
Executive Board and Eliot-Hine Principal Presentation

Maury Listserv: Shannon von Felden, PTA President.

Shannon announced that the Maury Yahoo Group officially transitioned to the new platform (maury@groups.io). Please let Shannon know if you have not received emails from the new group.

Eliot-Hine Middle School Update: Principal Marlene Magrino.

Principal Magrino provided an update on what is happening at the school. The school is focusing on two areas this year: 1) strengthening its International Baccalaureate (IB) program and 2) improving relational trust to ensure a consistent, safe, and productive environment. With respect to IB, all teachers are currently undergoing IB training to improve implementation of the curriculum. With respect to improving relational trust, the school adopted a new slogan - Excellence, Responsibility, Integrity, and Community (ERIC). The school is emphasizing social skills. For example, during the daily Foundations course, teachers are leading community circles, which the school is planning to use as restorative circles.

Principal Magrino mentioned various notable changes at the school over the last couple of years. Several years ago, there were no sports team at Eliot-Hine. This school year, there are many, including basketball, archery, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, baseball, softball, and soccer. There are more after-school clubs, including some that have been student-initiated.

In addition, there has been solid academic growth. Last year, the school's PARCC score grew 10 points in ELA and 8 points in math. This growth is not just attributable to the increased student population from Maury, as the growth in PARCC scores was strongest for the 7th grade. The school is taking a look at what successful middle schools in the city do to improve performance and has begun assigning all students to advance classes in 6th grade. Moving into 7th grade, students have a choice whether to stay in the advanced class or move to a traditional class. Principal Magrino explained that this is particularly important for math, because, if students do not start in advanced math in 6th grade, they will be unable to take algebra before high school. The school offers pre-AP English and non-pre-AP English.

Currently, students are assigned to cohorts, but if enrollment continues to increase, the school hopes to have enough teachers to allow students to take classes with different groups of students and to have more electives. Eliot-Hine currently has 262 students enrolled and exceeded its enrollment target for this year. The target for next year is 289. The school's capacity is 450.

Principal Magrino noted that Eliot-Hine is a "[Connected School](#)"--one of ten schools in the city that will become resource hubs in their communities to meet students' and families' needs inside and outside of the classroom. The school is currently working to identify appropriate community partners. The school is also working to improve communication with and among families.

Committee and Teacher Announcements

LSAT Update: Jean Kohanek, Chair.

The Maury Book Club had its first meeting tonight at 5pm. The group discussed the Deepest Well. The next meeting will be in January. The book is TBD. If there are alternative times you'd like to suggest, please let the LSAT know. The LSAT is trying to hold additional community-building events. You can find information about the LSAT at mauryelementary.com/lSAT.

SEL Committee: Caitlin Wesaw. The Diaper Drive runs until Tuesday, November 26th. The next PEP workshop will be on positive discipline and will be scheduled soon.

Maury at the Market: Steve Stasiowski and Liz Lyons. Maury at the Market will be held on Saturday, March 28th. The next planning meeting will be held on December 2nd. Gifts are starting to come in. Consider what you might have to donate or what your friends and contacts might donate. If you have an item to donate, please enter it at this [website](#).

Space Camp Fundraising. Brooke Jamison. Show your support for Space Camp by attending the Old Skool v. New Skool basketball game on December 6th. Doors open at 6pm and the game begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and children 3 and up. Cash only.

Principal's Update

Principal Payne-Chauvenet announced the next Principal chat on December 3. She noted that, by then, the school should have its new star rating, which will be discussed. Parents of 3rd through 5th graders should expect to receive a DCPS survey soon. The survey will include some identity questions about gender and race. These questions are intended to inform teachers' classroom culture efforts. The Principal's Book of the Month for November is "Thank you, Omo."

Other Presentations

George Blackmon expressed appreciation for donations to the Thanksgiving gift basket collection. The 3rd and 4th grade Girl Scouts helped prepare those baskets tonight and they will be provided to families.

In Attendance

Shannon von Felden
Tanya Myers
Sarah Hais
Patrick McGeehan
Sandra George
Hayley Satrom
Bonnie Holod
Liz Murray
McKenna Osborn
Juan Martinez
Tom Nagle
Tracey Lawrence
Andy Lawrence
Caitlin Wesaw
Lelaine Bigelow
Scott Bigelow

Sean Dillon
Lora Nunn
Sarah Glaven
Clare Dougherty
Besa Pinchoti
Liz Twarog
Mike Lynch
Brooke Jamison
Lauren Spangler
George Blackmon
Liz Lyons
Steve Stasiowski

Next Meeting

1/16/2020 6:00 PM, Maury Multipurpose Room