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The Board of Education of Montgomery County held a special session with the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, Inc. Board of Directors (MCCPTA) at the Carver Educational Services Center, Rockville, Maryland, on October 26, 2011, beginning at 7:10 p.m.

Present:                    Mr. Christopher Barclay, President  
                                      in the Chair  
                                      Ms. Laura Berthiaume  
                                      Ms. Shirley Brandman  
                                      Dr. Judy Docca  
                                      Mr. Michael Durso  
                                      Mr. Philip Kauffman  
                                      Mrs. Patricia O'Neill  
                                      Mr. Larry Bowers, Acting Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:                    Mr. Alan Xie  
                                      Dr. Joshua Starr

After a welcome and introductions with the Board of Education, MCCPTA leadership, and school administrators, the MCCPTA Board of Directors briefed the Board of Education on several topics of concern.

Ms. Pierce, Ms. Herman, and Ms. Cobbett commented on Capital Improvement Program issues that included:

- Collocation of County Agencies within Schools
  - Elementary school proposed in the Richard Montgomery Cluster currently has a child care center in the former school
  - Architectural feasibility would have a county agencies' office and school together with a parking garage and little space for a play area
  - The process lead to an unclear solution
  - Resource sharing needs criteria or a defined process
  - MCPS would not own or control the agencies' office space
  - MCCPTA provided a resolution adopted on October 25, 2011
  
- Site Selection Process/Capacity Needs
  - Over enrollment in the east Bethesda area
  - Apparently Rosemary Hills Elementary School was left out
  - Middle school solution and boundary study
  - Policy and regulations to clarify the use of "community"
  - MCCPTA provided a resolution adopted on October 25, 2011

Ms. Gluck and Ms. Halverson commented on Curriculum issues that included:

- Common Core Standards
- Curriculum 2.0
- Race to the Top
- Grading and reporting
- Middle school stagnation
- Consistency across schools
- Language arts and reading
- Professional development
- ESOL students
- Acceleration and enrichment
- Differentiation
- Evaluation of curriculum

Ms. Trible conveyed the following from Ms. Taylor:

- Collocation of Maryvale Elementary School and the Carl Sandberg Center
- Separate and equal space with the opportunity of mixing the populations
- Special education students housed away from industrial area
- Curriculum 2.0 and differentiations

Ms. Schlesinger commented on Operating Budget issues:

- MCCPTA will advocate for funding at all levels
- MCCPTA budget forum in January will focus on Maintenance of Effort
- MCCPTA regular budget forum will be in February
- MCCPTA was concerned about staff development and the roll out of curriculum
- MCCPTA provided budget priorities adopted on October 25, 2011

At 7:55 p.m., the meeting broke into small group discussions. MCCPTA suggested the following topics:

- What issues should the Board of Education be aware of with regard to your cluster or committee-specific interests?
- What priorities has the Board of Education identified with regard to Dr. Starr's emphasis on Teaching and Learning (and presumably professional development), and what changes or initiatives might occur as a result?

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

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