

# MINUTES

Maury Elementary

## Announcements

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Greetings from PTA President Shannon von Felden. Please get a name tag and remember to introduce yourself when speaking, so everyone knows who you are.

## PTA Budget Process

Shannon von Felden: The PTA executive committee requested ideas/proposals for the budget during the March PTA meeting. Those were due on April 15, 2018. Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas. The President and Treasurer have met with Principal Albert-Garvey to obtain information on priorities from the school's perspective. The proposed budget is presented to the PTA at the May PTA meeting and a copy will be circulated on the listserve for PTA members to review. The PTA votes the budget up or down as a whole in June. The process is designed to give community members time to review and to be transparent about what is being put up for vote. If approved, the budget will go into effect on July 1, 2018.

## PTA Elections

Becky McGeehan: Elections will occur on May 17, 2018, at the next PTA meeting. The new Board members will transition into their positions in June 2018. The only people who can vote are dues paying members of the PTA. Please note that the annual fund is separate from dues, you must have signed up for the PTA and paid the \$15 dues. You can still join the PTA at [mauryelementary.com](http://mauryelementary.com). There is no proxy voting permitted under the PTA Bylaws. If you have questions or do not know if you paid dues, please send Becky McGeehan an email [becky.mcgeehan@gmail.com](mailto:becky.mcgeehan@gmail.com)

We currently have 3 positions open for election this year on the PTA Executive Board: President, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. The candidates briefly introduced themselves (Becky McGeehan will circulate the statements from all the candidates on the list serve):

Parliamentarian:	Sarah Hais
Treasurer:	Patrick McGeehan
President:	Kenyon Weaver
	Shannon von Felden

## Maury at the Market

Maury at the Market is this weekend. Check-in online before you get here to make things run more smoothly. Please encourage people to purchase raffle tickets and game tickets in advance. Mobile bidding: there are only a few hours left! At the end we will do an all call from Chromebooks again. We have a few more volunteer slots to fill.

Q: Is the raffle only online?

A: Yes.

## Parents for Lead-Free Drinking Water in DC Public Schools

Hannah Donart: See presentation which is attached. Hannah is obtaining her Master of Public Health and shared a presentation on water in DC public schools which she prepared for her program. She has been working with the PTA executive board and CAG on testing the water sources within Maury, including the multipurpose room. This advocacy leading to Maury being provided an additional source of drinking water in the multipurpose room. DC only tests drinking water sources normally and not bathroom sinks etc. for lead. See presentation, regarding recommendations and next steps, including asking DC to test all water sources used by 0-6 year olds, quarterly testing schedules, monthly testing for

schools under construction, installation of filters at end of water sources, and communicate any results more than 1 ppb to parents.

### **Maury Modernization**

Max Kieba: Demolition has started. They hope to reopen the playground. We have 3 SIT meetings upcoming regarding the playground, interior, furniture etc. E-H Modernization will be in this summer and the Maury Village playground will be moved this summer. We will have a temporary tent-like multipurpose room. It will not be the same as at Murch, but will be newer. The plan is to keep the playground open to the public.

CAG: She has been working with the PTA executive board to see if we can get funds approved for Play Works for next year to help facilitate outdoor recess at the 2 locations we will be using. The limitation on space will make it necessary to use the field across the street. Previously at Maury we have limited outdoor recess because of construction and it was not great. Here we will have the baseball field to use. The tent will be big enough for lunches in 3 shifts. E-H wants 6<sup>th</sup> grade to have Play Works also. We are trying to get a crosswalk to the field put in. Officer will be on the field with the kids from 10:00 until 12:40 this has been confirmed with the head of security. Play Works may cost \$17,000 for the year, luckily the PTA was saving money for emergencies that may arise during the move and this may be a good use of the funds.

Q: Is the field separate from the High School?

A: Yes

Q: Can we get some "No Dogs Allowed" signs?

A: Yes, that is a good idea we can get some printed out.

Q: Can we get some benches for use near the playground for caregivers to sit on?

A: We will look into that.

Q: Is there a date for the demolition?

A: This summer when neither school population is here. They are beginning to move the playground equipment on June 19, 2018. The plan is for DGS to get the playground equipment recertified for use.

Q: Will there be room for a stage in the tent?

A: I will ask, but there maybe not enough space.

There is a new last day of school. We are now going through Friday of the last week. Wed and Thursday will be full days. Friday is a ½ day for students. K and 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremonies will remain the same. Several teachers will be out the last couple of days. We are moving Field Days with more information to come.

Q: How does the tent etc. influence the budget?

A: This portion will come from a different budget and does not come from our renovation budget.

For those who have not seen it yet, the E-H architects have some great ideas and the plan that has been shared looks really great.

Q: For the DDOT parking/drop off design for 1250 Maury, when are the meetings happening?

A: We are waiting of the next SIT meeting. CAG has requested a meeting for the design of the classrooms so make sure the rooms are able to meeting the needs of this school community. CAG has a 2 page hand out for all new teachers about necessary components for the classrooms at Maury, which for example as the floor space for work and morning meeting. We still need a rendering of the building. That should happen before the end of the school year because DCPS cannot exclude staff from the SIT meetings.

### **Committee Updates:**

Staff Appreciation: Anne Fletcher. As you know we provide treats to the staff on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Staff appreciation week is May 7-11, 2018. There is a whole roster of events each day for the staff. If you have an hour of time to offer please email annefletcher38@yahoo.com

## **SEL**

Operation Grand will be Friday May 11, 2018. This intergenerational event is the Friday before Mother's Day. Students are encouraged to invite an elder in their lives. Fun activities (photo booth, crafts, and interviews with NPR story corps) are planned and dinner will be served.

The first parent's café is upcoming. This is planned by our social work Ms. Delaney. The subject is "Coping with Transition and Change." This is the pilot event and is a way to open up conversation to engaged parents and build stronger parent partnerships here at Maury.

## **Middle School**

If you have questions or concerns about E-H, Kristina Vidal and Patrick Koontz are the liaisons to make sure communications run smoothly through the two schools. [darthcurlius@yahoo.com](mailto:darthcurlius@yahoo.com) or [Patrick.koontz@dc.gov](mailto:Patrick.koontz@dc.gov)

- The staff members of the 2 schools recently shared a staff luncheon, thanks to the donation of a community member.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders: E-H will be open for enrollment on Saturday from 9-12.
- Next week, there is an IB Community meeting at Eastern 6pm.
- On May 10, 2018, E-H will have a fundraiser. There will be a basketball tournament with teams from all the feeder schools. There will also be a small silent auctions. The games are adults only, but kids should come and cheer on their teams!
- Tomorrow: There is an Ice Cream Social after school on the Constitutions side of Maury for the schools of Maury, E-H. This will be followed by a community clean-up.

## **Other**

May 9, 2018, at 7:30 am at Lincoln Park: Bike to School Day.

## **Principal's Update**

Thanks to Hannah for moving the water issue at the city level. As of today, DCPS is sticking with the stance that bathroom sinks are not for drinking. Rest assured that the Maury staff is mindful of the water issues and watches the kids.

April 27, 2018, CAG will announce staffing changes for next year. There is no school that day.

Staff Appreciation Week: The staff always love this and this year the Logo is so cute!

In Attendance: Susan Wall, Kristina Vidal, Joe Weedon, Louise Yinug, Katie Durcan, Kenyon Weaver, Erin Bibo, Amber Gove, Ailena Mayo-Mills, George Blackmon, Sarah Swift, Sarah Alcorn, Lane McFadden, Steven Stasiowski, Franny Decker, Amy Toner, Clint Osborne, Stefany Thangavelu, Anne Fletcher, Max Kieba, Britt Stuart, Shannon von Felder, Adam Hais, Stephanie Conant, Patrick McGeehan, Carolyne Albert\_Garvey, Hannah Donant, Sarah Hais

## **Next Meeting**

5/17/2018 6:00 PM, Maury Multipurpose Room -

# PARENTS FOR LEAD-FREE DRINKING WATER IN DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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# Health Outcomes

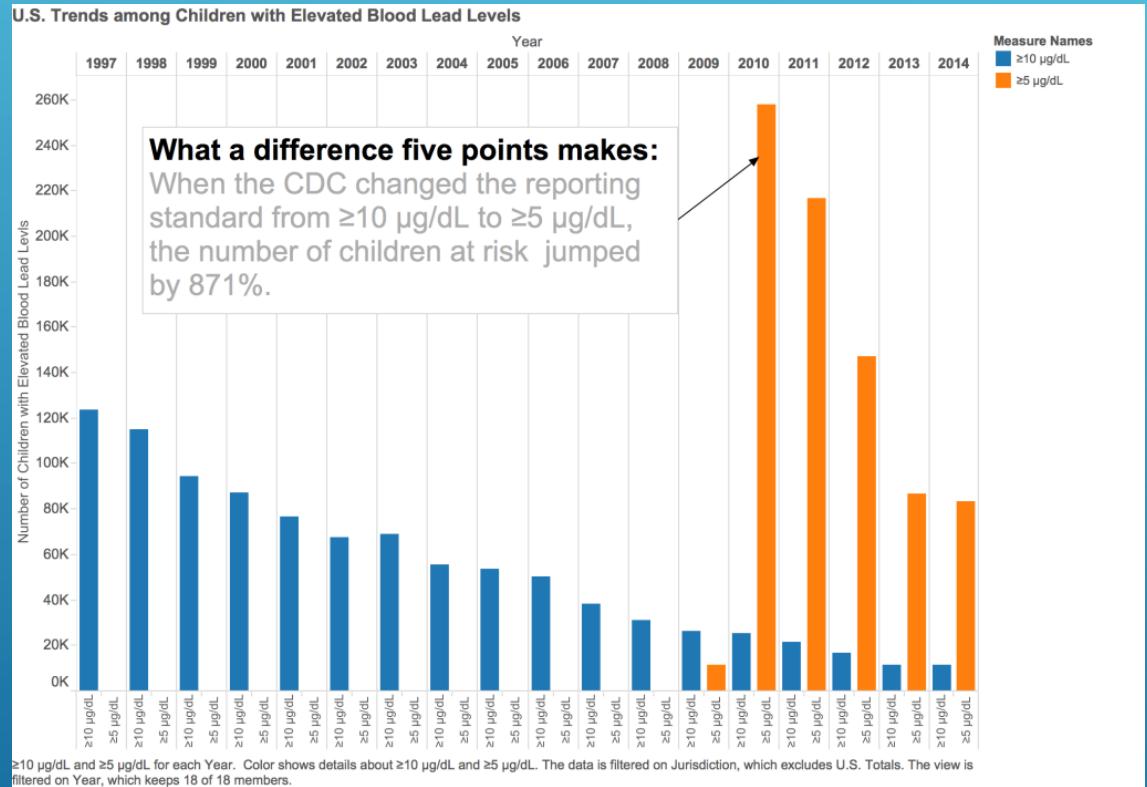
## AAP, CDC, EPA, HHS, and IARC scientific findings:

- ▶ 500,000 children in US ages 1-5 with elevated blood lead levels
- ▶ Even at blood lead levels (BLL) < 5 µg/dL → impaired cognition
- ▶ Disparities in mean BLL among lower SES children
- ▶ Probable/likely human carcinogen



CDC

# Background



Source: CDC

## AAP, CDC, and EPA recommendations:

- ▶ School water fountain lead levels should not exceed 1 ppb
- ▶ Reporting Standard  $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$
- ▶ EPA 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools → Training, Testing, and Telling

## DC

- ▶ In early 2000s DC Public School's (DCPS) drinking water sources tested as high as 7,500 ppb
- ▶ 2015 → DCPS water sources were  $> 15 \text{ ppb}$  action level, but did not notify families
- ▶ 2016 and 2017 → DCPS drinking water sources  $> 15 \text{ ppb}$  action level in recently modernized schools

# BACKGROUND

## Present

DC School Modernizations

- ▶ 23 ongoing school modernization projects



Carolyn Kaster



Hannah Donart

## Federal: The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act effective 2014

- ▶ “Lead Free” → 0.2% lead allowed in solder/flux and 0.25% lead in pipes, plumbing fittings, and fixtures

## District: Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Amendment Act of 2017

- ▶ Reduces threshold from 15 ppb to 5 ppb
- ▶ “Drinking water source” means a source of water from which a person can **reasonably** be expected to consume or cook with the water originating from the source.”

# REGULATORY AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

**We request that Dept. of General Services (DGS) enact new testing and filtering protocol immediately:**

- ▶ Test and filter all sinks used by children ages 0-6
- ▶ Quarterly testing schedules if there is a history of detectable lead levels in the facility
- ▶ Monthly testing of facilities undergoing active construction while children are on site
- ▶ Install filters at end-use points rather than internal to the drinking water fixture
- ▶ Communication of drinking water test results if  $\geq 1$  ppb.



**We request that DGS, DCPS, and DOEE integrate the following long-term actions into their oversight and protocol:**

- ▶ Update plumbing profiles of DCPS
- ▶ Environmental assessment and lead pipe remediation of schools currently being renovated or newly constructed

**DC Council amends District action level**

- ▶ Lower the District action level to 1 ppb to prevent low-dose chronic exposure

# Partnerships



Grass Roots Mobilization

- Petition signed by DCPS Parent Teacher Associations
- Appointments with Councilmembers Cheh, Grosso, and Allen

# Stakeholders



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## Appendix D.

**DC Public Schools**

 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Water Testing for Lead**

(Updated October 17, 2017)

**Quick Links**

- Water Testing Schedule for District of Columbia Public Schools
- Water Sampling Results from the Department of General Services
- District of Columbia Water Filtration Testing Protocol

The health and safety of our students are paramount to all of us at DC Public Schools (DCPS). To ensure the safety of the drinking water within schools, the Department of General Services (DGS) conducts water testing in all DCPS school buildings.

**What's Happened So Far?**

During School Year 2016-2017, new filtration systems were installed on all drinking water sources—water fountains, water coolers, and sinks located in health suites, Early Childhood Education classrooms, and staff lounges. Those sources were then tested for elevated levels of lead. Results and any actions taken were shared with parents and families.

**DGS Process, Action Levels, and Remediation**

Per District of Columbia law, all drinking water sources must test below 5 ppb (parts per billion), which is the standard to which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates bottled water.

For School Year 2017-2018, all filters will be replaced and DGS will conduct testing on one-third of the drinking sources within each school. To see the specific testing dates for your child's school, please visit the Annual Water Testing Schedule for DC Public Schools.

If a drinking water source tests above 5 ppb, it will be immediately removed from service while DCPS communicates results to families and shares how DGS is working to fix the issue. Per the District's Water Filtration and Testing Protocol, remediation can include placing new filters on the source, and in some instances, replacing faucets, connections, and other plumbing components. A drinking water source will not be returned to operation until it is tested again and results show a reading below 5 ppb.

## Appendix E.

 Mayor Muriel Bowser

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Water Sampling Results for DC Public Schools

DGS deploys a contractor who employs Industrial Hygienists (IH) that hold a Drinking Water Sampler Certificate to perform the lead testing of each water fountain at each school building in the DC Public School System annually. This is not required by the EPA and is a self-imposed standard policy that DGS, cooperating with DOEE and DCPS, has had in place since 2007.

[View the Water Filtration Testing Protocol Here](#)

Individual School Results

Tell Us How We're Doing!