**Draft Minutes – MCCPTA Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 13, 20221**

**Zoom meeting**

MCCPTA President, Cynthia Simonson, welcomed everyone at 7:04pm, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Cynthia read the mission statement to those in attendance.

**AGENDA and MINUTES:**

\*JUNE and August meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Cynthia submitted\* JUNE Board presentation and meeting agenda as JUNE meeting minutes in lieu of a written record. The agenda was approved without amendment.

**Informational Updates:**

**1)** MCCPTA Training will take place on two dates - October 18 and November 15. October 15 will provide training on Boardsmanship; November 15 will provide training on specific officer roles, and committees. Sign-ups will be via ZOOM link.

2) OLO Study on MCPS Staff and Principal Hiring practices is underway. Kristin Latham from OLO is looking for MCCPTA volunteers who have participated in MCPS hiring processes to participate in this study. OLO is also concluding its Gender Equity in Athletics Survey this month.

3) ExComm approved the appointment of two committee chairs, Andrea Creel, Relfections; Gail Ratvnitsky Silberglied, Technology.

**OFFICER REPORTS (shared folder online)**

President Cynthia Simonson filed a written report. Stated that main areas of the report focused on MCPS, COVID, Dashboard, COVID OPAT meeting and MCCPTA SMEs participating.

VP Educational Issues, Rodney Peele filed a written report. Rodney reiterated that locals need to check insurance status ASAP and reach out if they need help; ZOOM is available for locals if they need it, with translation, too.

VP Programs, Charisse Scott, presented updates regarding: New Committee Chair, Andrea Creel, held the first reflections meeting prior to BOD meeting. Will have a budget amendment submitted for November meeting for the program fair. Also updating the website for programs.

Treasurer, Francesco Paganini – Report and related documents filed in folder. Cynthia Simonson reported on his behalf that there were no significant updates.

VP Advocacy, Laura Mitchell, filed a written report. Laura also presented information about: MCPS Mental Health Awareness Week; Drug Take Back Day (County, 10.23); and Advocacy Priorities (SEE committee report); Handle with Care.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CIP Committee/Advocacy Priorities – Laura Stewart (for Chair Lima Abdullah) reported on the circulating draft of Advocacy Priorities. Encouraged all locals to submit feedback that is “big picture”; Discussion of draft prompted questions about the SRO program, implementation, incidents, and expected County and MCPS reports. Cynthia Simonson reminded the BOD that MCCPTA has a policy to advocate on from last spring. Laura Stewart reported on the finalized list for testimony, dates and the prep workshop with MCPS/Adrienne Karamihas on October 27, 7-9pm.

Laura Mitchell reported on the upcoming Operating Budget advisory meetings.

Membership Committee chair, Carrie Palsson, reported that the committee is actively seeking new members because it is her last year. Carrie asked questions about Membership Tool Kit costs, and if there is an equity issue for locals with membership software costs. Carrie also urged locals to revise membership forms for broader, inclusive language (eg. Member #1, Member #2). Yeages Cowan (Communications) will connect with Carrie to develop a google template form for locals.

Special Ed Committee chair, Stephanie Frumkin, encouraged locals to volunteer for the committee bc they are still engaged with quarterly meetings with Ed Longo/MCPS.

GT Committee chair, Michelle Gluck, asked about the status of the “meeting moratorium” between MCPS and MCCPTA leaders and committees. Cynthia replied that MCPS has proposed that all BOD members and chairs meet together 5x a year instead of monthly, bimonthly or individual meetings.

Bylaws Committee Chair, Kellie Scholar Renyolds and Communications Chair, Yeages Cowan, reported on the committee deliberations and changes to Standing Rules (see written report as filed). As a part of these discussions, the committee will be working on language about Conflict of Interest (COI) for MCCPTA officers. These questions include - when are disclaimers needed? For BOD members (not officers) details about what they can/cannot do when running for public office. Discussion followed about representing MCCPTA in communications; Michelle Gluck offered her assistance and professional expertise.

**New Business:**

Sara Kessler submitted her resignation as AVP; BOD accepted the resignation, effective 10/13/2021.

Nicolas Bassey was nominated and approved unanimously as the new Paint Branch Cluster Coodinator.

**Upcoming meetings:**

**October 18 Training**

**October 26 DA**

**October 27 MCCPTA- MCPS CIP**

**October 28 – BOD to BOED**

**November 2,4 BOED MCPS – CIP hearings**

**November 10 BOD**

**November 15 Training**

**Minutes drafted by BOD Secretary, Sally McCarthy**

**October 18, 2021**