



MINUTES

Maury Elementary PTA Meeting

Date | time 11/16/2017 6:00 PM

Welcome:

Shannon von Felden welcomed the attendees and introduced our special guest from Liz Braganza from Eastern High School.

Eastern High School: Liz Braganza IB Coordinator

The IB Program has 3 points of focus 1) Academics, 2) Character and 3) International. The program spans 1-12 grades. Eastern has now added grades 9-10. The Middle Year Program (MYP) focuses on interconnectedness. We aim to develop service minded students to help other and who want to explore new things such as athletics and the arts.

Update on Move and Logistics

Patrick: Everything is on target for the move. On December 1, 2017, we will be taking possession of the trailers at E-H which will be the Maury Village. We have been able to take a tour of the work in progress, they are in the process of installing electricity etc. to the buildings. On Monday December 11, 2017, during the school day we have a tour planned for the students. This will be a field trip on buses for all students. Open houses for parents will happen but are not scheduled at this time.

The fences are not complete yet. The decking is currently being building. They walkways will be covered. Teaches have a deadline to have rooms ready to move before winter beach. The movers hired will be here that day to move.

January 3, 2018, there is no school for Maury students. Space Camp has set up a babysitting day as a fundraiser. More information will come in the Tuesday folders. Babysitting day will be in the E-H cafeteria.

Q: Has the drop off etc. been worked out yet?

A: Not yet.

Q: What are the start and end times?

A: Currently the same. Principal Young at Eliot-Hine has staggered dismissal times for her students as they recognize a lot of student will be leaving at the same time.

Q: When will procedures we shared with the kids?

A: We are working on and finalizing all routines and emergency procedures for the new location. Learning about the new Routines will be built into the schedule similarly to how we begin each school year.

Q: What is the plan for Polite Piggy's?

A: Polite Piggy's will exist at our new location. We will have a multipl purpose room and classromm for aftercare use.

Q: Will there be Chaperone for the E-H Filed trip.

A: Yes.

The Move to the Maury Village: Parental Involvement (Kenyon and Stephany)

As you all know everything here at Maury needs to get to the Maury Village. There will be three move dates:

Dec. 1

Dec. 16-17

Between Xmas and the New Year—exact date pending.

We will be sending out sign up genius requests looking for parent assistance. Moving trucks and moving people will physically move the items. We will help with directions and coordination.

We are asking for the room parents to be responsible to coordinate the help that your particular teacher wants and/or needs.

Teachers/Areas that need parent volunteers at this point are PE (Ms. Hathaway), Main Office, Music (Mr. Rogers), and 5th grade. Please help to reduce the stress on these teachers. If you know of anyone else who could use additional help, please notify Stephany or Kenyon and they will mobile volunteers.

Q: Does stuff need to stay in the classroom until the move?

A: Yes until 7:00 am Dec. 1. We are working with the teachers who have little space on options for the boxes etc. We do not have the right to access the buildings until Dec. 1st.

Q: Will there be Polite Piggy's on the move days?

A: We are asking parents to coordinate child care if possible on the days that Polite Piggy's cannot be open. There will not be child care at Maury on December 1st or during the move days. Polite piggy's is working on an alternate location for December 1st which has not been finalized.

Safe Routes to School

E-H Drop-off and pick-up:

We are off to a solid start in the preparations and are getting a detailed map to send out about when and where to pick-up and drop-off at the Maury Village. Please, please, please follow the protocols that will be set up. It will be safer and more coordinated for everyone if we all follow the rules.

Q: Will the the drop-off have an exact reverse pick-up location?

A: For now, the focus has been on drop-off. That is because we have the bulk of kids arriving at the same time. Due to aftercare etc. departure times are more staggered. We are working on it.

Traffic calming:

We received formal notice of 2 raised cross-walks and 2 curb extensions planned near Maury. DDOT is accepting comments for 30 days. So go to the website if you have input and let them know what you think.

Walking Buses:

The Walking Buses have started. For the parents leading the buses we have same safety vests available for \$5.

Tip and Tricks for a Walking Bus:

- Have an information meeting in advance with the parents involved.
- 10 kids may be an ideal number: everyday 2 families walk the kids.
- A mix of ages works well with older kids helping and modeling behavior for the younger kids.
- Try out the non-parent drop-off before the move the E-H which will already involves a lot of change.
- iPhone has a size limit to group texts and did not work well. Consider an app for communicating.
- Set a designate start house which will remain consistent no matter which family is chaperoning.

Q: Leaving time?

A: We tried 8:00 which is a bit early for now, but may be necessary for when we are at E-H.

Q: Will there be Bike Racks at E-H?

A: The bike rack will be within our fenced-in area at the Maury Village. We will have 2x as many spots (40) anticipating that more people may bike. The fence will be locked during the day.

Q: Can we get the contact information identifying those students who live near us?

A: For privacy reasons, the school cannot do this.

Shannon von Felden: I was able to tour the new school area. I think people will be pleasantly surprised about our new school.

Committee Announcements:

Hospitality

We are able to provide 29 kids with coats and 28 holiday baskets for families. Thank you community for your generosity. We even had some extra food and will provide to E-H for their food drive. On Thanksgiving the coat swap will wrap up.

There will be coffee and treats before the whole school morning meeting please stop by and meet your fellow parents.

School Improvement

There are maple and cherry trees that will be moved. We are going to try and find a place to transplant these, it will be around \$2,250 to move the trees. One idea is to engage in conversation with E-H to see if they would like the trees. There are also 3 service berry bushes and a couple of smaller trees available.

At the Maury Village drop off we may place some large planters to really signal to traffic that there are children etc. in the area.

Q: Is the playground going to remain open after break starts?

A: Not sure. We will take the question back to the construction company.

Fundraising Committee

Overall Budget & Goal:

We are off to a good start! Thanks to those of you who paid your PTA dues since our last meeting. To break down the numbers for you we are still looking for about 65 parents to join the PTA at \$15 per membership to hit our goal 😊 So, if you haven't already tonight is a great opportunity to join the PTA.

For the Annual Fund, we got a few more contributions to that since last week but we are still \$10,000 short of our goal. Please consider making a contribution of any size, every bit helps! We are on track with our other fundraising efforts so far.

Maury at the Market: Make sure to mark your calendar and book your babysitter for April 21. Just a quick update for you on Maury at the Market. The team is coming together with a Chair, Clint who Franny introduced last month; Amy Toner, mom to JJ in PK3 tackling the event logistics and Julie Aaronson is going to lead the Sponsorship effort. We are still looking for someone to lead the Gifts Team. Let Franny know if you are interested in this.

One great addition to Maury at the Market 2018 is a new auction management software program. Thanks to the Board for approving! We previewed several and decided to go with Greater Giving. We can use this software for lots of other events so the committee looks forward to implementing the program.

We do have some smaller Maury at the Market related jobs that need filling. Please let Franny know if you are interested and we would love for you to join the team!

And also, if you have suggestions for gifts, sponsors or anything else please let us know ☺ We always love hearing your ideas and will gladly add them to the list!

Upcoming events

Gingerbread house decorating event will be here at school on December 9th. Keep your eye out for more information but we look forward to a fun, festive event!

Keep clipping your Box Tops, these are a great and easy fundraising option for Maury. We need about 3,000 to make our goal so as you start your holiday baking be sure to use Box Top items and bring them back to school!

We'll have a no uniform pass day coming up next week on Wednesday and the theme will be Pajama! You can buy your Pajama Pass on Tuesday the 21st or Wednesday the 22nd in the lobby before school for \$2 each. If any classrooms want to buy them in bulk please email Franny to make arrangements.

SEL Committee

Please join us for Art Night on November 30, 2017, at 6:15 in Maury Library. We will explore the 5 stances of Social Emotional Learning through art projects. This will be a wonderful family program. Please RSVP in the lobby or via email. Information is in the Tuesday folder.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 18, 2018 6:00 pm at the Maury Village!

Attendees:

Becky Trautman, Anne McFadden, Chris Copetas, Shannon Warren, Jill Tennent, Jean Kohanek, Deepa Acharya, Mara Ransom, Heather Bonome, Sara Murphy, Natasha Laws Dunn, Carolyn Marsh, Katherine Brewer, Kristen Gustafson, franny Decker, Diana Dillon, Zoe Paglee, George Blackmon, Kate Durcan, john Durcan, Maryann Stumpfli, Dinkar Mokadan, Sara Snyder Comizzoli, Sarah Swift, Sandra George, Bryan George, Lora Nunn, Antonio Evans, Patrick Koontz, Valerie Montana, Anne Fletcher, Elyse Hunter, Bridget Hankin, Clint Osborn, Ailena Mayo-Mills, Ayeola Brodie, Jennifer Sklar, Jessica Gardner, William Kapner, Sheryl Freedman, Shannon von Felden, Britt Stuart, Amber Gove, Becky McGeehan, Kenyon Weaver, Stefany Thangavelu, Taereness Griffin, Sarah Alcorn, Beth Harris, Shauna Steele, Will Handsfield, Max Kieba, Angie Stillwell, Naz Mendez, Lane McFadden