
Misc. Presentations or Introductions

Tanya Mitchell, PTA Vice President, kicked off and led the meeting by describing the PTA's major activities. A core PTA activity is fundraising, which raises money for teacher aides, Think Tank, resources for special education, arts, music, and other subject. The PTA also organizes school-wide events and programs. The PTA's budget is approved annually by the PTA membership. You must be a member of the PTA to vote. Membership is \$15 and is open to parents, teachers, and community members. The PTA has a variety of committees, all of which are seeking volunteers: Communications, Fundraising, Grants, Hospitality, Middle Schools, Open Houses, Room Parents, School Improvement, Social/Emotional Learning, and Teacher Appreciation. You do not need to be a member of a committee to help.

Maury is working with DCPS to implement its new no nut and seafood policies. If you would like to be involved or have questions, please contact Erin Thompson (emalickdc@gmail.com).

Amber Gove provided an overview of the Walking School Bus, which is a group of parents who join together to take turns walking a group of children to school. A Walking School Bus is a nice way to share the responsibility of getting kids to school and to meet neighbors.

Committee and Teacher Announcements

Local School Advisory Team (LSAT), Jean Kohanek, Parent Co-Chair. Every D.C. public school has an LSAT, which is comprised of parents, teachers, the Maury principal, and community members. The Maury LSAT meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30AM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24th at 7:30AM in the Maury library. The LSAT's priority for this school year is building and maintaining community at Maury, particularly now that we are in a bigger space and are growing. The LSAT will be organizing a Neighborhood Day on the same day as the Maury Yard Sale (see below). Members of the community will be able to tour the school on Neighborhood Day.

Fundraising Committee: Rebecca Watson and Courtney Backemeyer, Co-Chairs. The Committee runs various fundraisers in addition to Maury at the Market. They include:

- Maury's Annual Fund, which accepts lump sum and monthly contributions to the PTA. If you contribute at least \$25 a month, or \$300 for the school year, the PTA will provide you a Maury Elementary car decal.
- Weekly Bake Sale. The bake sale, which takes place every Wednesday after school and raises almost \$10,000 each year, needs more bakers. Baking once a month, or even once a school year is helpful. You can sign up to bake [here](#).
- There will be a Stella and Dot (jewelry party) fundraiser in October. Details TBA.
- Out-of-uniform days. There will be 7 days on which kids can purchase a pass and come to school out-of-uniform. This year, instead of buying passes each day, you can buy a button for the whole year. Buttons will be on sale before the first out-of-uniform day.
- Fundraise by buying stuff you already buy. A variety of vendors provide givebacks to the PTA. They include Harris Teeter, Amazon Smile, Primary and French Toast (uniforms), Mabels Labels, dining out at Tunnicliffs. Be sure to associate your Harris Teeter VIC account with Maury and to designate Maury Elementary PTA when shopping Amazon (note, you need to make purchases through the Amazon Smile website, rather than the Amazon app).

- **Yard Sale.** Lisa Page and Liza Rao, who are organizing the yard sale provided an update. Drop off of items begins on Monday, September 23rd. Bring only things in good condition - whatever you would buy for a dollar. Will separately have the couture corner for women's and children's clothing only, new with tags or higher end items. Will have separate drop off for couture items, drop off for other items will be where the new and old buildings meet. Liza sent around a sign up Genius on the list serve. This makes \$8-10,000 for the PTA. Friday, October 4th, night before, is the most important night we need volunteers. Not sure where larger items for donation will go. Also need volunteers for the bake sale at the yard sale, which brings in an easy \$1,000. Bonnie Holod is in charge of the bake sale. No furniture, even small furniture (like kids' bookshelves). Problem is getting rid of it if it doesn't sell. Household goods, shoes, clothes, toys.
- **Maury at the Market:** Liz Lyons and Steve Stasiowski will be co-chairing the event. Last year, the PTA raised almost \$100,000 from this event. This year's event will be held on March 28, 2020 at Eastern Market. To make the event a success, many volunteers are need, as are donations of goods, services, and funds. The event features a silent and a live auction with online bidding for the silent auction. Volunteers needed include a volunteer coordinator, volunteers to run the IT team, gift coordinators, day-of-event team. Contact Liz (lizlyons99@yahoo.com) or Steve (stevestasiowski@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Middle School Committee, Clare Dougherty, Chair: The Committee works to establish stronger communication between Maury and Eliot-Hine and to build a better feeder pattern. Eliot-Hine has moved into the trailers, which the school is calling "Eliot Next Door." Enrollment is at 273 students, which exceeds the school's enrollment goal for the school year. The school offers various competitive sports, including coed cross country and archery.

Hospitality Committee, D'Ann Lettieri, Chair. The Committee's mission is to respond to the needs of the school community and foster a sense of community at the school. The Committee does this by supporting teachers and families in many school and community events, including Lincoln Park picnics and coffee before the monthly morning meetings. The Committee organizes a winter coat drive and a Thanksgiving basket drive.

Exec Board Update

Budget

Patrick McGeehan, PTA Treasurer provided a review of the 2019-2020 PTA budget. The PTA's expected income is \$235,000, based on what we raised last year. The PTA raises a lot of money each year. With the exception of funds raised at Maury at the Market, which are carried over to the next school year, all funds raised in the school year are spent in the school year. Maury at the Market raised a little less last school year than the one before. In 2019, we raised \$111,000; the year before, we raised \$115k. A key reason for the decrease is that there was a change in the year to which expenses were charged. For example, Greater Giving, which provides the auction software, was booked against Maury at the Market revenue for last school year, rather than rolling the cost to this school year.

Projected expenses for 2019-2020 are \$229,000. The biggest line item is classroom aides and salary for Ms. Conant, which is \$120,000. (The PTA is paying 20% of Ms. Conant's salary because of insufficient DCPS funding.) The vast majority of funds are given to the school to spend directly; the PTA itself only spends about \$20,000.

Principal's Update

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held at Maury on October 19th. This is a fundraiser for the 5th Grade Class's spring trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. The 5th Grade Class raises funds for Space Camp and appreciates the community's supports for its fundraisers.

DCPS Volunteer Requirements

DCPS is enforcing compliance with its requirements for school volunteers, which includes parent chaperones. In addition to fingerprinting, volunteers must be tested for TB. Nurse Heidi will be at Maury on Tuesday, September 24th (before school and after school) to do TB screening tests and will return to tread them on Friday, September 27th.

In Attendance

Tanya Mitchell
Patrick McGheehan
Sandra George
Jamie Gregorian
Stephanie Gregorian
Megan Grimaldi
Bradly Winans
Sadi Madi
Tracey Lawrence
Jean Kohanek
Kim Longfield
Stefany Thangavelu
Chris Bigelow
Lelaine Bigelow
Kostia Goevynsley
Clare Dougherty
Heather Bonomoe
Britt Stuart
Amy Toner
Deepa Achanya
Andrew Dawson
Karli Maloney
Carrie McDonnell
Hayley Satrom
Emily Bell
Erin Thompson
Juan Martinez
Richard Parker

Adrienne McCann
David Pinchotti
Katy Ebner
Pam Burney
Steven Cardello
Victoria Collin
Becca Schendel Norris
Max Kieba
Sarah Swift
Louise Yinug
Lauren Spangler
Henri Cooper
Justin Brookman
Erin Bibo
Sean Dillon
Nick Snyder
Stephanie Bingham
Kate Dumouchel
George Blackmon
Christ Pascuzzo
Elsa Huxley
Rose Zaklad
Sheryl Friedman
Adam Fisher
Alix Leger
Whitney Pellegrino
Aaron Lotlikar
Regine Lotlikar
Kara Marchione
Charles Burton
Marion Smith
Jen Parsell
Lisa Page
Liz Murray
Steve Stasiowski
Lora Nunn
Deborah Riley
Liz Lyons

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