

PLC AT MDCPS PTA
BYLAWS COMMITTEE
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PTA BYLAWS

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Process Overview

Bylaws may be amended at a regular PTA meeting by 2/3 vote of members present;
Notice must be provided thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the proposed amendments;
Amendments are subject to approval by the state PTA;

Schedule

Proposed Bylaws Changes Made Available:	<i>January 31, 2013 PTA meeting (in addition to placement on website/bulletin board)</i>
Input from Membership:	<i>February 20, 2013 PTA meeting</i>
Vote on Proposed Changes by Membership:	<i>April 24, 2013 PTA meeting</i>

1. Article I: Name.

Current: "PLC at MDCPS PTA"

Proposed: Motion to rename the PLC at MDCPS PTA so as to reflect the same name adopted by the Miami-Dade County School Board in its renaming of the Primary Learning Center. For example, if the school is renamed iPrep Lower Academy, the PTA will be renamed the iPrep Lower Academy PTA.

2. Article VI: Officers and Their Election, Section 2 (a):

Current: "The officers of this association shall consist of a president, 2 (number) vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer."

Proposed: "The officers of this association shall consist of a: president; no more than 3 vice presidents but no fewer than 1 vice president; a recording secretary; a corresponding secretary; and a treasurer."

3. Article VI: Officers and Their Election, Section 2 (b) & (c):

Current: "(b) Officers shall be elected by ballot annually in the month of April/May. However, if there is but one nominee for any office, election for that office may be by show of membership cards or voice vote. A majority vote shall elect.

(c) With the exception of the treasurer, officers shall assume their official duties following the end of the school year AND serve for a term of one year OR until their

successors are elected. The treasurer shall assume all duties after the books have been audited.”

Proposed: “(b) Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. However, if there is but one nominee for any office, election for that office may be by show of membership cards or voice vote. A majority vote shall elect.

(c) With the exception of the treasurer, officers shall assume their official duties no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after their election at the annual meeting. The treasurer shall assume all duties after the books have been audited, which shall occur within fifteen (15) calendar days after the annual meeting. ~~prior to and be presented at the annual meeting”~~

4. Article VI: Officers and Their Election, Section 3(b):

Current: “The nominating committee shall nominate one person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the election meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. In order to be nominated a person must a member of PTA.”

Proposed: “The nominating committee shall: set minimum qualifications for each officer position, which shall include membership in the PTA; solicit nominations; vet nominees to determine that minimum qualifications are met; and interview nominees, if desired. and forward the names of all qualified candidates to the membership at the annual meeting for consideration. The nominating committee shall nominate one person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the election meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.”

5. Article VII: Duties of Officers, Section 2(a)-(c):

Current: “the 1st vice-president shall serve as Aide to the President;
the 2nd vice-president shall serve as designated;
the 3rd vice president shall serve as _____.”

Proposed: The 1st vice-president, the 2nd vice-president and/or the 3rd vice-president, depending on the number of vice presidents elected, shall coordinate the work of: membership; fundraising and events; after care and other special programming; and other duties as may be delegated.”

6. Article VII: Duties of Officers, Section 6(b).

Current: "All Officers shall deliver to their successors all official material not later than ten days following the end of the school year."

Proposed: "All Officers shall deliver to their successors all official material not later than 15 days following the annual meeting."

7. Article IX: Executive Board & Article X: Executive Committee.

Current: The Bylaws contemplate both an Executive Committee consisting of the elected officers and an Executive Board consisting of the elected officers, chairs of the standing committees and the principal of the school or designee.

Proposed: Reduce the Executive Board composition to consist of elected officers only and eliminate the Executive Committee.