

## MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2019

Carver Educational Services Center Auditorium

### **Welcome and Introduction of Officers**

President Harris welcomed delegates, opened with a mention of What's Next for Maryland Schools by GreatSchools Maryland

**Call to Order** at 7:44

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes** President Harris amended the agenda to include a Treasurer's report, a mention of the LGBTQ forum in May, and the student survey. Agenda was approved with consensus as amended. Minutes were approved without amendment by consensus.

**7:46 Agenda Approved**

**7:47 December minutes approved**

Brian Kramer was unable to present on behalf of MCR-SGA SEC

*Friendly Reminder: the SMOB Nominating Convention is February 20th at Watkins Mill*

*Any Middle or High Schooler can (and should) attend*

### **MCCPTA Minute – Teen Safe Driving Campaign**

A brief presentation was given on behalf of the Teen Safe Driving Campaign

- Parents encouraged to drive with their kids
- Stickers were offered by the door
- Campaign offers visits to schools upon request
  - More info at <https://safeteendriving.org/>

### **MCCPTA Minute – EveryMind**

- Private, nonprofit based in MoCo with mission of “strengthening communities and empowers individuals to reach optimal mental wellness”
  - Largest providers of school-based mental health services, *Linkages to Learning*
- Provide Case Management for families and students, not just those with mental disabilities
- Provide community education and advocacy
  - Working with Arcola MS
  - Trainings and workshops: mental health and wellness, crisis prevention, bullying, etc.
- Provide Counseling
  - Primarily for students with low income
  - Provide in 14 MCPS Schools
    - Kennedy, Wheaton, Einstein HS & feeder schools

- Gaithersburg, Watkins Mill through *wellness centers*
- Provide Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services (CPIS)
  - 24/7 hotline: text and chat, students more willing to disclose issues through text
- Provide Friendly Visitor & Representative Payee
  - Support individuals that may not be able to manage their own finances
- ServingTogether
- Volunteers a EveryMind:
  - 500+ volunteers
  - In 2018, provided 115k hours of direct support to more than 15.7k individuals
  - Answered 171k calls or texts
- Provide *training* to virtually all interested individuals: teachers, parents, building service – on mental health issues
  - More information at : <https://www.every-mind.org/>

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Nominating Committee**

It's Nominating Committee Season! Chris Rutledge, at large member, presented on behalf of the nominating committee. Now is the time to nominate, **February 28 is the deadline, March 24 is the announcement of nominees.**

- Requirement to file: 1 year on a local PTA, 1 year as a Cluster Coordinator

Awards Ceremony quickly approaching, information has been disseminated through listservs. **March 22 is the deadline to nominate someone for an award.**

### **Family Engagement – Tracie Potts**

- MCPS Used to have a parent advisory committee, no longer do
- An *in-house* Family Engagement Group is “in the works” in MCPS
- MCPS has expressed interest in assembling this group
- Not the same as MCCPTA, a separate group
- Would provide advice and feedback on promos, communication in MCPS community
- Would do walkthroughs of schools to assess “welcomeability” of schools
  - Schools that aren't “welcoming” tend to deter community involvement

*February 10 – 17, Take Your Family to School Week!*

*Go to PTA.org for resources and ideas*

### **National PTA's School of Excellence**

Serves to recognize schools with excellent family engagement. Can be a “morale booster” for local PTSA.

*Enrollment starts in May*

### **Common Fund**

Hearing in Rockville, tonight, about public facilities threshold for putting development in moratorium.

Laura Stewart absent from Delegates Assembly to testify at hearing.

- Availability of development contingent on capacity of surrounding schools

In Spring, MCCPTA will begin coordination w/ advocacy priorities to lobby the council on this issue

### **National PTA, our “grandparent PTA,” Proposing a Due Raise**

Proposed \$1.50 *increase*

- Current, \$2.25
- 70% goes to programs and services
- Well over a decade since the last due raise
- Proposed *to increase advocacy and membership*
  - Membership, 5 mil -> 3.7 mil today

Those dues included in MDPTA dues, meaning:

We currently pay 5.25, will be 6.75

- To be approved at the National PTA Convention in June – not a “done deal,” as it still needs to be passed by a popular vote.
- Details on proposed usage of the additional funding can be found on NatPTA’s website, will also be mailed out
- Grants available on PTA’s site, rarely utilized by Montgomery County. Go use them.

### **CE CIP Budget**

Marc Elrich has released his recommendation for the FY2020 amendment to the FY19-26 CIP, a \$45.6 million savings plan

- \$25 million from MCPS

This is due to a revenue shortfall last year: County Council received less revenue than expected, primarily due to impact and recordation taxes

- School Impact Taxes fell \$120 mil short of projected

As a result of these cuts, BOE’s request for additional projects in the amendment has been *denied*

*February 5, 7:30 – CIP HEARING AT COUNTY COUNCIL*

Policy FAA, recently amended to produce a county-wide boundary study to assess utilization and demography. Change in the policy means a change in implementation.

Information discerning the distinctions between old and new regulation will be mailed out over list serv in coming weeks.

Partially due to new development trends in MoCo community, pay less for high rise buildings than single-family homes

### **Committee Updates – Safe Routes & Stops**

Our boy Jason Sartori is Acting Director of Planning. This position directly oversees the Vision Zero group, which is a partner of MCCPTA's Safe Routes subcommittee. Thus, Jason has stepped down as chair.

Allision Gluski (?) has stepped up in his place.

Vision Zero goal: get an "ambassador" at every school in MCPS – will assist in the replanning of safe bus routes to schools, identifying their contact information, preferred cell and emails. (207+ ppl)

The County Commission on Children and Youth is administering a public survey to collect student feedback and opinion to advise the County Council's Transportation and Environment Committee. The survey is for Middle and High school students. It would be very helpful if you could share this message with your student and encourage participation.

The survey -> [tinyurl.com/MoCoTransport](http://tinyurl.com/MoCoTransport).

### **LBTQ Sub Forum Coming in Early May**

#### **Treasurer Statement**

PTA now treats gift cards as *cash*, implications for the transfer of monetary value.

*Stressing* – read the cash encounters document detailing what constitutes cash payments, **attend the training in September** for treasurers & presidents-> Visit MCCPTA.org training page, at least an overview of responsibilities of treasurers

NEC/Sherwood training for officers will be hosted soon by Christie

#### **VP of Admin Report**

*Please follow up* when PTAs are notified that they are not compliant!

80/196 PTAs currently in compliance

Guidelines for PTSA request "cautionary" spending of budget –

In effect, don't pay for what MCPS should be paying for, because MCPS probably has a budget for that

- Water fountains

- Field Trips (fund that apparently is rarely touched)

Ask yourself: *Does it support the mission statement?*

Don't hesitate to get in contact with your CC if you have any questions

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Next DA Will be at Thomas Edison High**

#### **January Membership Challenge!**

The January Challenge: have paid for 25 ppl by December, pay for 10 or 15 *new* members in January!

Tag line: "Resolve To Get Involved"

Winners: Sherwood ES, Travalah ES, Chrisa McAliffe ES, Gburg HS, Rosemary Hills Primary, BCC HS, Little Bennet ES, Wootton HS, Gburg ES

#### **Student Business Competition, being headed by Dept. of Rec**

Free after school program for middle schoolers, opportunity to learn about startups.

*Starts January 29*

Find a teacher to sponsor!

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05ishpm

Minutes recorded by acting MCCPTA DA Secretary Zoe Tishaev