

PTACHC Meeting  
Homewood Center  
February 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by PTACHC President Reg Avery. Quorum was confirmed.

**Consideration of Minutes approval and Treasurer's Report** – Ricardo presented the minutes and Treasurer's report. The attendees were reminded that these documents are always uploaded on our website (he reminded everyone that all handouts are on the website). There was a comment about the January minutes, which did not mention the motion before the vote, although there was an email distributed by the Secretary. Anyone who did not receive any email was asked to see Reg so their emails could be captured. There was a motion to approve the December minutes (no change) and the January minutes with change.

**No Board of Education Liaison report** – no representative from the BOE

**Agenda Change:** Dave Ramsey, from Transportation, was moved to next month

**Support for Homewood** – Ann Santos provided a presentation about Homewood and there being no dedicated PTA although many children from our schools come through Homewood, including those on the Autism Spectrum. Each PTA was asked to go back to their locals and get a vote about the suggestions for the March meeting:

1. Round up from \$170 to \$200. This increase in PTACHC dues from \$170 to \$200. The additional monies would be allocated to the Special school (30 x 72) = \$2220 would be the extra monies. The \$1000 is an increase from the past.
2. By cluster, agree to rotate responsibility for the funds each month (operational issue). The PTACHC Board should not be in charge of administering this. Ann Santos agreed to lead this.

**Legislative Report**

- There is a meeting in Annapolis this Thursday. Can speak to delegates and senators and tell them what to think about issues 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Room 17. There are 3 different bills proposed on how the HC BOE will be elected. One bill has been withdrawn.
- Bruce Sartwell mentioned the research compiled about the different research that has been done on School Start Time/Dismissal Time. The Public Hearing is tomorrow evening at the BOE.

**Superintendent's Report/Q&A** – John White

There were a number of announcements and a new "Celebrate HCPSS" to discuss partnerships and alumni. Registration has started for summer camps and programs. There are two upcoming public hearings: 1) School Start/dismissal Tuesday at 7:00  
2) Superintendents proposed budget next Tuesday

There were a couple of questions posed:

1. Is there a meeting about the calendar – not yet.
2. Will Dr. Foose be at the next President's meeting
3. Is there a policy for opting out of Standardized policy? No, you cannot opt out, you can refuse, but there is no formal opt-out provision.

### **APFO**

There is a meeting at the George Howard, Council Chambers with the County Planning Board on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>...people, particularly representatives from schools that are over-capacity, should show up and be a part of the process. There will be the opportunity for comments by the planning board and public. This applies to Elementary and Middle only. For 4 years, developers were charged less than the cost of growth (only 1/3 of the impact cost. Anything that did not make into the staff report (Fire, Police, Water/Sewer) is fair game for APFO. The APFO charts are used and account for redistricting. Action Item: Brent will write a fact sheet.

The PTA delegate at Manor Woods stated that they will be at 200% capacity within the next five years. There was a meeting with the Principal and School Planning Manager. Adding portables introduces more safety issues, particularly elementary.

### **PTACHC President Notes**

- There was a discussion about a bullying situation that Reg was involved in where the young lady left the county because she posed nude for a boyfriend and photographs were shared. Two Community Academy sessions were announced: One for Feb 25<sup>th</sup> on Dating Dangers/Healthy Relationships and the other on March 25<sup>th</sup> on Bullying at Oakland Mills Middle School.
- The State PTA convention will be in Howard County this year on the last Thursday/ Friday/Saturday in July and we are looking for sponsors.
  - We would like a child to sing the National Anthem. If anyone knows of a child who can fulfill this role, send an email to Reg.
  - We also would like a scout troop (boy or girl) for the Colorguard. This is being advertised to more than the JROTC.
- June is the next PTA National Convention in Las Vegas
- Our ByLaws are up for review and we need a ByLaws Committee and two more volunteers. Matta, VP of Operations, is leading this effort. PTAs were reminded that if they sent in their ByLaws to Maryland State and have not gotten them back, to send an email to Reg for follow-up.
- We are still looking to fill the position for Jane's place.
- The VP for Issues position was vacated. Let Reg know if there is any interest.
- We need a nominating committee for the PTACHC Executive Board.

**New Business: None**

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Towanda Brown