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## Misc. Presentations or Introductions

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Tanya Mitchell, PTA Vice President, kicked off and led the meeting by describing the PTA's major activities. A core PTA activity is fundraising, which raises money for teacher aides, Think Tank, resources for special education, arts, music, and other subject. The PTA also organizes school-wide events and programs. The PTA's budget is approved annually by the PTA membership. You must be a member of the PTA to vote. Membership is \$15 and is open to parents, teachers, and community members. The PTA has a variety of committees, all of which are seeking volunteers: Communications, Fundraising, Grants, Hospitality, Middle Schools, Open Houses, Room Parents, School Improvement, Social/Emotional Learning, and Teacher Appreciation. You do not need to be a member of a committee to help.

Maury is working with DCPS to implement its new no nut and seafood policies. If you would like to be involved or have questions, please contact Erin Thompson (emalickdc@gmail.com).

Amber Gove provided an overview of the Walking School Bus, which is a group of parents who join together to take turns walking a group of children to school. A Walking School Bus is a nice way to share the responsibility of getting kids to school and to meet neighbors.

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## Committee and Teacher Announcements

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**Local School Advisory Team (LSAT)**, Jean Kohanek, Parent Co-Chair. Every D.C. public school has an LSAT, which is comprised of parents, teachers, the Maury principal, and community members. The Maury LSAT meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30AM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM in the Maury library. The LSAT's priority for this school year is building and maintaining community at Maury, particularly now that we are in a bigger space and are growing. The LSAT will be organizing a Neighborhood Day on the same day as the Maury Yard Sale (see below). Members of the community will be able to tour the school on Neighborhood Day.

**Fundraising Committee:** Rebecca Watson and Courtney Backemeyer, Co-Chairs. The Committee runs various fundraisers in addition to Maury at the Market. They include:

- Maury's Annual Fund, which accepts lump sum and monthly contributions to the PTA. If you contribute at least \$25 a month, or \$300 for the school year, the PTA will provide you a Maury Elementary car decal.
- Weekly Bake Sale. The bake sale, which takes place every Wednesday after school and raises almost \$10,000 each year, needs more bakers. Baking once a month, or even once a school year is helpful. You can sign up to bake [here](#).
- There will be a Stella and Dot (jewelry party) fundraiser in October. Details TBA.
- Out-of-uniform days. There will be 7 days on which kids can purchase a pass and come to school out-of-uniform. This year, instead of buying passes each day, you can buy a button for the whole year. Buttons will be on sale before the first out-of-uniform day.
- Fundraise by buying stuff you already buy. A variety of vendors provide givebacks to the PTA. They include Harris Teeter, Amazon Smile, Primary and French Toast (uniforms), Mabels Labels, dining out at Tunnicliffs. Be sure to associate your Harris Teeter VIC account with Maury and to designate Maury Elementary PTA when shopping Amazon (note, you need to make purchases through the Amazon Smile website, rather than the Amazon app).

- **Yard Sale.** Lisa Page and Liza Rao, who are organizing the yard sale provided an update. Drop off of items begins on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring only things in good condition - whatever you would buy for a dollar. Will separately have the couture corner for women's and children's clothing only, new with tags or higher end items. Will have separate drop off for couture items, drop off for other items will be where the new and old buildings meet. Liza sent around a sign up Genius on the list serve. This makes \$8-10,000 for the PTA. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, night before, is the most important night we need volunteers. Not sure where larger items for donation will go. Also need volunteers for the bake sale at the yard sale, which brings in an easy \$1,000. Bonnie Holod is in charge of the bake sale. No furniture, even small furniture (like kids' bookshelves). Problem is getting rid of it if it doesn't sell. Household goods, shoes, clothes, toys.
- **Maury at the Market:** Liz Lyons and Steve Stasiowski will be co-chairing the event. Last year, the PTA raised almost \$100,000 from this event. This year's event will be held on March 28, 2020 at Eastern Market. To make the event a success, many volunteers are need, as are donations of goods, services, and funds. The event features a silent and a live auction with online bidding for the silent auction. Volunteers needed include a volunteer coordinator, volunteers to run the IT team, gift coordinators, day-of-event team. Contact Liz (lizlyons99@yahoo.com) or Steve (stevestasiowski@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Middle School Committee, Clare Dougherty, Chair:** The Committee works to establish stronger communication between Maury and Eliot-Hine and to build a better feeder pattern. Eliot-Hine has moved into the trailers, which the school is calling "Eliot Next Door." Enrollment is at 273 students, which exceeds the school's enrollment goal for the school year. The school offers various competitive sports, including coed cross country and archery.

**Hospitality Committee, D'Ann Lettieri, Chair.** The Committee's mission is to respond to the needs of the school community and foster a sense of community at the school. The Committee does this by supporting teachers and families in many school and community events, including Lincoln Park picnics and coffee before the monthly morning meetings. The Committee organizes a winter coat drive and a Thanksgiving basket drive.

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## Exec Board Update

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### Budget

Patrick McGeehan, PTA Treasurer provided a review of the 2019-2020 PTA budget. The PTA's expected income is \$235,000, based on what we raised last year. The PTA raises a lot of money each year. With the exception of funds raised at Maury at the Market, which are carried over to the next school year, all funds raised in the school year are spent in the school year. Maury at the Market raised a little less last school year than the one before. In 2019, we raised \$111,000; the year before, we raised \$115k. A key reason for the decrease is that there was a change in the year to which expenses were charged. For example, Greater Giving, which provides the auction software, was booked against Maury at the Market revenue for last school year, rather than rolling the cost to this school year.

Projected expenses for 2019-2020 are \$229,000. The biggest line item is classroom aides and salary for Ms. Conant, which is \$120,000. (The PTA is paying 20% of Ms. Conant's salary because of insufficient DCPS funding.) The vast majority of funds are given to the school to spend directly; the PTA itself only spends about \$20,000.

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## Principal's Update

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### Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held at Maury on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a fundraiser for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class's spring trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class raises funds for Space Camp and appreciates the community's supports for its fundraisers.

### DCPS Volunteer Requirements

DCPS is enforcing compliance with its requirements for school volunteers, which includes parent chaperones. In addition to fingerprinting, volunteers must be tested for TB. Nurse Heidi will be at Maury on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (before school and after school) to do TB screening tests and will return to tread them on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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## In Attendance

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Tanya Mitchell  
Patrick McGheehan  
Sandra George  
Jamie Gregorian  
Stephanie Gregorian  
Megan Grimaldi  
Bradly Winans  
Sadi Madi  
Tracey Lawrence  
Jean Kohanek  
Kim Longfield  
Stefany Thangavelu  
Chris Bigelow  
Lelaine Bigelow  
Kostia Goevynsley  
Clare Dougherty  
Heather Bonomoe  
Britt Stuart  
Amy Toner  
Deepa Achanya  
Andrew Dawson  
Karli Maloney  
Carrie McDonnell  
Hayley Satrom  
Emily Bell  
Erin Thompson  
Juan Martinez  
Richard Parker

Adrienne McCann  
David Pinchotti  
Katy Ebner  
Pam Burney  
Steven Cardello  
Victoria Collin  
Becca Schendel Norris  
Max Kieba  
Sarah Swift  
Louise Yinug  
Lauren Spangler  
Henri Cooper  
Justin Brookman  
Erin Bibo  
Sean Dillon  
Nick Snyder  
Stephanie Bingham  
Kate Dumouchel  
George Blackmon  
Christ Pascuzzo  
Elsa Huxley  
Rose Zaklad  
Sheryl Friedman  
Adam Fisher  
Alix Leger  
Whitney Pellegrino  
Aaron Lotlikar  
Regine Lotlikar  
Kara Marchione  
Charles Burton  
Marion Smith  
Jen Parsell  
Lisa Page  
Liz Murray  
Steve Stasiowski  
Lora Nunn  
Deborah Riley  
Liz Lyons

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Next Meeting

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