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Maury Elementary

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Introductions

PTA Welcome and Introductions.

Thank you so much for coming out and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year, we have a lot to look forward to. The PTA Executive Board for this year:

President:	Shannon von Felden	shannon_von_felden@hotmail.com
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Secretary:	Britt Stuart	britt_russell@yahoo.com

You can also email any executive committee member linking through the Maury website.

The PTA is always looking for new suggestions and ideas. Come to us with any ideas or questions, we will get you started in the right direction and are always looking for volunteers to head up new initiatives. Part of what makes Maury great are the committees which do the bulk of the hard work of the PTA on behalf of our students. Our current committees are looking for volunteers and the respective chairs are:

Communications	Jean Kohanek	jean.m.kohanek@gmail.com
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Joi the PTA! You can join through the Maury website. If you need a paper form, please let a member of the executive board know.

Note on the Listserv:

Currently we are using a Yahoo! Listserv, but the Communications committee is working on transitioning the entire group to a google group. The plan is to migrate the membership so parents will not have to sign-up again. This is a work in progress and we appreciate your patience while we make this improvement.

Monday LSAT will hold a listening session at 6:00 pm for parents about Maury's namesake in the multipurpose room. Sean Dillion the LSAT co-chair (Local School Advisory Board: an elected joint group of parents and teachers which each DCPS school has) will lead the meeting.

Principal's Update

Principal PC: Thanked the parents for all the work they do and expressed that each and every bit of volunteer work is important.

This year the school will keep social and emotional learning as a focus and will keep working to thread the SEL work through the different content areas. Maury will also continue to work on performance gaps within our community. We want to help all students learn to their highest levels.

Communications from Principal PC will include weekly emails which will come in two forms through the listserv and also through the Blackboard list, so you may see the information in 2 forms. Additionally, the Tuesday Folder will be available digitally as the school reviews methods of communication and to see if they can decrease the use of hardcopies while maintaining the necessary degree of communication.

Principal PC and AP Griffin led a group exercise The Four Corners to encourage parents to interact and get to know each other a bit more. It was fun and gave attendees a chance to talk and get to know each other!

Committee and Teacher Announcements

Committee:

Max Kieba on behalf of SIT

It has been an interesting summer with the movement of the playground, teardown at Eliot-Hine and the construction of the multipurpose tent. The construction punch list at the Maury Village is almost complete with only a few items left to accomplish. All environmental testing done at the Village has had good results.

The SIT focus moving forward will be on the 1250 building. The budget looks like it will land in the 50-59 million range. The contractors are on track to finish on time. The target completion date is July 31, 2018, and should give staff time to move and get settled into the new space before the beginning of the next school year.

Remember that all SIT meetings are public meeting. You are able to come and join in. Future dates will be published on the listserv. Areas to be addressed moving forward include playground surfaces, parking. There is a DC Council bill in play that may address the ability of teachers to park in the neighborhood. There is some parking in the design, but this would help. 12th Place has some potential for on the street teacher parking during the day.

For the 1250 building: They have put in the elevator shafts and completed footers. The stairs in the historic building are being fixed. In the next couple of weeks you will see the super structure going up.

Thanks to AP Griffin for giving us consistency between school years. And thanks to Principal PC for stepping right into the process.

Fundraising:

Stephanie Gregorian and Julie Aaronson gave an overview of how we raise money at Maury and what our needs are. The PTA pays 100% of paychecks for the classroom aides in grades 1-5 and the recess aide. Those positions are

not provided for or paid for by DCPS, it is the parents of Maury who make this happen. The PTA also pays for materials for early childhood classrooms; classroom and academic support materials and technology for K-5, and additional training for teachers.

How do we raised the money? We have fundraisers large and small each of which go towards our goals. From pajama passes on no uniform days and the weekly bake sale to the larger such as:

The Annual Fund: A yearly contribution drive where families can make a one or recusing donation. Our goal is to make \$25,000 through the annual fund this year. You can sign-up online through the Maury website.

Maury at the Market: Our yearly event held at Eastern Market is the largest source of funding for our aides and other school support. Save the date! March 30, 2019. We are still looking for a M@M Gifts Coordinator and help in other areas. Let Stephanie or Julie know if you would like to join the team. Last year's M@M chair Clint Osborne had stepped up to lead the team again! Amy Toner is also back as the day of the event Chair.

Look on the listserv soon for the opportunity bid on our newest fundraiser to win a package of Solar Panels for your house!!!

T-shirts are for sale after the meeting.

Transportation Working Group:

Amber Gove: A walking bus is a coordinated group of parents who take turns walking a groups of children to school during the week. Often the groups are coordinated by blocks. Amber is available for anyone who has questions about setting up a walking bus and pro-tips on how to make the bus "run" smoothly.

Do not block safety features: We as a community have advocated and worked had to make our roads safer for our kids and us. We succeeded in getting raised cross walking and speed bumps installed. Do not park on them.

Space Camp Fundraising:

Next Friday September 28, 2018, is the first big fundraiser for the 5th grade: Babysitting night!!! The 5th graders and their guardians will take care of your kids from 6-9:30 with food and fun for only \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Proceeds go towards sending the entire 5th grade class to Space Camp in the spring. Help show support to the 5th graders!

In Attendance

Shannon von Felden, Patrick McGeehan, Britt Stuart, Tanya Myers, Sarah Hais, JP kraal, Kevin Sauls, Angie Stillwell, Kristin Flammer, lauren Spangler, Nathan Bennett, Caitline Wesher, Lelaine Bigelow, Chris Bigelow, Robert Harris, K. Golvynsky, Tom Nagle, Kirtin Erfe, Krzysztof Wozniak, Susan Wall, Kate Higgins-Bloom, Hayley Satrom, Stephanie Gregorian, Julie Aaronson, Stephanie Winana, Andrew Holod, Ian Talley, George Blackmon, Will Handsfield, Mara Ransom, Sarah Swift, Philip Yabut, Deepa Achauga, Amy Toner, Kristina Vidal, Shauna Steele, Steve Stasiowski, Max Kieba, Stephanie Bingham, Corey Johnson, Diane Johnson, Liz Lyons, Andrew Lyons, Becca Schendel Norris, Rebecca Watson, Kristiana Garcia, Andy Marchesseault, Analiese Marchesseault, Jim Smith, Heidi Floden, Natalie Tuerdymin, Heather Bonome, Elsa Huxley, Lora Nunn, Marisa Richardson, Amber Gove, Adrienne McCann, Jean Kohanek, Dan Markoff

Next Meeting

10/18/2016 6:00 PM, Maury Multipurpose Room