

MCCPTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 24, 2017
CESC Auditorium

The October Delegates Assembly called to order at 8:05pm by President Lynne Harris. She introduced the Executive Committee and reminded attendees of the October 30 CIP workshop to write CIP testimony.

Agenda – adopted as presented

Minutes – adopted as presented

OLD BUSINESS

- MCCPTA Resolution on the Rights of and Protections for Undocumented Children: presented by Sunil Dasgupta, Chair, MCCPTA Health and Safety Committee.
Discussion: Will there be a Spanish translation? How will locals be allowed to share?
Answer: Yes, it will be available in Spanish and can be shared widely. MCCPTA will post via website, LISTSERV.

Resolution adopted unanimously

- Advocacy Priorities
Neal Orringer introduced the document. Explained the revised process and the purpose of the shortened list presented to the DA. Local PTA units, groups of PTAs should still advocate on issues of interest to them. A separate, longer document will provide greater detail, links to information and resources, and the name of a background expert on each issues. That will be available soon.

Motion to adopt the advocacy priority list made by Tigwa of Forest Knolls, seconded by David Lee.

Discussion:

Q: Possible to add a statement that the order of the presentation does not matter?

Q: By “equitable funding” do we mean we want everyone to get the same funding?

A: This statement reflects a believe expressed by Dr. Smith that funding should not be the exact amount to each student, but the amount each student needs.

Q: “Actual” seems aggressive. Does everyone know what Kirwan Commission is? Each item should start with an action statement.

Motion to change “(e.g. AP or IBS)” in **ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS** to “(e.g. AP, IBS, etc.)”

Motion passed following discussion.

8:42 PM Neal Orringer moved to limit additional debate on the Advocacy Priorities document to 10 additional minutes.

Motion to change “**KIRWAN COMMISSION**” to “**STATE FUNDING & POLICIES**” and add “(Kirwan Commission)” after “The Maryland State Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.”

Motion passed following discussion and amendment of the initial proposal.

Motion to change “**EQUITABLE FUNDING**” to “**FUNDING TO ACHIEVE EQUITY.**”

Motion passed following discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Access for All vs. One Size Fits All presentation: Cynthia Simonson, VP for Educational Issues, shared background information on the disparity of types of courses offered in middle and high school which count toward college readiness, based on the University System of Maryland (USM) acceptance requirements for in-state Students. MCPS promotes advanced or honors courses for all students, seeing this as a way to provide rigor for all. MCCPTA is asking if on-level courses might better meet the needs of some students without adversely impacting their ability to achieve the USM requirements (whether or not student apply to USM schools).

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

President – Charges will be filed against Lisa Betts in the case of embezzlement from MCCPTA and two local PTA units on October 25. A Plea Hearing will be held November 17. Ms. Harris will circulate the charging documents as soon as they become publically available. Plea negotiations were conducted over six to eight weeks. Sentencing hearing will be held approximately four to six weeks after the Plea Hearing.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilmember Rice will hold a public discussion of the FY19 CIP on Monday, November 19 at 6:30 PM at Gaithersburg High School. Please consider attending if you are interested in the County Council perspective and making your voice heard on CIP issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted, Oriole Saah, DA Secretary, and Tracie Potts, BOD Secretary