

## **Meeting Minutes 11/4/2021**

**Location:** Johansson's Restaurant  
Westminster, MD

### **Members in Attendance:**

Kit Hart  
Mercedes Moebius  
Jessica Garland  
Kara Restivo  
April Ohler  
Cindy Vanderveer  
Kayla McClelland  
Jackie Hattenberg  
Rachel Feltkamp  
Michelle Morrison

### **Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Madison Moment:**

“Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.”

-Benjamin Franklin

### **Discussion of new roles**

Kit Hart – Chair  
Mercedes Moebius – Vice Chair  
Jessica Garland – Secretary  
Kara Restivo – Social Chair / Coordinator of events

\*We harbor no ill will toward the former leadership and founders of the Carroll County Moms for Liberty Chapter.”

Goals for M4L – Develop a relationship with the Board of Education and encourage our vision to be represented.

NEXT BOE Meeting is 11/10/2021 – Agenda to be released on 11/05/2021

- Rumor is that the opposition is looking for more religious holidays on the school calendar

- Members of Concerned Parents of Carroll County are pushing Board to have a standardized discipline for teachers that violate regulations about political neutrality and CRT
- Kids for Equality was changed to Kids for Equity

**M4L is encouraging all members to develop your “why” for joining the organization. Then take your “why” and bring your passion to BOE meetings.**

WE NEED TO HAVE MORE OF A PRESENCE AT THE BOE MEETINGS. WEAR BLUE OR PATRIOTIC COLORS THAT REPRESENT M4L. (Kit can order shirts and get discounted pricing for larger amounts or you can order apparel at momsforliberty.com)

**Guest Speaker**—Haven Shoemaker (MD House Delegate) \*Chief Deputy Whip

- Since COVID parents have seen 1<sup>st</sup> hand (via virtual schooling) what our kids are being taught....and we do not like it.
- Shoemaker led the charge to challenge the MD BOE mask mandate.
- MD BOE stated at the hearing that the data would be reviewed on a monthly basis. THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED!
- MD BOE is set to discuss the mask mandate in December at their meeting.

Issues on the Agenda for Upcoming Session (beginning January 2022)

- Introduce a bill to ban Critical Race Theory (CRT)
- Introduce a bill in which Board Members can be recalled
- What to do if Vax Mandate comes to CC
- Introduce bill to develop savings accounts for parents to use for “school choice.” (Works like a voucher - \$ follows student)
- Accountability Board - \$33 billion is controlled by the Teachers Union. “They are calling the shots.” Accountability Board currently has representation from Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, Baltimore County and Baltimore City. Shoemaker wants to introduce legislation to add members from all counties. This would add “Diversity of Thought.”

**\*BIG DEAL** – Mask Mandate set a precedent that the MD BOE can upend any local decisions made!!!

Shoemaker is a member of the Administrative, Executive, Legislative Review (AELRS) review committee that called the hearing to discuss the MD BOE over reach in local decisions (only 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing called in last 3-4 years).

Concern is that the CC BOE should be corresponding with the MD BOE and questioning why they are not reviewing the mask mandate monthly like it was stated on record. \*possible topic for 11/10/2021 meeting

Shoemaker questioned at the hearing about possible discipline for schools and students that do not comply with the Mask Mandate and there was no clear answer. \* possible topic for 11/10/2021 meeting

MD BOE did not deny at the hearing that they received additional funding for complying with a mask mandate. Shoemaker This is about \$ and control

#### **M4L Open discussion about our concerns for Shoemaker and Delegates**

- Vaccine Mandates ? Shoemaker does not think this is on the floor at the moment
- 12 year old and older allowed to received Mental Health Counseling without parental consent Shoemaker opposed
- “Gender Clinics” Shoemaker has no knowledge of delegates discussing legislation to bring these to our schools.
- Attorney for CC BOE hired by CC BOE but said “no” to challenging MD BOE. Can we pursue termination? Member suggested coordinating an email campaign to have attorney removed.

#### **Haven Shoemaker is running for CC State’s Attorney in JUNE 2022.**

- Position would make Shoemaker Chief Prosecutor for CC
- Shoemaker has been a defense attorney for 30 years and thinks it is a good time to start putting criminals in jail rather than keeping them out of jail
- Shoemaker has been endorsed by the Deputy States Attorney and Sheriff DeWees already
- CC is one of the safest counties in MD
- Shoemaker is concerned about “election integrity” since CC was singled out as one of the worst in last election
- Judicial Intervention = difficult. All TRUMP’s money and attorneys could not win any of his 60 challenges to election
- Shoemaker is on the “Ways and Means” Committee that wants to introduce legislation to ensure election integrity.

\*At the Dan Cox event last week, members discussed volunteering at Polling places in 2022 \* In the past Democrats have ruled the polls. On Tuesday 11/2/2021 in VA, there were more Republicans signed up for polls.

- “Vote by Mail” = Disaster / “Ripe for Fraud”

1. No way they will turn back now therefore, we need a mechanism to authenticate signatures. Being used in CA currently.

2. Get rid of Early Voting

3. Voter ID checks

### **Members Discussion of What to DO NEXT....**

- Get involved!
- 4 Groups in our County that align with our views
  1. Republican Women’s Club
  2. Taneytown Republican Group
  3. South Carroll Republican Group
  4. Carroll Republicans Victory Group

**\*\*These groups need some new, younger representation!\*\***

**WE CAN ENDORSE BOE CANDIDATES BECAUSE THEY ARE NON-PARTISAN.**

### **Closing Discussion for Members**

- December Meeting – Social Ideas?
- When inviting friends to webpage, encourage them to answer the questions
- If you know someone in the group that does not align with our view, please alert Mercedes or Kit
- 11/18/2021 DAN COX event at Kit’s house!!!!
- Please remember to keep posts non-partisan and respectful.
- Only use reputable sources when posting information
- “Conspiracy theory” sites will get flagged on Facebook

- There are 3 Board member seats that are up in 2022!!! We need to keep our eyes on this because it can “flip” our Board. Tara B has entered into the race for re-election. No word from the other 2 yet.
- New Candidate running – Amanda Jozkowski – check out her facebook post to understand why she would not be a good for our cause

PLEASE BRING FRIENDS TO THE MEETINGS!!!! WE NEED TO GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!