

MCCPTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

November 28, 2017

CESC Auditorium

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

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Mr. Greenblatt shared handouts regarding the Teacher of the Year award and asked that MCCPTA members considering nominating candidates for this award created to honor his wife, Marian Greenblatt.

Agenda – adopted with announced change

Minutes – adopted as presented

OLD BUSINESS

- Bylaws updates:
 - Changes approved by the Board of Directors presented to DA.
 - DA members urged to look at entire document to see if the Committee missed anything
 - Please get feedback from your local PTA & be prepared to vote in January
 - Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds will circulate a two-page document to be used at PTA meetings
- CIP Update
 - Thank you to those who testified
 - CIP passed MCPS Board of Education with changes
 - \$12 million added for warehouse move from North Stonestreet Avenue in Rockville
 - Overall budget is \$1.83 billion
 - New WJES added to plan
 - New high school on Crown Farms will impact many clusters (Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Quince Orchard, and Wootton)
 - Will collaborate with City of Gaithersburg to identify possible future elementary school sites
 - Remainder of CIP passed
 - BOE CIP budget goes to County Executive, who proposes the CIP for the entire county, including MCPS, to the County Council – final passage expected in May 2018
 - There will be multiple opportunities for additional input
 - County Council testimony will be by cluster rather than area
 - The best way to follow CIP developments is the MCPS website. The site will show all building location options which are publicly owned (not those which are currently privately owned)
- Committee Restructure
 - Board of Directors approved committee restructuring plan
 - Move some admin to standing statues, eliminated some defunct committees, realigned several subcommittees
- Blue Book
 - Reducing production to save money – limiting to 500
 - One copy to each school and will carefully evaluate the number given to non-MCCPTA entities

- Delegate, President, Treasurer information of those who opted in available online
- Financial Review
 - November 17 Lisa Betts pled guilty in Montgomery County Circuit Court to embezzling \$39,000 from MCCPTA
 - Sentencing will include restitution
 - Still investigating the impact on the theft on two local PTAs, one goes back to 2011. Police did not include these thefts in their investigation
 - Insurance will reimburse MCCPTA and collect restitution from Betts
 - Sentencing scheduled for January 17, 2018. MCCPTA making a victim impact statement. Possible sentence is between six months (can be suspended) to five years. The recommendation was six months suspended. Restitution is suspended during incarceration.
- MD PTA Membership cards
 - 54 locals need to pick up cards
 - Locals need to call MD PTA (members should call) and speak to Peggy if cards are not available.
- Compliance reminders (SOCA – Standards of Continuing Affiliation)
 - Compliance especially important for including in Reflections
 - Visit mccpta.org for details of SOCA compliance
 - IRS 990 – every local must file a 990 or extension by November 15.
 - Charitable Organization Registration – due by the end of December. You need the completed 990 to do it.
 - Audit of PTA records – conducted at the time the Treasurer changes or at the end of each fiscal year. Should be done by now.
 - MD PTA sends a compliance report to the councils. Will circulate when we receive an accurate report. Call MD PTA for local information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Strong Schools MD -- Focusing on public education policy as it relates to the Kirwan Commission: determine the right policies for education & leave the politics out of it! <https://www.strongschoolsmaryland.org/>
- Nominating Committee -- Need a volunteer from:
 - DCC area: Fred Azcarate volunteered
 - Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill
 - NEC
- Health & Safety Committee meeting with MCPS
 - Lisa Klein, Chair, Safe Technology committee – committee met with Pete Cevenini, new Chief Technology Officer
 - Discussed safe use of Chromebooks
 - Discussed new policy allowing elementary school students to carry phones to elementary school
 - Working with Curriculum Committee, as well, on the use of phones in school
 - Please join the listserv to follow the committee's work.
- Operating Budget
 - Smith will present highlights of his budget at Rockville High School on December 19 and release the full budget on December 20
 - The BOE will hold hearings

- Once approved/modified by the BOE, the budget goes to the County Executive, to be included in the full county budget and approved by the County Council
- MCPS Strategic Planning Site – please provide feedback directly to MCPS
- Membership Awards
 - 69 units reported 100+ members
 - November challenge: match membership growth from last month
 - Send dues to new P.O. Box: PO Box 10754, Rockville, MD 20849

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

President – Lynne Harris

- Please submit a Federal Impact Aid form if you are active duty military or work at a federal facility in the state of Maryland. Will share form on LISTSERV & website. Forms available online, send them back to your school
- School Calendar – Need energy to override the Governor’s edict with legislation and return the decision to the systems. Looking for a public outcry.

Education – Cynthia Simonson

- Spring survey data posted
- ES report card feedback meeting – December 13, 6:30 at CESC
- January 11, 2018 Thursday – College & Career Readiness forum, MCCPTA & MCPS Curriculum office
- MD Public Information Act request to MCPS – refined request based on MCPS input and time/labor needed to comply. MCPS response due next week. This information will help parents make decisions on articulation choices. MCCPTA will receive data in PDF form.

Program – Erin Clegg

- CTE committee needs parent volunteers. Contact Lynne Harris

Cluster Boundary Study reflections (RMES#5) – Jennifer Young

- Saw errors in MCPS data
- Farms data was off by 25%
- If it looks wrong – question it
- MCPS did correct the data – however, the updated data made FARMS a focus in the study
- Include civic associations sooner rather than later. PTAs should do this or take steps to ensure MCPS is doing it
- Survey interests BEFORE options are on the table
- Meet one-on-one with BOE members
- BOE planning to re-open FAA-RA policy to include school performance as a measure of equity. MCCPTA needs to pay attention to this re-write.
- Option B was chosen, issue was neighbourhood schools vs. equity

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Oriole Saah, DA Secretary