MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

October 26, 2021

Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and quorum was established. The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the September 2021 Delegates Assembly were accepted as posted. Cynthia went over the PTA Mission to begin the meeting.

***Informational Updates*** began at 7:04 pm.

**National/Free State PTA**- Still waiting for IRS determination; MCCPTA – Insurance Check (underway), will be in touch with those locals not insured; Financial Reviews ([fspta@pta.org](mailto:fspta@pta.org) and [treasurer@mccpta.org](mailto:treasurer@mccpta.org))

[Blue Book Listings –](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qez7NNV-jG_1r1JAMGUPey-8rxUWrCqt-bTvqMFZn30/edit) What we have on record, please check the listing for your school, If not listed – upload info - <http://tiny.cc/2021bluebook>; November 15, 2021 – MCCPTA Training;

call from Free State PTA for Statewide Committees.

**Superintendent Search** - MCCPTA Leadership Meeting in early November; Opportunities for Public

Please use this link (and share with your network) to provide input -- [**PROVIDE YOUR INPUT**](https://survey2.ecragroup.com/index.php/346943?lang=en) (Toggle for English or Spanish - Other Languages Coming Soon)

Saturday, October 30, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon [Zoom link](https://mcpstv-org.zoom.us/j/86958533882?pwd=dGJJK0tRaEFMRFMvRHB0clV3MUl5UT09)

Thursday, November 4, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. [Zoom link](https://mcpstv-org.zoom.us/j/86958533882?pwd=dGJJK0tRaEFMRFMvRHB0clV3MUl5UT09)

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  [Zoom link](https://mcpstv-org.zoom.us/j/86958533882?pwd=dGJJK0tRaEFMRFMvRHB0clV3MUl5UT09)

**MCCPTA Representation** –

* System/County/State Levels --
* COVID Advisory Team
* Wellness Committee
* AEI Feedback Council
* Grading and Reporting
* Early Childhood
* Pedestrian Master Plan Representation
* School Health Council
* Regulation Review Committee (various)
* Antiracist Audit
* Curriculum Advisory Assembly
* AND MORE…

***Old Business*** - None

***Officer Reports*** began at 7:14 pm.

All officer reports can now be found in two places – the meeting materials folder in One Drive for the month of the meeting and on the MCCPTA website: [http://www.mccpta.org/delegates-assembly.html](http://www.mccpta.org/delegates-assembly.html" \t "_blank)

President –

* Remaining in School (Safely)
* Ventilation, Buses, Outdoor spaces, Distancing
* MCPS Recovery
* Ombuds (KLA-RA was addressed in today’s BOE meeting, process being looked at)
* MCPS Human Resource – Need for Subs
* Vaccine Sites – Rollout 5-11 year olds; DHHS/MCPS Plans
* FARMS Designation/Food Security
* MCCPTA Representation on Working Groups
* Quarantine Policy
* School Improvement Plans
* Upcoming – Superintendent Search; Board-to-Board; Cluster Meetings

Upcoming MCCPTA Involvement

* Yes to the Test (and 5-11 vaccine sites – [MMC volunteers](https://mdresponds.health.maryland.gov/))
* MCCPTA Advocacy – Dashboard Integrity/Accuracy; Improving Quarantine Protocols, Contact Tracing, Rapid Testing, and Test-to-Stay
* Will stay after to answer specific questions! OR email [president@mccpta.org](mailto:president@mccpta.org)

VP Educational Issues – Rodney, no official information from MCPS on testing and graduation requirements; MCPS is closer to fixing the grading issues; all grades and MAP testing scores dropped from pre-pandemic numbers; revising the public complaint process; looking at the feasibility of a .5 financial literacy requirement in the near future to graduate HS.

VP Administration – every local PTA must have insurance, please make sure you have paid your premium. If your PTA needs a Zoom account please reach out. AVPs will distribute MCPS Athletic Cards.

VP Programs – no update

VP Advocacy – The Budget Advisory Committee is slated for 4 meetings this year. We really need Operating Budget Committee Chair and members, please reach out if interested.

Treasurer – All documents are in the shared folder. Brought in $956 in membership this month, we have only spent operations costs. Remember 990s are due shortly.

***Committee Reports*** began at 7:45 pm.

Membership – Winners of the September Membership Challenge:

Travilah ES won the table cloth, Giant gift cards were won by Glenallen ES, Einstein HS, McNair ES, Sherwood ES, North Bethesda MS, Ashburton ES, Bethesda ES, Kemp Mill ES, Stonegate ES, & Sligo MS. We are at 50% of our members from last year, the committee needs members so reach out if interested..

CIP Chair – Laura Stewart, sign up to participate

**New Business** began at 7:59 pm.

Cynthia reminded the delegates and other attendees who is eligible to vote and if they are directed by their local they must vote in accordance with those directions. Also, everyone voting took an attestation – “I am eligible to participate in the Assembly (in accordance with the MCCPTA bylaws) and attest I am voting and providing comments in accordance to the instructions of the body I represent.”

Logistics – In accordance to our Standing Rules, all amendments must be written.

If there is any objection –

* Use of “hand raise” function for all amendments (unless the difference in totality of votes is less than 1/3)
* Since it is available electronically, the Chair need not read the full document

There is no objection from the Delegates to hand raising for motion or poll if a close vote and no objection to not reading the full document since it was provided to all prior to the meeting.

Lima gave the Advocacy Committee Report – we created the document to reflect current concerns, all comments were due by October 22, 2021 at 11:59 pm, moved for adoption of the 2021-2022 Advocacy Priorities. Below are the proposed changes put forth through amendments by section. The final document can be found in the October 2021 DA Meeting Materials Folder.

*Health & Wellness*

Line 94 – Hannah D. - Staff support - Provide resources and personnel to ensure that these advocacy priorities are implemented without further burdening teachers and staff, while safeguarding and supporting their health and well-being. Address labor shortages, wages, scheduling, etc to promote an environment of academic excellence, wellness and health in school communities."

MATT S. spoke against this, Laura Mitchell spoke in support, Jamie K. spoke for with additional changes - Amendment -- Staff support - Provide resources and personnel to ensure that these advocacy priorities are implemented without UNDULY burdening teachers and staff, while safeguarding and supporting their health and well-being. Address labor shortages, wages, scheduling, etc to promote an environment of academic excellence, wellness and health in school communities." Laura S. seconds this amendment to the amendment.

Stephanie M. – in favor of the amendment

78 hands raised for the amendment to the amendment; 2 opposed

Cynthia called the question to inserting the language into the document under Health and Wellness – Favor 80; opposed 1

*Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*

Sumeet S.– Line 66 - the countywide boundary analysis Add the phrase “(without taking positions on boundary changes)” after the phrase “countywide boundary analysis”

Jane L. has seconded the addition. Fred A. spoke in opposition; Jennifer Y. spoke in favor of Sumeet’s addition; Dan S. spoke in opposition to the parenthetical; in favor of the parenthetical 25, against 57 Amendment fails

Debra Budiani-Saberi – line 62 or after line 69

Promote the consistent use of restorative justice practices in schools to create and build an inclusive school community and, when needed, foster repair/healing among students involved in such incidents.

Jenn Swain – amendment to add “to” before foster. Debra Budiani-Saberi accepted this as a friendly amendment, no one in opposition. Favor – 59; opposed 6 – amendment passes

*Curriculum*

Evelyn Chung – Line 42-44 Add "accelerated learning opportunities," after "Provide additional rigorous enrichment" on line 42. Add "and acceleration" after "with adequate enrichments" on line 44. To read as follows halfway through line 41 - Provide additional rigorous enrichment, [accelerated learning opportunities,] support, and tutoring programs to ensure that all students, across the academic achievement spectrum, receive equitable and appropriate instruction and curriculum support to be successful. Provide on grade level instruction, with adequate enrichments [and acceleration] for students performing above level, and more support for students who are learning below grade level or have disabilities that impact learning.

Evelyn spoke for her language

Cecily B. seconded the language; no one spoke in opposition; 66 in favor, 1 opposed; amendment passed.

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Alison P. ADD in line 69, "parents, caregivers", to read: "parents, caregivers and staff"

Hannah D. seconded it; Sarah K. spoke into opposition to remove parent and just insert care giver; Laura Mitchell spoke in opposition to Sarah’s amendment to the amendment; David Griffith spoke in opposition to the amendment to amendment.

In favor of the amendment to the amendment (removing parent) – 6 in favor; opposed 62 – amendment to amendment fails

Original amendment – David Griffith is opposed to including caregivers; Susan Kelly is in favor of using caregiver; In favor of adding caregiver into line 69 – 47; opposed 8, Amendment passes.

Laura Mitchell moved to extend time for 10 min, Jenn Swain Seconded; in favor 61, opposed 5; time extended until 9:15 pm.

Carla Morris/Sandra Landis - At line 75 just before “Food and Nutrition” starts: Conduct a thorough and transparent study to address the health and wellness of starting school later for high schools and middle schools, since physicians routinely find that later start times for teenagers provide for improved academic performance; longer, better quality sleep; reduced risk of vehicular accidents; fewer behavioral problems; better physical health; and minimized tardiness and truancy.

Laura Mitchell seconded the amendment. Sarah K. spoke in opposition and proposed a friendly amendment - Conduct a thorough and transparent study to address the potential impact to health and wellness of students by starting school later for high schools and middle schools. Jennifer Young spoke against the friendly amendment

Conduct a thorough and transparent study to address the efficacy of starting school later for high schools and middle schools – in favor 45, opposed 11, passes

Jonathan T. – motion to extend time by 1 min to do a yes/no vote for language, seconded by Debby Orsak, 42 in favor, 6 opposed

Line 10, Add at the end: "Recruit and retain additional substitute teachers so that schools have a full complement of substitutes and do not need to pull teacher resources from supporting students in order to ensure that all classes have coverage.” Debby O Seconded, all in favor 51; opposed 6 – passed

All in favor of adopting the 2021/2022 Advocacy Priorities as amended – 63 in favor, opposed 1 - Document passes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

**Upcoming Dates**:

* October 26 – DA Meeting (Advocacy Priorities)
* October 27 – MCCPTA-MCPS CIP Meeting
* October 28 – Board-to-Board -- MCCPTA/BOE
* November 2 & 4 – CIP Hearings
* November 10 – BOD Meeting (zoom)
* November 15 – MCCPTA Training
* November 30 – DA Meeting (zoom)
* January 25 – DA Meeting
* February 22 – DA Meeting
* March 22 – DA Meeting
* April 24 – DA Meeting (MCCPTA election)