NOVEMBER 2020 PTA MINUTES

Maury Elementary

11/20/2020

Introductions and General Announcements

Ross Kyle, PTA President, kicked off the meeting and requested 1-2 parent volunteers to run the school's Annual Fund campaign. This would involve mostly sending emails to Maury families.

Ross also mentioned that Maury parent Shavanna Miller is selling holiday wreaths and donating a portion of the proceeds to the PTA. Orders can be placed online here by November 25, 2020 for pick up the first week of December.

Labyrinth Games will be donating a portion of its sales this weekend to the PTA. Please keep an eye out on the List Serve for more information. We're also working with East City Books to set up a fundraiser in the new year.

Ross congratulated and thanked Adrienne Wojciechowski and family for winning the Capitol Hill Community Foundation Literary Pumpkin Walk contest. They won $1,000 for the Maury PTA.

Executive Committee and PTA Committees

Treasurer's Update: Andrew Lyons, Treasurer, noted that we are 20 percent through the academic year and have spent 15 percent of our budget and, therefore, are on budget. Thus far, we've raised $10,000 through the school's fundraising efforts and need to raise an additional $30,000 to meet our budget. Andrew encouraged everyone to make an Annual Fund donation, which can be done here.

Room Parent Update: Ebony Burton, Room Parent Coordinator and PTA Parliamentarian, shared that additional room parents are needed for certain classrooms, including PK3 (Ms. Levin), PK4 (Ms. Pichon), PK-4 (Ms. Wright Spurlock), and the Special Education Team. If you're interested in serving as a room parent, please email Ebony (ebony.burton@gmail.com).

Staff Appreciation Committee: Amy Toner announced that the Committee will be starting the holiday collection for staff holiday gifts. The committee will be collecting contributions through PayPal and will also identify other ways to give, such as by check. Look out for details on the List Serve.

Maury at the Market: Liz Lyons announced the theme for this year's fundraiser, which will be Mad Hatter. Liz encouraged everyone to volunteer to help with Maury at the Market, whether it will be held virtually or in-person. Please keep a look out for Liz's emails to the List Serve looking for volunteers.

Hospitality Committee: D'Ann Lettieri shared with the List Serve this week that the Committee collected more money than expected and so they are using the extra funds to provide Thanksgiving grocery cards. The Committee hold grocery card

drives throughout the year. The Committee is still collecting donations. If you would like to donate a card, you can drop off gift cards at the school to Mr. Patrick, Ms. Coco, Principal Payne-Chauvenet or Ms. Griffin.

The Committee will also be holding a winter coat drive and will be collecting coats for 29 individuals. We are trying to develop a spreadsheet that does not disclose donor information and this is a work in progress. You can also email D'Ann directly and she can match you up with items that are needed for donation. The Committee is planning to wrap up the drive by December 11th so it can get coats and other items to families in need by Christmas.

Principal's Update

Principal Payne-Chauvenet reminded families that report cards were posted to the Parent Portal. If you need help accessing it, please contact Ms. Coco. Hard copies were mailed yesterday so you should also receive hard copies. You may have heard that reading data is down throughout the District. Maury's data has always trended higher than the District, but the school is looking at ways to improve reading. If you aren't sure what your child's reading level is, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Maury is likely to have an opportunity to open one or two CARE classrooms next month, pending staffing being nailed down with HR. This is looking more favorable than it was previously. Teachers will not be staffing the CARE classrooms. There may be staff from pattern schools who will support these classrooms. In some cases there are personnel at other schools who are unable to do their jobs in a virtual environment.

Maureen Leventhal, the school's social worker, was planning to join the meeting to discuss resources for families and children as we all adjust to living through this national crisis.

A question was asked about the parent survey that closed on Friday. Principal Payne-Chauvenet said if there are generalizable results she can share she will do so.

In Attendance

Attendance was not taken.

Next Meeting

TBD