

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 10-1-15

Minutes by Julie Grimes

In attendance: President Frances Frost, Vice President of Education Michelle Gluck, Vice President of Administration Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds, Vice President of Advocacy Lynne Harris, Vice President of Programs Paul Geller, Recording Secretary for the Delegates Assembly Melissa McKenna, Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors Julie Grimes, Steve Wilson, Joe Piff, Liz King, Matt Swibel, Heather Powers Sauter, Lang Lin, Lily Villones, Chris Rutledge, Jeanne Taylor, Sally McCarthy, Jennifer Young, Jennifer McCarthy, Neal Orringer, Nicole DiResta, Vincent Mickens, Brian Rabin, Oscar Alvarenga, Erin Clegg, Sumbal Sheldon, and Revonne Johnson

Call to order at 7:45

Denise Bracalilly-Stultz from the MCPS Office of Community Engagement came to answer any questions regarding the training for volunteers.

Steve Wilson wanted to know whether parents who take the online training would have to take another training to participate in Outdoor Education. Denise answered, no, the parent could print out the online certificate. But all training until December will be face-to-face.

She asked the board to encourage the schools to use the visitor scanner system.

Julie Grimes asked whether the online training will be multilingual. Yes.

Joe Piff asked whether parents would have to be re-fingerprinted if they have already been fingerprinted for their employment. No.

Michelle Gluck expressed her concern that the paying for fingerprinting may result in a disinclination for parents to volunteer.

Steve Wilson motions to approve the agenda

Liz King motions to approve the minutes with Michelle's suggested changes

President's Report:

Frances encouraged everyone to sign up for Study Circles and be available for all three because they build upon each other. Matt Swibel asks if it is mandatory. No.

The NAACP event is 10/5/15

Vice President of Education Report:

Neal Orringer is confirmed as Operating Budget Chair

Committees should be planning their meetings and making sure to get them on the calendars so as not to conflict with other meetings.

The comment box regarding Student Assessments is still open on the MCPS website. Please encourage students to comment too.

Phase One of the reports for the Choice Study will not be presented until November or December. The Choice website also has a comment box. Michelle's impression of the Consultant's questions are that they are open ended but shallow. Matt Swibel asked what the next steps are. Michelle replied that the

consultants will go out to schools, compare what other areas are doing, and then put out its suggestion. The Board of Education will then decide.

Vice President of Administration:

AVPs need to find nominating committee members before the next board meeting.

Cluster Coordinators need to let Kellie know the name of the Coordinator testifying for the CIP hearings.

Chris Rutledge asked whether the community could sign up yet, and Kellie said she didn't think so.

Steve Wilson asked whether Kellie would like to know about mistakes on the SOCA report. She said yes.

Vice President of Programs:

The first MCCPTA presents will be this month before the DA

Antonia Hernandez Cordozo was recognized by the County Council for contributions to the county

Vice President of Advocacy:

Delegate Ebersol has put forward a Testing Burden bill, but the committee has done no work on it because the governor has not appointed anyone from his office.

Budget:

Approved at DA

Matt Swibel asked again about the numbers for membership and training.

Advocacy Priorities:

Entire Document

Julie Grimes moved to replace the action headings on the original draft with the headings from the revised draft. Joe Piff seconds. Motion passed.

Melissa McKenna motions to reorder the paragraphs according to the revised version. Joe Piff seconds. Motion passed.

Steve moved to change to "MCCPTA will" throughout the document. Joe seconds. Motion carries.

Support School Instruction and Capital Improvements

Jennifer Young asked whether the second bullet under CIP means that we want the county to reorder the Rev/Ex queue. Melissa Melissa explained that we want MCPS to re-evaluate all the schools on a regular basis. Jennifer Young then moves to insert the word "systematically" after "to re-evaluate". Motion carries.

Enrollment Growth

Michelle Gluck moved to change "Impacts" to "Effects" in the Enrollment Growth heading. Liz King seconded. Motion carries.

Achievement Gap

Matt Swibel moved to include #5 (Specific Learning Groups) with #4 (Achievement Gap). No second. Motion fails.

Matt then moved to include in the fifth bullet under the Achievement Gap a statement about data so that MCPS shows exactly what they are measuring and whether they are achieving their goals. Steve Wilson seconded. Motion carries.

Joe Piff moved to replace the entire Achievement Gap from the Revised Version. Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds seconded. Motion passes.

Sally McCarthy moved that we add “in all schools” to smaller class sizes. She withdraws.

Jeanne Taylor moved to remove “smaller class sizes.” Sally McCarthy seconded. Motion carries.

Lang Lin was concerned that encouraging increased numbers of students of color in advanced classes without knowing what the family commitment will be would be a disservice to all.

Liz King would like to change the sixth bullet under the achievement gap from “measures” to “methods” but defers to Michelle Gluck for the wording.

Michelle Gluck moved to change the sixth bullet to “Advocate for methods to increase the number of students of color adequately prepared to succeed in accelerated and advanced classes.” Lynne Harris seconded. Motion carries.

Matt Swibel called for quorum. We no longer had quorum.

Frances Frost explained that we would send out what we did get through and have to conduct an expedited process for the DA.

CIP Committee Report:

MCPS is looking at FACT scores and the weighting of different portions of those composite scores.

Should Rev/Ex be such a high portion of the budget? Do we feel that bandaids are acceptable? Should scores be changed?

Joe Piff asked whether we should be looking at the several different categories of the FACT score. Yes.

Liz King asked how we should communicate the answers to Melissa? In the CIP? Melissa said that the traditional CIP should remain the same and should not mention FACT scores.

Liz explained the work of the Next Steps Reps and the Top 5 topics agreed upon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45