

MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY
February 23, 2021
Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, quorum was established. Cynthia read the MCCPTA Mission. The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the January 2021 Delegates Assembly were adopted.

Informational Updates began at 7:05 pm.

National/MDPTA Updates:

- *January 14th Message – Update from National - Message that National is providing oversight of all financial transactions; requested Councils encourage locals to pay dues*
- *January 21st Message -- Virtual Voting Guidelines - <https://files.constantcontact.com/239b5a0b501/59801a68-a2bb-4554-a8e9-98a09efe1167.pdf>*
- *February 3rd Message – Update from National*
 1. *VP of Field Service – did not meet qualification, action pending*
 2. *President Elect removed in manner not allowed in bylaws – tbd*
 3. *Current Board may fill vacancies with qualified members*
 4. *National has oversight of bank transactions*
- *February 5th Message – MDPTA Announced Special Meeting - National had no knowledge of meeting; only units paid allowed*
- *February 15th Event – No Quorum; No Business*
- *February 23rd – YES, today!!*

Officer Reports began at 7:15 pm.

All officer reports can now be found in two places – the meeting materials folder in One Drive for the month of the meeting, https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/office_mccpta_org/EhwAcYCftEFEv8Et70AGUsBjiY3VazZ0iaqHiAx1APyPQ?e=L6AFyf and on the MCCPTA website: <http://www.mccpta.org/delegates-assembly.html>

President – MCCPTA Office Manager maintains this spreadsheet for Officer and Committee Reports - <http://nebula.wsimg.com/306a358f0e38297cd1a3e2f43843b68f?AccessKeyId=AB71C8A62DC88BF7171E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

See written report for updates –

- MDPTA Concerns

- Virtual Meeting Guidelines
- School Resource Officers
- Anti-Racism Audit Steering Committee
- To Open or Not To Open
- Recovery Education
- Ombudsman (requested follow up)
- Coarse load and P/F Option
- Food Security – draft policy JPH, School Food and Nutrition Services Programs
- Administrative Items
- NEW ITEM – PRINCIPAL SELECTION

VP Educational Issues – MSDE tweaking testing for this year, looking at a longer window, all students will be tested (in person and virtual), looking to host an informational session on the new graduation requirements on March 3rd, more information coming soon.

VP Administration – please pay your MCCPTA dues; remember to start encouraging your local PTAs to create diverse nominating committees.

VP Programs – there will be a virtual spring celebrations event, anyone who has experience putting together virtual events and who can help please contact James directly.

VP Advocacy – highlighting our advocacy around indoor air quality in regards to transparency; working to advance state level bills that are aligned with MCCPTA’s advocacy priorities.

Treasurer – all reports are in the meeting materials folder in One Drive. Please pay your dues.

Committee Reports/Announcements began at 7:28 pm

All reports can be found here - https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/office_mccpta_org/Enm53T7lflFr2j7SUr0cawBmPMfCHWFEv5ve8l4K9yHNw?e=wQr4e8

Membership – Carrie Palsson, this year we have 18,774 members so far compared to 39,214 total for last year; must pay dues by March to vote at the 3/23 DA meeting; National is monitoring the MDPTA bank account so pay your MDPTA dues; someone will reach out if you haven’t paid last year’s dues.

Communications – Yeages Cowan, went over the elist rules and etiquette.

THE RULES

- Please keep content limited to MCPs/PTSA/school-related issues and topics.

- Represent community not personal opinion. This should always be respectful of MCCPTA's mission.
- Do not "flame," challenge or attack others.
- Take involved discussions off list.
- Do not post commercial messages on any elist.
- All defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal materials or language are strictly prohibited.
- Do not distribute any SPAM, solicitation, jokes, chain letters, petitions for signatures or letters relating to pyramid schemes, missing persons or once-in-a-lifetime deals.
- Send your message only to the most appropriate list(s). Do not spam several lists with the same message.
- Do not use the listserv to invite the entire list to join your social.

LISTSERV ETIQUETTE

- Always identify yourself and include the capacity in which you serve on a PTSA/MCCPTA.
- State concisely and clearly the topic of your comments in the subject line.
- If you are responding to a message, please delete irrelevant text from the post you are replying to, and any footers and legal disclaimer text *before* you reply.
- Be relevant. Your questions and comments should relate to the topic of the discussion list.
- Personal communications, such as "I'll call you," "thanks for the information" or "me, too" should be conducted by individual email, not to the entire lists.

Bylaws –

- MDPTA Bylaws Amendment (proposals) – Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds, went over the suggested amendments and changes, listed specifically in the report in the One Drive folder, if you have any questions or suggestions please email Kellie.
- Scope of Standing Rules – the MCCPTA standing rules are outdated, working on updates for early next year.

Awards Update – Oriole Saah, deadline is 3/19/21; remember the Dad of the Year award was amended by the Board to be Family of the Year.

Virtual Learning Committee – Gail Silberglied, contact email is virtualllearning@mccpta.org; detailed report is in the One Drive folder. The committee is advocating for a COVID crisis response associate superintendent; looking for clearer communication from MCPS; Joanna Snyder, Joanna_snyder@berkeley.edu, presented on taking advantage of the outdoor spaces schools have access to in the reopening plan, more details in this document -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P2jzmosWXzzol7AnXx8wiVXLe5tdCsqz7WfDXH93YKg/edit#heading=h.zf87rpng0pc6>.

If you have time, please complete this survey based on your school(s) -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGDdxu9rrEf3E4aphMvTcAReA5xrVQ2H1_gX_bbcgRjbnZaQ/viewform

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Next Steps for Resolution – Yvonne Van Lowe, please use the following links to foster discussion with your locals, all amendments to the proposed resolution due to Yvonne by March 18, 2021.

- [2010 MCCPTA Resolution on SROs](#)
- [Proposed 2021 Resolution on SROs](#)
- [Form for PTAs to Input Comments and Proposed Amendments](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Four Page Document for Use in Discussing with Local PTAs](#)
- [Original Slide Presentation to MCCPTA](#)
- [The MCCPTA DEI Committee’s testimony to the BOE on January 12, 2021](#)

New Business began at 8:17 pm.

- Virtual Voting Approach
 - Delegate Meeting Pre-Registration by **March 20th** – Name, PTA, Role
 - Must be listed as the President/Delegates in the blue book
 - May Substitute – XI. Section 1 with notice, by **March 20th**
 - PTA must be in good standing with MCCPTA, by **March 22nd**
 - Having paid dues for 25 members
- Voting Delegates include
 - 3 votes per PTA – President, 2 Delegates
 - Each member of the MCCPTA Board of Directors (including Vice Chairs and Subcommittee Chairs)
 - Cluster Coordinators EACH have a vote (unlike BOD where 1 vote is shared by up to 3 CCs)
 - One Vote PER Individual, even if you hold multiple roles (XI. Section 3)
- Voting Options
 - Hand Vote - Group is small and all participants are on camera (executive committee) OR using “reaction” button to raise hand
 - Voice Vote - Instances when something is not particularly controversial, invite people to unmute – yea/nay
 - Poll Vote - Only members in meeting
 - Secret Ballot - Chat Private – identifying an individual to tally votes, allows to verify membership before counting vote
 - **Open Voting** - Chat Everyone – open voting, allows to verify membership before counting vote

Cynthia – Wanda, our Parliamentarian, will be joining us for our March DA Meeting. We will be using Open Voting at the March DA to vote on the proposed SRO Resolution, Pam (MCCPTA Office Manager) and Kellie (BOD Secretary) will be tellers to count the votes.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 27th – Anti-Vaping Symposium
- February 28th – MDPTA Bylaws Amendments Due
- March 2nd – BOE SRO Public Hearing
- March 3rd – Town Hall – Proposed New Graduation Requirements
- March 4th – BOE SRO Public Hearing
- March 9th – Interim 2021-2022 School Calendar Announced
- March 10th – BOD Meeting
- March 19th – MCCPTA Award Nominations Due
- March 23rd – Delegates Assembly
- March 24th – DEI Training (**NEW DATE**)
- April 15th – Blake Cluster Meeting
- April 22nd – Poolesville Cluster Meeting
- May 6th – Gaithersburg Cluster Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.