MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

April 27, 2021

Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, quorum was established at 7:05 pm. Cynthia read the MCCPTA Mission. The minutes from the March and April 2021 Delegates Assembly were adopted at 7:06 pm. Cynthia sought to amend the agenda to add a vote on the summer budget under New Business, after the Board Elections, there were no objections so the agenda was amended.

***Informational Updates*** began at 7:07 pm.

**National PTA**

March 26 – National pulled the charter of the MDPTA.

* MDPTA is still a corporation under the Maryland Secretary of State so may still “conduct business.”
* MDPTA is no longer allowed to “conduct business” using the PTA trademark, name, brand, resources, etc.
* National did send a “cease and desist” letter.
* National is in process of determining assets, resources, etc.

March 31 – National held 2 zoom meetings with Maryland PTA leaders across the state.

* Local units should still follow their approved bylaws.
* Local units should remit any dues directly to National PTA (not using MemberHub feature).
* National is in process of establishing new State Organization.
* National and Councils will support local units in interim

**PER NATIONAL, FOLLOW YOUR BYLAWS**

* **FAQs – (details in folder)**
* **Bylaws** Need Amending? Go ahead, pass the changes, and send amended bylaws to National [mdpta@pta.org](mailto:mdpta@pta.org)
* **Compliance Documents** (990, etc.) – FILE THOSE DOCS and send copies to National Support Team [mdpta@pta.org](mailto:mdpta@pta.org)
* **Dues** -- Use National Transmission form and mail $4.25 per member (any you haven’t yet paid) to National PTA and $1 per member to MCCPTA.
* **MemberHub** – It’s available (MemberHub is aware of issues) just don’t pay your National/State Dues through it
* **Reflections** – We are still working through mechanics – aiming to celebrate students this summer!
* **Financials** -- Pass a summer budget and conduct your financial reviews (after June 30), as required
* **Elections** – Yes, hold them! (FAQ on elections in later slide)

***New Business*** began at 7:15 pm.

**Election of MCCPTA Officers for 2021-2022**

MCCPTA Bylaws – Article VI: Officers and Their Election

Section 1 – Officers to be elected.

Section 2 – Elected at General Membership Meeting in April.

Section 3 – “Officers shall be elected by ballot; however, if there is only one nominee for any office, election for that office may be by voice vote.”

Section 4 – Requirements to be eligible outlined, term of office (and limit of 3 terms in the same office).

Section 5 – Removal from office.

Section 6 – Vacancies.

Section 7 -- Nominating Committee shall be 7 members from designated areas, serve for a year until the next nominating committee is selected, nominates the slate (one candidate) for each office, send the list and qualifications to the members and delegates, presents to the MCCPTA BOD, Presidents and Delegates the list of individual who plan to run from the floor.

Cynthia read the names of the members of the Nominating Committee

**Kristen Carter** (CLARKSBURG/NORTHWEST/QUINCE ORCHARD/SENECA VALLEY)

**Maggie Conley** (BLAKE/PAINT BRANCH/SPRINGBROOK/SHERWOOD)

**Kristin Erdheim** (DAMASCUS/GAITHERSBURG/MAGRUDER/ WATKINS MILL)

**Miguel Mitchell** (DCC)

**Debby Orsak** (BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE/WALTER JOHNSON/ WHITMAN)

**Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds** (AT-LARGE)

**Jennifer Young** (CHURCHILL/RM/POOLESVILLE/ROCKVILLE/ WOOTTON)

Slate of Candidates is listed below, Debby Orsak presented each candidate; after which a voice vote was taken, all were in favor of electing the candidates, none in opposition.

**Presented 30 days before election:**

President – Cynthia Simonson

Vice President of Educational Issues – Rodney Peele

Vice President of Administration – Rochelle Fink

Vice President of Programs – Charisse Scott

Vice President of Advocacy – Laura Mitchell

Recording Secretary for Delegates Assembly – Tammy Fox

Treasurer – Francesco Paganini

**Running from the Floor:**

Recording Secretary for Board of Directors – Tangela Wilson

**Summer Budget**

Khristy K presented the balance sheet for MCCPTA, all financial reports are in the OneDrive April 2021 folder, including the specifics of the summer budget. A summer budget would cover July through October 2021. Khristy made a motion to vote on the summer budget, Debby Orsak seconded the motion. There were no objections, 67 in favor and none opposed.

**Local Unit Elections FAQ**

[**FAQs**](https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/office_mccpta_org/EU2hQuXvBAFOhIiwYFt8C9cBkpFJPe78fE2veaGMSCNXiA?e=hDM51G)

* Volunteers – Can’t find enough people to fill the roles? Ask the principal for names, must have a President, Treasurer and Secretary
* Nominating Committee Role – who selects? Consult your bylaws, the current President cannot be on the nominating committee
* Just officers? Whole Board? Delegates?
* Can we require people to announce beforehand they are going to run from floor?
* No Membership – Never held a membership drive so no members to qualify as officers…
* Voting Procedures – How to do this?
* Voting Virtually (allowed) – make sure those voting are in good standing and move those who are not to the waiting room or breakout room for the vote.
* Voting in Person (allowed)
* Most votes vs. Majority of votes – must get a majority

**Reporting the vote!!**

* Designate an individual (Secretary is great) to populate “Blue Book” to access elists, trainings, etc. -- <http://tiny.cc/2021bluebook>

**Area Vice President/Cluster Coordinator FAQ**

*MCCPTA Area Vice Presidents*

Elections –

* Nominating Committee member overseeing this Area will convene and chair convening at least 6 PTA Presidents (or designee) and/or Cluster Coordinators to select a AVP.

AVP Responsibilities –

* Extend PTA Work of the PTAs in the Area, assist with Training PTA Leaders, organize new PTAs in area, coordinate work of Cluster Coordinators.
* Work on special initiatives with countywide implications (e.g., Honors for All, PSAT Communications, Principal Selection procedures, etc.)

*MCCPTA Cluster Coordinator – Due to Nominating Committee by May 5th*

Elections –

* A majority of the PTA Presidents (or their designee) for the Cluster must meet and by majority vote, approve the Cluster Coordinators.
* Each Cluster may have up to 3 Cluster Coordinators representing the Cluster on the MCCPTA Board

Cluster Coordinator Responsibilities --

* Provide support to PTAs struggling to meet 501c3 requirements (compliance)
* Act as a resource for questions that come up
* Solicit information from PTA Presidents and Principals for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget and Operating Budget
* Serve as a liaison to the local PTAs on MCCPTA advocacy priorities and initiatives
* Help shape MCCPTA priorities and initiatives – serve on committees, approve committee Work Plans, etc.
* Must be a PTA Member, can only have a 4 year term

**Training Needs Discussion**

A discussion was had among the delegates as to where MCCPTA should focus training this summer/fall. Listed below are just a few ideas that were mentioned –

* Engagement
* Multilingual Communication and Outreach
* How to recruit volunteers
* Inform parents what they gain by joining the PTA
* How to get students involved
* Treasurer training/budgeting
* Transition Planning
* How to work with administrators and MCPS
* Legislative involvement
* How to advocate effectively
* How to write and give effective testimony

If you have further ideas please reach out to [training@mccpta.org](mailto:training@mccpta.org)

**MCCPTA Annual Report**

Time for the MCCPTA Officers and Committees to put together their Year End Reports. This report ties up this year and provides a jumping off point for next year. Please take the time to write up your year end report.

***Officer Reports*** began at 8:00 pm.

April 2021 OneDrive folder - <https://mccpta-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/office_mccpta_org/EmhAFbgg6j5AnuPC8AhlfNwB6HuT3j2I_iygWmn5ZQyRug?e=lnVHag>

Cynthia Simonson, President – written report filed, bring attention o the 2.5 Recovery Committee, how MCPS is addressing the recovery from learning loss during COVID

Rodney Peele, Vice President- Educational Issues – MSBE voted on 4/27/21 that there will need to be 180 days AT school, 5 days per week. The MAP testing report is out; accelerated math pathways will continue in elementary school; less content was covered virtually than would have been in the building; ESOL testing for grades 5 and 8 will be in person; still working out how state required testing will count for 20% of a students grade moving forward. Rodney will file a report for the April 2021 folder.

Rochelle Fink, Vice President- Administration – currently working on next years calendar for MCCPTA and hope to have it released soon.

James Modrick, Vice President- Programs – Our Virtual Celebrations event will be hosted on zoom and require registration, save the date – May 27th

Laura Stewart, Vice President- Advocacy  - will file a report for the folder; Kirwin and Build to Learn have passed; the operating budget looks good thanks to the federal government money; working on school environments for the fall; how will the capital budget funds be used, looking to avoid systemic failure of funds in the future.

Khristy Kartsakalis, Treasurer – provided report when summer budget was discussed, financial materials can be found in the April 2021 folder.

***Committee Reports/Announcements*** began at 8:21 pm

Laura Mitchell – Wednesday night there is a pre-non-prom meeting with MADD, Arise and Flourish and students can get SSL hours.

Monday, May 3rd at 8:30 pm there is a zoom on Outdoor Learning Opportunities with MCPS and the Green Schools Initiative.

Summer Listening Sessions – more information to come at the May 12th MCCPTA Board Meeting.

***Old Business*** - none

**Upcoming Dates**:

May 27, 2021 – MCCPTA Celebration of Excellence, Virtual Event on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.