

MCCPTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
January 23, 2017
CESC Auditorium

The November Delegates Assembly called to order at 7:40pm by President Lynne Harris.

Agenda – adopted with announced change

Minutes – adopted as presented

COMMUNITY MINUTE: Collaboration Council 2/26 "Save a Life" forum at Kennedy HS. Community forum will explore substance abuse. This PTA partner work on other issues, as well

MCPS MINUTE: Mike Williams, Minority Scholarship Program (MSP) and Montgomery County Teacher of the Year last year provided information about Minority Scholarship retreat. MCCPTA sponsored the MSP retreat (\$1,200).

STUDENT MINUTE: Marcelo Garibaldi, Freshman at Seneca Valley HS and MCR-SGA representative to MCCPTA explained the SMOB election process. MCPS provides busses to transport High School delegates to the convention if the SGA sponsor requests it.

ACTIONS

- Nominating Committee: Motion read (available in mccpta-my.sharepoint.com) approved unanimously.
- By Laws changes (available in mccpta-my.sharepoint.com) approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rolling Terrace Language Immersion – explanation of background and update on MCPS actions
- CTE Retreat
 - MCPS investigating expanding CTE to comprehensive high schools
 - New Edison – new building opens Fall 2018. MCPS will need parents to volunteer to for second task force.
 - Victoria Henley reported on the CTE Retreat, which she attended on MCCPTA's behalf.
 - ESG -- Ed Strategy Review study of CTE included in 2017 operations budget. Working to prioritize recommendations and propose a multi-year timeline. Reconvenes in March.
- Financial Review
 - Sentencing postponed due to the Judge's schedule. Now slated for March 2.
 - MCCPTA received insurance reimbursement

NEW BUSINESS

- Cheryl Pierce, Treasurer, read motion (available in mccpta-my.sharepoint.com) to alter the current year budget to provide funds to Greencastle for a forensic audit.
 - Theft occurred from Greencastle PTA between 2011 and 2017 (six years).
 - Unit lacks financial documentation for the period in question and current leadership is working to piece details together.
 - MD PTA identified a firm to conduct the audit and insurance will reimburse but the PTA must finance the audit upfront.

- MCCPTA now has the flexibility to make a loan. This is a one-time, unique situation because MCCPTA's finances were intertwined with Greencastle's so not setting a precedent for future loan request.
- No time to put this before the Board.
- Discussion
 - Greencastle will repay the loan when it is reimbursed by insurance.
 - How did this happen? Reminder to all PTA Board members to take the recommended boardmanship training. It is required for MCCPTA Board members and recommended for local members.
 - MCCPTA does now have sufficient reserves, due to insurance reimbursement.
 - \$5,000 is the maximum insurance will reimburse so it is the maximum that will be loaned. The estimate is \$2,000 to audit 12 months.
 - Banneker MS PTA is not as deeply affected because the period of the loss was shorter.
- Motion accepted unanimously.
- Membership contest award winners recognized. The January contest was percent engagement (membership/enrolment).

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

President – Lynne Harris

- Flu epidemic – significant impact on school, get your flu shot
- Cluster Coordinator – every cluster is entitled to three. We currently have multiple openings and need more.

Advocacy – Neal Orringer

- Sending questionnaires to all candidates for County Council, County Executive, Maryland Delegates, Maryland Senator, Board of Education.
- Responses will be published and non-responses noted.
- Need help disseminating responses to PTA members and partners.
- CIP Hearing 2/6 and 7. Revenue from school impact and recordation taxes are lower than expected.
- Laura Stewart addressed signing up to testify
- February 8 MD PTA legislative night in Annapolis.

Education – Cynthia Simonson

- Received results from FOIA request.
- Looking at data for students who received a D or lower, broken down by High School
- How many current freshmen are repeating Algebra I? The PARCC pass rate is approximately 50% but only 277 are retaking Algebra I.
- Some high schools do not offer on-level Geometry
- Planning a webinar on how to read the data

Program – Erin Clegg

- The end of year Awards & Celebration will no longer be a seated dinner
 - Place: Montgomery College Takoma Park
 - Date: May 24
- Equity and Education Forum: University of Maryland at Shady Grove, February 27, 7:30 to 11:30

Treasurer – Cheryl Pierce

- Through active savings this year and insurance reimbursement, budget is in good shape.
- Committees should feel free to spend budgeted funds.
- What changes do we want to make to the budget?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Financial Center @ Edison – need volunteers for all 7th graders to attend Center. Need a pool of trained volunteers.
- SMOB elections – 1/25 filing deadline. 2/21 Convention at Watkins Mill High School 4/26 SMOB election
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The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Oriole Saah, DA Secretary