

**Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association
(MCCPTA)**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on December 6, 2007
in the Auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center**

Attendance:

Officers: Jane de Winter, Kay Romero, Liz Wheeler, Victor Salazar, Dale Ryan, Ted Willard, Stacy Menendez

Committee Chairs: Tracy Fox, Holly Gaut, Elisia George, John Hall, Beth Kennington, Pam Moomau, Ellen Paul, Sharon Shulman, Sally Taber, Patti Twigg,

Cluster Coordinators: Jaimie Jacobsen, Ellen Schaefer-Salins, Dawn Dolan, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Paul Morrison, Juan Johnson, Julie Lucas, Brenda Martin, Laurie Halverson, Lori Merrill, Andrea Bernardo, Michael Joseph, Pam Megna, Liz Sadove, Karen Smith

Amendments to Agenda: New Business – Middle School Final Exam workgroup convening & Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes:

Corrections to minutes – Noted for attendance list, that Patti Twigg is also Paint Branch HS Cluster Coordinator, Andrea Bernardo is also the chair of the Nominating Committee. Approved as corrected by voice vote at 7:49 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Insurance bills have been mailed. Around 20 schools have not paid membership dues; expected by end of year. At this point, budget is negative due to up front outlay of insurance dues for all locals. Dale to place insurance invoice onto website for local printout. Insurance payment to be separated from G&A expenses on Budget Report.

Locals need to submit gross receipts and membership numbers to Dale as soon as possible for D&O insurance quote purposes. Dale to post local audit reports still needed on the listserv.

Officers Reports:

President's report

Laurie Berthiaume resigned as Cluster Coordinator. Delegate cards are still available.

V.P. - Admin – finished with MCPS budget meetings. Mark Twain phase-out will be accelerated by one year, from 2010 to 2009.

Recording Secretary – Delegates Assembly – Cluster Coordinators need to start noting which locals are represented at the Delegates Assembly and try to get more attendance.

V.P. - Programs – Thanks to AVP's and Cluster Coordinators for helping with locals.

We need to focus on membership as a year-round activity. Encourage locals to have membership tables at winter events too. Year-round training is trying to be implemented.

Board of Directors training will be held on Saturday, March 1, 10 am – 12 Noon at Garrett Park Town Hall. Community Superintendents will be invited. Ideas for topics include: Focus on Local Issues, How to Run an Election, What kind of advice should be given to Locals, How to Help Dysfunctional PTA's.

Committee Reports

Operating Budget by John Hall

Operating Budget Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 5, 9-11am at Einstein High School. Cluster Coordinators should attend.

Operating Budget Forum to be held on Monday, January 7 at 7:30 pm. Questions & Operating Budget Priorities for the forum should be emailed to John Hall. The forum is an opportunity for us to bring our concerns to the Board of Education, County Council, & MCPS.

Special Events – rep. not in attendance

Middle School – rep. not in attendance

New Business:

PSAT Funding – fund 11th grade PSAT in addition to 9th grade PSAT.

MOTION by Pam Megna – that MCCPTA support having MCPS pay for 11th grade PSAT instead of 9th grade. Sharon Shulman seconded. Passed by voice vote at 8:48 pm. To be presented to Delegate's Assembly.

MCCPTA Sponsorship of:

Model UN – no motion
Writing Competition – no motion
Alcohol-free NCAA Ads – no motion
Bullying Coalition – no motion. Andrea Bernardo & Elisia George will attend an information session on January 7, 2007.

Listserve – Laurie Halverson

Suggest that the moderator sign a form that no person is the owner; the owner is the local PTA.

Add some kind of language to the list serve form to state that the email address is for official purposes only.

Have multiple owners.

Patti Twigg, Listserve chair, will draft updated documents.

Provisional Licenses/Learner's Permits – at issue is that provisional license drivers routinely break provisional license rules on school grounds (entering and leaving school grounds). Pam Moomau will ask MCPS about possible solutions.

MCCPTA possible solution ideas: Pam Moomau will write a blurb for PTA

newsletters about driving and passenger rules & restrictions for provisional licenses. Lee Ann Doerflinger will write one regarding the use of seat belts. Get more information out to local PTA's & parents about the laws. Color-code parking permits. Announce laws on high school announcements.

Middle School Final Exam workgroup meetings next 2 Mondays from 4 – 7pm at CTI on Choke Cherry Road. 10 seats available. Topic is ideas to de-stress students & teachers during exam time. Jane gave some seats to NAACP.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.