MAURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY TEAM

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Meeting Agenda – SY2024-2025 Sixth Meeting
January 14, 2025, 4 pm in person at Maury with teleconference option (login info below)

Call to order: Ms. Henry, Andrew Lardell, Emily Patterson, Katie Burke, Jason King, Alexandra Zuber

Welcome and Roll Call; Meeting Guidelines / Norms

4:15 pm Supporting the Achievement of Comprehensive School Plan Goals: After- school at Maury

Mrs. D'Angela Williams- We've been providing before/ after care for students for four years. We focus on nurturing students and having fun. We focus on a range of activities – sports, arts, pottery, art, foam parties, homework club (older children). We have 300 children enrolled; 260/270 that come daily. Maury is our biggest site (of six). We have eleven groups with 2-3 staff members for each group, staying within the student: teacher ratio (pre-school- 8:1; PK 4- 10:1; K-12:1; 14:1 for 1st grade and upward.). We still have a waitlist. We have some special options- Tippie Toes, music, Karate, science, floor hockey, soccer, basketball, exotic animals, chess club, summer field trips (movies, museums, etc).

- What are your biggest classes? Kindergarten and 3rd grade.
- Do you provide sliding scale tuition? Yes.
- What connections do you have with the Maury staff/ administration? Yes, we work with Vice Principal Lardell if there are any incidents. We have staff that cross-over and also work at Maury.
- Does the Maury budget subsidize any after care? Vice PrincipalLardell says he is not sure and will check.

4:35 pm The Upcoming Budget Process – What to Expect!

Vice Principal Lardell just attended a Principal-wide DCPS meeting last week. They don't have a date released yet. They are allowing schools to include a school substitute, which is new this year. Usually it would have been released in this time period. Once the budget is released, how much time do we have to respond? Usually it's one week. In past years, we've been able to have the regular LSAT meeting and then an extended session. This year, we'll probably have to have a "pop-up" meeting.

Questions:

1. What is the process and how can the family members prepare?

Maury administration will present what they approved in terms of budget, Principal Hassler will have a proposal for what to do with the budget, then we'll discuss if those are the best decisions, and what the implications are of those decisions. The meeting is usually longer. It's a closed meeting. It is then submitted and approved and released on the DC website in April. One challenge is if the budget has a mistake in a value or label; a formal request has to be submitted through the school and superintendent to be approved.

2. Does the administration interact with other schools during this process?

Sometimes Principals will consult veteran principals, and sometimes they interact by cluster.

4:50 pm Community Questions and Comments (2 minutes each)

- We are bringing back a book fair, the week before spring break. Partnering with a new company called Literari. They will have an online portion open six weeks in advance, and the books will be shipped to the school, so kids can have the books for spring break.

Questions:

- Will it be available after school? Yes it will, until 6 pm, so families can come from Polite Piggies.
- Can this be a place where parent volunteers can help? Yes.

- Do the proceeds benefit Maury? Yes, ½ goes to Maury, ½ goes to the library at Maury. If we make over $8,000 we get 25%.
- The new door is fixed. Thanks to the Maury parent group for their advocacy.
- The elevator fixed but continues breaking (battery or motherboard).
- Katie suggested we could have maintenance priorities raised each month and LSAT family members can send it out to the community to help with advocacy.
- Heating: in some rooms they installed older model heaters and it really heats up.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

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