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Maury Elementary PTA Meeting

Date | time 10/19/2017 6:00 PM

Welcome:

Shannon von Felden welcomed the attendees and introduced our special guests from Eliot Hine.

Principal of Eliot Hine: Eugenia Young

Principal Young is new to E-H this year. E-H is off to an awesome start. The focus is on the culture and climate of the school. They are working to establish trust between the students and the staff. They are using Response to Intervention (RTI) a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of student's needs. They are looking at grades, assessment, attendance and behavior. The instructional focus is on exceling. Every grade has accelerated class. They want all students to feel loved, be safe and behave in an appropriate manner.

E-H has had a really successful spirit week this year. There is an all-students science fair, student council, art mosaic project and PE where the students interact in a collaborate way. Students are enjoying school

Q: Do you have a focus?

A: The middle school focused on advancing Math and English.

Q: IB Program? What is it in your school?

A: We have an IB Strategic plan. The goal is for 2 IB Curriculum units. This year it is Social Studies and Science. We will move next to English and Math. The goal is to have all graduating students college ready. Next year Eastern High School will have IB at all grade levels. The learning will develop writers, risk takers and critical thinking.

Q: Along the lines of E-H IB, are your needs being met by DCPS/ Are you getting the resources to be faithful on what IB requires?

A: We have funding this year for an IB conference for the teachers to further develop. We have Spanish now with a goal of another 2 languages which are depending on enrollment growing.

Q: What is your size?

A: 209 with a target of 212 for this year. We are trying to recruit by showing what are doing at E-H.

Q: What are the top 3 things you can say that make the case that students should come to E-H?

A: 1. Our IB program is strong and getting better. 2. We love our kids. 3. Rigor: We are increasing the rigor we are the only MS that offer accelerated classes. We are working a possible plan to let the 5th graders participate in our accelerated math classes.

Q: What activities does E-H offer?

A: We have basketball, cross country, baseball, and softball. We will be adding Lacrosse and swimming in the future.

Q: What can younger Maury student do to help?

A: I would love to have some living room chats with families to answer questions and tell them about E-H. I would love to have our instructional coaches work together. We should look at the standard together.

Q: How can we help?

A: Leadership is cooperating together. Come to our PTO meetings. Understand that we have differences, but we can work together. Help make sure that the central office understands the needs of our community. It would make Ward 6 better and not just Maury and E-H. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We welcome you.

PTA Budget Amendments

A voice vote was held approving 2 proposed amendments to the 2017-2018 PTA budget:

- a. \$1,000 for Operation Kindness expenses which previously had been paid for by individual Maury community members.
- b. \$180 for staff monthly treats.

Join the PTA!

We now have 163 PTA members. The goal is 300. It is only \$15 per person and allows you to vote on important issues. Membership is encouraged but not required in order to attend PTA meetings. You do need to be a member to vote.

Committee Announcements:

Please consider joining one of our many committees! There is something for everyone.

Fundraising Committee

Annual Fund

67 families have contributed to the annual fund. We are 2/3 of our way to our goal. We are hoping to have 125 families contribute. You can donate by contacting Sarah.Hais@gmail.com or by going through the link on the Maury website.

Maury at the Market: Many big thanks to Clint Osborn who has stepped up and will be leading the charge on Maury at the Market this year.

Hilloween: We will be selling pizza, glow sticks. We are still looking for a few volunteers.

We have many great fundraising events coming up this year. Gingerbread house making, Rock n Roar and Movies for Maury. Please let Franny know if you can assist with any of these events.

Grants Committee

Granetta Coleman chairs this committee. We have received and assembled the standing desks which came thanks to a generous grant from the Capitol Hill Community Foundation. We have also ordered a Charlie Cart global kitchen which we are going to incorporate into the curriculum for the school.

The grants Committee has applied for several new grants. Including requesting \$2,100 for Chinese texts and online activities. \$2,000 for Space Camp, and \$2,500 for additional chrome books.

We are also applying for a program which would have a resident exchange teacher come and work at Maury.

SEL Committee

On Tuesday November 7, 2017, at 6:15 until 7:15 SEL will hold the first of 2 parent workshops this year. These are parent encouragement programs which offer tangible strategies to raise an "I Can!" kid. The goal is to raise confident and competent kids. The next program in the spring will be focused on older children.

School Modernization

Max Kieba: Progress is being made. The trailers are on site. If you see something related to the trailer that does not seem right, please say something. We want to make sure the process and the company putting the Maury Village at E-H together are respectful to the whole community.

Thanks for the comments on the high level design. We are still on track. In about 1 month there will be information about the planned finishes.

There will be a community meeting on Thursday October 26th for the neighbors around Maury. The purpose is to give the neighborhood an understanding of the project and what they can expect.

Stephany and Kenyon: The move

A lot of help will be needed packing, move coordination and unpacking. On October 24th 4 or 5 pallets of boxes will be arriving. We are looking for 8 parents to volunteer to distribute the boxes. A sign up will be circulated on the list serve.

In November and December: December 1st the trailers will be complete and we will be doing a phased move. Round 1 of the move will likely happen on a professional development day. We may also look at a weekend move in Dec with parents' cars of teachers' delicate personal items (not DCPS owned items). The major move will be between Christmas and New Year's.

Q: When you say movers, you mean professional movers, not us. Right?

A: Yes, there will be professional movers. Staff and parents will coordinate and point the professional movers in the right direction. DCPS/MSN have the contract for the movers. Teachers may need parent help moving fragile things earlier in December.

Q: Is there a move coordinator? It seems that a professional coordinator would be helpful.

A: Patrick is the point person.

Q: When is school open?

A: School for us is closed on January 3rd. School will be open on January 4th.

Q: Will there be Polite Piggy's on January 3rd?

A: If we have kids who do not have other care on that day, we are in the process of developing a plan about where Polite Piggy's could be located. We are required to have a plan B for child care on the 3rd. But, play dates will be really helpful. If families work together some parents could volunteer with the move while others host playdates.

Q: Will there be a fundraiser for the move?

A: No, we need your time but not your money for the move.

Q: Are we doing the moving with personal cars?

A: For the teacher's personal items, we may rent something if necessary. The teachers are in the process of doing an inventory of items. It may be as simple as a few car trips.

The staff will be packing as we approach the move. Teachers and specials teachers will be working together to plan creative activities to best use the students time. We will be think creatively, but there may be an afternoon later this Fall where a grade may watch a movie to allow for packing etc. We will keep disruption to a minimum.

School Improvement Committee

We are looking for places to replant small trees around Maury that will otherwise be ripped up. Contact Will Handsfield if you have ideas or know someone who wants a tree.

Ad Hoc Transportation Group:

Amber Gove: On Saturday at 9 at the H Street Bullfrog and Bagels, we are having planning meeting about the walking school bus. We are working on is the establishment of Walking School Bus Routes. Please email Bill if you are interested schlthss@gmail.com with your address. Each stop will have a designated time. Parent volunteers will supervise the routes.

Amber also notes that she is the new ANC Commissioner for the area surrounding Maury. Contact her is you need help with any issues.

Principal's Update

We have gotten lot of information tonight. Any questions I can answer?

Q: Will there be a buddy day this year?

A: Yes this will be the 3rd year we are doing a buddy day.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be great. 10-2 Saturday! Stop by and sent 2/3 kids to space camp!

Next Meeting: Thursday November 16, 2017 6:00 pm

Attendees: Anne Fletcher, Carly Fox, Patrick Koontz, Jalesa Dodson, Johnathan Dodson, Clint Osborn, Susan Wall, George Blackmon, Granetta Coleman, Kenyon Weaver, David Bibo, Sean Dillon, Bryan George, Franny Decker, Stefany Thangavelu, Joscelin

Lockhart, Kristina Vidal, Amber Gove, Jessica Gardner, Angelique Sanders, Katie Durcan, Kriss Wozniak, Lora Nunn, Marisa Richardson, K. Golsyusley, Adam Hais, Britt Stuart, Shannon von Felden, Jill Tennent, Ailena mayo-Mills, Bridget Hankin, Erica Martin, Jean Kohanek, Sarah Hais, Bess Davis (IB Coordinator at Eliot-Hine), Louise Yinug, Max Kieba