies.

MCCPTA is not receiving SoCA reports on a regular basis. AVPs and CCs- remind PTAs to submit information on time.

The first cohort of the Family Engagement Advisory Team will be announced soon.

Bells Mill ES, Parkland MS and Piney Branch ES are the last three MCPS schools in the National PTA Schools of Excellence Program.

VP of Advocacy- Laura Stewart- February 13 is MD PTA Advocacy Day in Annapolis. This is an evening event. Some individuals from MCCPTA will also meet with electeds during the day. Big topics for the day include Kirwan and the capital budget.

VP of Programs- James Modrick-

January MCCPTA Presents- Rob Wilcox from Every Town for Gun Safety

February MCCPTA Presents- Topic- Early Childhood Concerns

May 21- MCCPTA Celebration of Excellence (name will be changed)

Treasurer- Khristy Kartsakalis (written report available)

Motion from Khristy Kartsakalis-

Decrease line item #5214 (Operating Budget) from $3500 to $2099 to support raising line item #5005 (Equipment Lease) from $1600 to $3102.

Motion was seconded.

The increase of line item #5005 will close out the Canon lease. The equipment will be returned. There are adequate funds in the Operating Budget line item.

The motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

(Awards committee) Daria Daniels reminded the BOD of awards deadline

(Nominating committee) Chris Rutledge encouraged individuals to nominate candidates for MCCPTA officer positions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Kellie Schoolar Reynolds

MCCPTA BOD Secretary