

OAKLAND TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

PTA Special Meeting
Minutes
October 19, 2010

CTO: 9:02 pm

9:03 pm: **Headcount of PTA members present:**
18 members in total

9:04 pm: **Discussion of proposed PTA letter to be sent to the Montgomery County Planning Board for the October 28 meeting.**

The vast majority of members present were in favor of sending the letter. Many were in favor of a more strongly worded letter to be sent to the planning board. Remaining members were in favor of a more neutral position to not alienate parents in the OTEC community. After discussion, a vote was held on the proposed draft of the letter.

9:17 pm: **A vote was held**
Greater than the 2/3 majority needed to pass the motion voted in favor of the letter.

9:19 pm: **Meeting was Adjourned**

THE OAKLAND TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2010/2011
SCHOOL YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PTA PRESIDENT:
Lindsay Childress-Beatty

PRESIDENT-ELECT:
John Landesman

TREASURER:
Teresa Peachey

TREASURER-ELECT:
Deb Davies

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Jeannine Marie Soden

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Michael Rubin



Oakland Terrace Elementary School PTA
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October 21, 2010

Francoise Carrier, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Chair Carrier and Planning Board:

The Oakland Terrace Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association strongly supports the opening of Downcounty Consortium #29 ("DCC #29") elementary school on schedule in August of 2012. The goal of the Oakland Terrace Parent-Teacher Association is a vibrant, new, environmentally sensitive, elementary school educating our neighborhood children at the McKenney Hills site.

Oakland Terrace currently has 822 students, 680 of which are housed in the main Oakland Terrace site built for a capacity of 456 students and an additional 142 Kindergarteners housed in a separate, "kindergarten" wing of Sligo Middle School. By August of 2012, Oakland Terrace is projected to have 942 students if the new Downcounty Consortium #29 ("DCC #29") elementary school does not open as scheduled. While the satellite solution has worked as an interim solution, thanks largely to the hard work and dedication of our talented and well-respected principal, Ms. Cheryl Pulliam, and her wonderful staff and teachers, it cannot be a long-term solution. **The only solution to the severe overcrowding is the opening of DCC #29 on schedule in August of 2012.**

We realize that this year and next are critical years to ensure the completion of DCC #29 on schedule and that an important factor is your approval process with Montgomery County Public Schools. We ask for your continued support in working with Montgomery County Public Schools to implement minor modifications, if any are necessary, while supporting the timely completion of DCC #29.

We are proud of our vibrant, diverse, educationally strong Montgomery County elementary school and look forward to the continued educational success of all of our children as Downcounty Consortium School #29 becomes a second, strong elementary school in our neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Oakland Terrace Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association