

## April 2017: Proposed Bylaw Revisions

### #Article IV: Basic Policies

Current:

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g. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not vary on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Correction:

g. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not **carry** on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA #Section 1.

Current:

e. Operates under bylaws which have been reviewed/ revised and approved every three (3) years by the Michigan PTSA Committee on Bylaws.

Correction:

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Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA #Section 1.

Current:

f. Has paid per capita dues of its members and local unit dues to the Michigan PTSA by the dates required in these bylaws.

Correction:

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Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA

Current:

#Section 6. This PTA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements of the organization, including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the amount of dues remitted to the Michigan PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the Michigan PTSA or, where directed by the Committee on State and National Relationships, by a duly authorized representative of the National PTA.

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Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA

Current:

#Section 7. The charter of this PTA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such organization as a PTA unit shall be subject to ruminaton, in the manner and under the circumstances provided in the bylaws of the Michigan PTSA.

Correction:

#Section 7. The charter of this PTA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such organization as a PTA unit shall be subject to **termination**, in the manner and under the circumstances provided in the bylaws of the Michigan PTSA.

Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA #Section 8.

Current:

b. To cease and desist from further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the National PTA o the Michigan PTSA or status as a constituent organization of the National PTA; and

Correction:

b. To cease and desist from further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the National PTA **or** the Michigan PTSA or status as a constituent organization of the National PTA; and

Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA

Current:

#Section 9. This PTA shall collect dues from its members and shall remit a portion of such dues to the Michigan PTSA as provided in article VI hereof.

Correction:

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Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA

Current:

#Section 11. Bylaws of each constituent organization shall include a provision establishing a forum.

Correction:

#Section 11. Bylaws of each constituent organization shall include a provision establishing a **quorum**.

## Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA

Current:

#Section 15. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of the national PTA identified by a number sign (#) shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the local PTA to amend correspondingly the bylaws of each local PTA. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the amending process, the local PTAs shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective bylaws.

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## Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA

Current:

#Section 17. A local PTA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Michigan PTSA in any geographical area within the State where no local unit for the college, high school, junior high/middle school, elementary school, preschool or special education group exists. The PTA shall be known as Meadow Brook Elementary Parent, Teacher Association (PTA), in membership with the Michigan PTSA and National PTA and conform with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA as the Michigan PTSA may in its Bylaws prescribe. The PTA shall be organized by the Michigan PTSA President, President Elect, a Region Vice President, Field Service Representative or any qualified member of the board of Managers, as appointed by the Region Vice President, and shall be self-governing in accordance with the Bylaws of the Michigan PTSA and the National PTA. Local PTAs become Michigan PTSA units upon adoption of bylaws which have been approved by the Michigan PTSA Committee on Bylaws and payment of Michigan PTSA and National PTA dues. Ten (10) or more members are required to organize a local unit and twenty-five (25) or more to sustain the charter. Any unit found to be in violation of this section shall be able to appeal the withdrawing of their charter through the Committee on Local PTA and Council Relationships.

- a. The bylaws of a local PTA shall be deemed to be part of its articles or organization and its bylaws shall so provide. Upon approval of bylaws a charter shall be issued.
- b. Local PTAs shall review/revise their bylaws every three (3) years and submit three (3) copies to the Michigan PTSA Committee on Bylaws for approval.

Proposed:

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Article V: Relationship with National PTA and State PTSA #Section 17.

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Proposed:

b. Local PTAs shall review/revise their bylaws every three (3) years and submit three (3) copies to the Michigan PTSA Committee on Bylaws for approval. **A copy of the minutes from the meeting during which the bylaws were approved must be included with the submission.**

#### Article VI: Membership and Dues

Current:

#Section 1. Every individual who is a member of this PTA is, by virtue of that fact, a member of the National PTA and of the Michigan PTSA by which such local PTA is chartered, and is entitled to all benefits of membership.

Correction:

#Section 1. Every individual who is a member of this PTA is, by virtue of that fact, a **member** of the National PTA and of the Michigan PTSA by which such local PTA is chartered, and is entitled to all benefits of membership.

#### Article VI: Membership and Dues

Current:

#Section 5. **#Section 5.** The amount of the state portion of each member's dues shall be determined by the Michigan PTSA. The national portion of each member's dues shall be one dollar seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per annum.

Proposed:

**#Section 5.** The amount of the state portion of each member's dues shall be determined by the Michigan PTSA. The national portion of each member's dues shall be **two dollars twenty-five cents (\$2.25)** per annum.

#### Article VI: Membership and Dues

Current:

#Section 6. The Michigan portion of each member's dues shall be three dollars twenty-five cents (\$3.25).

Correction:

#Section 6. The Michigan portion of each member's dues shall be three dollars twenty-five cents (\$3.25) **per annum.**

Article VI: Membership and Dues

Proposed Deletion:

**#Section 12. All unsold membership cards shall be returned to the State PTA Office by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A local unit shall be billed for any unaccounted for membership cards.**

Article VI: Membership and Dues

Current:

#Section 13. Each local PTA shall pay \$25.00 annual unit dues to the Michigan PTSA on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This payment will constitute payment for the following fiscal year. No unit packet shall be distributed until payment of unit dues to Michigan PTSA is received.

Proposed:

#Section 13. Each local PTA shall pay **\$40.00** annual unit dues to the Michigan PTSA on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This payment will constitute payment for the following fiscal year. No unit packet shall be distributed until payment of unit dues to Michigan PTSA is received.

Article VI: Membership and Dues

Current:

#Section 15. Each local PTA shall submit a copy of their annual audit and budget to the MPTSA state office by February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Correction:

#Section 15. Each local PTA shall submit a copy of their annual audit and budget to the Michigan PTSA state office by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year.

Article VII: Officers and Their Election      Section 2.

Current:

- a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, vice president(s), a secretary, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer.

Proposed:

- a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, \_\_\_\_\_  
**(number, and title if more than one)** vice president(s), a secretary, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer.

Article VII: Officers and Their Election      Section 2.

Current:

- b. There shall be but one person serving in any elected office.

Correction:

- #b.** There shall be but one person serving in any elected office.

Article VII: Officers and Their Election      Section 2.

Current:

- e. A person shall not be eligible to service more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Proposed:

- e. A person shall not be eligible to service more than two consecutive terms in the same office, **unless necessary to fill a vacancy.**

Article VII: Officers and Their Election      Section 3.

Current:

- b. The nominating committee shall nominate one of more legible persons for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the regular meeting in April, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Correction:

- b. The nominating committee shall nominate one **or more eligible** persons for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the regular meeting in April, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Article VIII. Duties of Officers      Section 3.

Proposed Addition:



**f. Immediately following the election, send the name and address of the newly-elected President to the Michigan PTSA office.**

Article VIII. Duties of Officers Section 4.

Current:

- f. Keep the record of the National and State portions of the membership dues separate from the record of the general funds of the local units, as provided in these Bylaws Article V, Section 6;

Correction:

- f. Keep the record of the National and State portions of the membership dues separate from the record of the general funds of the local **unit**, as provided in these Bylaws Article V, Section 6;

Article VIII. Duties of Officers Section 4.

Current:

- h. Forward the \$25.00 unit dues to the Michigan PTSA office on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year.

Proposed:

- g. Forward the **\$40.00** unit dues to the Michigan PTSA office on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year.

Article VIII. Duties of Officers Section 4.

Current:

- j. Submit copies of the annual audit and budget to the MPTSA state office by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Proposed:

- j. Submit copies of the annual audit and budget to the MPTSA state office by December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Article IX. Executive Board

Current:

#Section 3. A PTA members shall not serve as a voting members of a constituent organization's board on the local, council, district, region, state or

national level while serving as a paid employee of, or under contract to, that constituent organization.

Correction:

#Section 3. A PTA **member** shall not serve as a voting **member** of a constituent organization's board on the local, council, district, region, state or national level while serving as a paid employee of, or under contract to, that constituent organization.

#### Article IX. Executive Board Section 4.

Current:

- h. To determine the method of selecting delegates and alternate to represent the unit at council meetings, if unit is in membership with a council;

Correction:

- h. To determine the method of selecting delegates and **alternates** to represent the unit at council meetings, if unit is in membership with a council;

#### Article X. Meetings

Current:

Section 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held on the second or third Tuesday or Thursday of every other month during the school year, unless otherwise provided by the association or by the executive board, five (5) days' notice having been given of change of date.

Proposed:

Section 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held ~~on~~ the second or third **week** ~~Tuesday or Thursday~~ of **each every other** month during the school year, unless otherwise provided by the association or by the executive board, five (5) days' notice having been given of change of date.

#### Article XI: Standing and Special Committees

Current:

Section 4. The power to form special committees and appoint or elect their members rests with the association (unless the bylaws delegate this power to the President or the executive board).

Proposed:

Section 4. The power to form special committees and appoint or elect their members rests with the association (~~unless the bylaws delegate this power to the President or the executive board~~).

## **Article XII. Council Membership**

Current:

Article X11. Council Membership

Correction:

Article **XII**. Council Membership

## **#Article XV. Disbandment**

Current:

Section 1. If a local PTA unit is considering disbandment, the local unit executive committee shall meet with the Field Service Representative or the Region Vice President, prior ot formal action.

Correction:

Section 1. If a local PTA unit is considering disbandment, the local unit executive committee shall meet with the Field Service Representative or the Region Vice President, prior **to** formal action.

## #Article XV. Disbandment Section 5.

Current:

c. enroll at least twenty-five (25) members, and

Proposed:

c. enroll at least **ten (10)** members, and

## #Article XV. Disbandment Section 5.

Proposed Addition:

**d. submit a copy of their annual budget, audit and Form 990 to the state office and**

## #Article XV. Disbandment Section 5.

Current:

d. pay the \$25.00 unit dues by February 28<sup>th</sup>, the immediate past treasurer or the principal shall notify their council president, if part of a council, Field Service Representative and the Michigan PTSA Office.

Proposed:

- e. pay the **\$40.00 unit dues by December 1<sup>st</sup>**, the immediate past treasurer or the principal shall notify their council president, if part of a council, Field Service Representative and the Michigan PTSA office.

Article XVI: Amendments Section 1.

Current:

- #d. After adoption of these bylaws, three (3) copies of the bylaws shall be sent for approval to the Michigan PTSA.

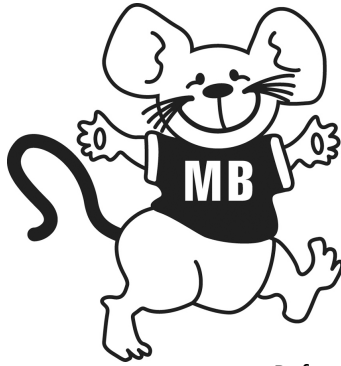
Proposed:

- #d. After adoption of these bylaws **or any amendments to these bylaws, a copy of the bylaws with the minutes from the meeting in which they were adopted shall be sent for approval to the Michigan PTSA office either through Postal Mail or via email to [membership@michiganpta.org](mailto:membership@michiganpta.org).**

Article XVI: Amendments Section 1.

Proposed Deletion:

- #e. After approval of any amendments, three (3) copies of all approved amendments together with one (1) copy of current bylaws, shall be sent for approval to the Michigan PTSA office.**



Next meeting is  
Tuesday, June 6th!

Meadow Brook Elementary PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
6:30-8:00 p.m., Meadow Brook Media Center  
Parents Welcome, Wanted, Needed!

Refreshments provided by volunteer bakers – Thank you!

**Topic** 6:42 pm

Call to Order

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes from April 2017 Meeting
- Budget

Student Council Report- *5/19 is Spirit and Popcorn day- wear pink for Breast Cancer awareness. JDRF fundraising ends on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. School Supplies drive begins June 5. The Student Council is purchasing 3 buddy benches and making "Idle-Free Zones" signs for the car lanes. The final Student Council meeting will include all members.*

Principal's Report

*Seth Berg*

*Another school year is ending soon! Mr. Berg hosted another "Think Tank" to discuss food safety with parents, students and teachers. Student placement for the next school year starts this month. The aim is for balanced classrooms. Parents should send their email with the form that was sent out so that it goes to the correct folder. There are currently no projected numbers for the next school year. The World of Welcome will be in the afternoon on Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>. M-Step- one parent asked why teachers are putting pressure on kids regarding the M-Step and that her daughter is stressed out. She would like it if teachers could make the day more fun, like West Middle School does on testing days. The first week of the school year includes a half day and kindergarteners attending one day according to their last name.*

Teacher's Report

*Lynnette Teller*

*and Jennifer Lovell*

*Thank you to the PTA for the teacher appreciation items. Next year's conferences will be moved up due to the district changing to trimesters. Parents should look at their classroom's newsletters for end of the year celebrations. This is the official last week of checking books out- all items from the library are due back by June 16. If a library slip is sent home in error, please write "returned" on it and send it back. Field Day is 6/9, Volunteer Recognition 6/2 and Fifth Grade Farewell 6/16*

President's Report

*Kim Komjathy*

- Calendar
- Business Members- *refer to printout, these are businesses that support the PTA*
- Approval of Bylaws-*Revised bylaws were presented and Motion was made to approve bylaws by Jill Gumz, seconded by Sabrina Krolicki*
- NPTA School of Excellence surveys

Vice President's Report

*Michelle Lamb*

- Election of Officers- *we need a Vice President for a 2-year term*

Treasurer's Report/Membership

*Jessica Gertner*

*Carnival made \$7000. We are closing the books for last minute reimbursements and the books will be audited over the summer*

- *Budget Report- we will be removing Meals on Wheels, increasing the fifth grade t-shirt budget, as well as Reflections for snacks, the talent show and administrative paper costs. We will decrease the workshop budget by \$500. A motion to approve the budget for the next school year was made by Jamie Rawcliffe and seconded by Lynette Teller.*

Corresponding Secretary's Report

*Allison Patterson*

*Thank you to volunteer bakers*

Committee Reports

Committee

Chairs

- *Legislative  
Jen Thor*

*Kim Komjathy for*

*Attached- Legislation wants to move all pensions for all new hires to 401k- money will be taken from the school aid fun.*

- *Spring Carnival recap  
Michelle Lamb*

*Becky Burt and*

*This year's carnival had a great turnout- next year Terry from Chartwell's will be there to help ensure that the kitchen runs smoothly*

- *Authors in April  
Jennifer Windeler, and Audrey Hernandez*

*Jamie Rawcliffe,*

*Great last week- Meadow Brook got two new pieces of artwork from the authors. 80 more books were sold this school than last year. Next week we'll find out next year's authors.*

- *Ice Cream Social*

*Rhonda Patyi*

*5/25- student's art work will be out for parents to take. The book fair will run at the same time.*

- *Family Restaurant Nights*

*Jill Gumz*

- *Rochester Mills – Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>- Thank you to the teacher participants at Noodles Restaurant Night. The PTA made \$587.16, noodles (noodles gives 50% back to the school). Rochester Mills will be the next Restaurant Night on June 7*

New Business

Membership

- *Gift to School*

*Kim Komjathy*

*- teachers will present at next PTA meeting and PTA will vote. See attached packet*

Adjourn

*9:36 pm*

*Kim Komjathy*