Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

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DELEGATES ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 28, 2015
7:30 p.m., Carver Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 7:54pm by Frances Frost, President. The MCCPTA mission was read in English and Spanish. Lindsay Burgess made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda, it was seconded and approved by voice vote. Joe Piff made a **MOTION** to approve the March 24, 2015 meeting minutes, it was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Officer Reports

Ms. Frost provided the **President's** report. She updated delegates on a bylaws proposal approved by the MD PTA Board related to board members and officers seeking public office. She asked delegates to consider a donation to the Give Backpacks campaign as in previous years and solicited ideas for updating MCCPTA handbooks for each officer position.

Ms Frost also noted that MDPTA had informed MCCPTA that committee co-chairs are not allowed, which the Board will discuss further.

Ms. Frost reminded attendees of upcoming events including the Presidents and Principals Dinner (PPD), the National PTA Convention, and the MCBRE Champions for Children celebration.

Rick Chimera made a **MOTION** to donate $1500 to the Give Backbacks campaign, it was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Vice President for Education Michelle Gluck reported that she was working on summarizing concerns with PARCC testing, its relationship to final exams, and how to effect some test relief for students. She noted an upcoming college admissions seminar.

Vice President for Administration Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds reminded delegates that local nominating committees should be completing their work for next year's leadership. She also noted the upcoming training and encouraged newly elected officers to attend and asked for additional topics delegates think would be helpful. In the absence of a Treasurer, Ms. Reynolds also provided a brief financial report noting that the organization is on track for expenses and that revenue was still coming in for the PPD.

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Vice President for Programs Paul Geller reported on various events around the county.

Vice President for Advocacy Lynne Harris thanked everyone for submitting and/or delivering testimony in Annapolis on bills designed to increase funding for schools, particularly in counties with high enrollment growth. The bill was passed but the remaining obstacle was the need for Governor Hogan to release the funds. She asked delegates to e-mail the governor's office requesting the money be released.

2015-16 Elections

JoAnn Burl provided the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers for 2015-2016:

President-- Frances Frost
VP Education-- Michelle Gluck
VP Administration-- Kellie Schoolar-Reynolds
VP Advocacy--Lynne Harris
VP Programs--Paul Geller
Treasurer-- Larry Edmonds was nominated from the floor
BOD Secretary--Julie Grimes
DA Secretary-- Melissa McKenna was nominated from the floor

The delegates approved the full slate by a unanimous voice vote.

The following list of Area Vice Presidents (AVPs) and Cluster Coordinators were each approved separately by voice vote with notation if nominated from the floor or withdrawn at meeting:

BCC/WJ/WHITMAN AVP - JEN COPE

Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) –
Rafe Petersen
Laurie Rosen

Walter Johnson (WJ)
Joe Piff
Liz King
Howard Phillips

Whitman
Jennifer McCarthy
Yvonne Van Lowe
Sally McCarthy

BENK/WHEATON (DCC) AVP JULIE GRIMES (Nominated from the floor by Chris Rutledge)

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Blair (All three nominated from the floor by Heather Sauter)
Cori Vanchieri
Lidiana Villones
ElaineWeiss

Einstein
Chris Rutledge
Mary O'Driscoll
Jean Claude Zenklusen

Northwood (Julie Grimes was nominated by committee but withdrew her candidacy)
Daria Daniel
Heather Powers Sauter

Kennedy
Therese Gibson (Nominated from the floor by Chris Rutledge)

Wheaton
Nate Conroy
Darwin Romero (Nominated from the floor by Julie Grimes)

CHURCHILL/RM/POOLESVILLE/ROCKVILLE/WOOTTON AVP Vince Mickens
(Nominated from the floor by Cheryl Moss Herman)

Churchill OPEN

Richard Montgomery (RM)
Jennifer Young
Matt Swibel
Lynn Perry Parker

Poolesville OPEN

Rockville
Melissa McKenna
David Mintz

Wootton
Beth Ann Bergsmark (later resigned)
Karen Collishaw
Brian Rabin (Nominated from the floor by Adela Firoozfar)

DAMASCUS/GAITHERSBURG/MAGRUDER/WM AVP – SUMBAL SHELDON

Damascus

Alaina Dahlin
Jennifer McDonald

Gaithersburg
Oscar Alvarenga

Magruder OPEN

Watkins Mill
Tammy Clark
Vickie Miller (Nominated from the floor by Sumbal Sheldon)

NORTHEAST CONSORTIUM AVP - Carol Shivers (Nominated from the floor)

Blake OPEN

Paint Branch OPEN
Princess Igwebu (withdrew—ineligible due to term limit)

Springbrook
JoAnn Burl (Nominated from the floor)

Sherwood
Paul Geller

CLARKSBURG/NW/QO/SV AVP – Kevin David

Clarksburg
Sanjay Bhal
Steve Wilson

Northwest
Revonne Johnson

Quince Orchard
Erin Clegg
Sumbal Sheldon

Seneca Valley
Jeri Crist

New Business

Chris Rutledge made a **MOTION** to cancel the May delegates assembly, it was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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Janette Gilman proposed the following amendment to the bylaws to revise the MCCPTA dues structure:

Article XIV, Section 2. The annual dues for membership in MCCPTA for the following fiscal year shall be established by MCCPTA at the Annual Meeting and notification shall be sent to all local PTAs within one week following the Annual Meeting. ~~Each local PTA shall pay dues to MCCPTA based upon an established rate per members. Such dues shall be payable by November 1. Any dues owed for members who join a local PTA after such dues are paid are payable before March 15.~~ Such dues shall be in the form of a one-time fixed payment, and shall be payable by each local PTA by November 1.

Ms. Gilman provided the rationale that after observing how other counties in the state do it, she thinks it would be better to have local PTAs join the council rather than have individual memberships. She believes it would simplify the membership process at the county level.

The discussion included concerns about the affordability for smaller PTAs and the likelihood that larger PTAs would be setting the dues amounts. In addition, there was concern that important functions such as advocacy would not be able to be supported with funds collected through new structure. One member suggested studying the issue and then possibly consider an alternative method.

Jennifer McCarthy made a **MOTION** to refer the issue to the Executive Committee to evaluate the dues structure (amount of dues, timing and frequency of dues payments and amount of MCCPTA's carry over surplus) and make a recommendation in the fall with any changes effective for the 2016-17 year.

Elizabeth Fisher made a **MOTION** to extend the debate, it was seconded and failed to pass (ayes-32, nays-65)

The vote on the amendment to refer to the Executive Committee failed (ayes-37, nays-57)

Rick Chimera made a **MOTION** to keep the dues at $1 per individual member, it was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The Delegates Assembly adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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