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Maury Elementary

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Executive Board Update

PTA Elections: Tanya Meyers, PTA Vice President, announced PTA Executive Board elections for the 2020-2021 school year. At the May 21st PTA meeting, the PTA membership will be voting for a new President, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian, as Shannon von Felden's (President), Patrick McGeehan (Treasurer), and Sarah Hais' (Parliamentarian) terms are up. Candidate nominations are due by April 23rd. The new Board members will begin their two-year terms in June. The President presides over all meetings and is the PTA representative on the Maury Local School Advisory Team (LSAT). The Treasurer is the custodian of the PTA financial accounts. The parliamentarian administers Board elections and must have a fair and impartial mind and attitude. You can nominate yourself or another PTA member [here](#). Please contact Sarah Hais with any questions about the Board positions or the upcoming election (sarah.hais@gmail.com).

Treasurer's Update: Patrick McGeehan, Treasurer, announced that he will be selecting a date (likely, Wednesday, March 18th) to conduct a review of the PTA's books and will invite all interested parties to help with the review. The door will be open to anyone who would like to review how the books are handled or have questions. Shannon and Patrick met with a certified public accountant (CPA) last week and the Board is considering bringing him on in some capacity to help the PTA Treasurer next year. The Board is considering whether we have the funds to hire the accountant for about 1-3 hours a week.

Principal's Update

Principal Payne Chauvenet provided a summary of the proposed DCPS budget for Maury. The proposed budget provides Maury about an 8 percent increase and provides additional staff for a 4th Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms. The proposed budget does not provide funds for a 4th second grade class, however, the current 1st grade class is quite large. If enrollment is high enough, DCPS likely will fund a fourth 2nd grade classroom. Principal Payne-Chauvenet is encouraging current 1st grade families to reenroll as soon as possible, as the higher the enrollment is before the end of the current school year, the better chance we have that DCPS will allocate a fourth teacher. Please keep an eye out for instructions from the Principal about reenrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. The proposed budget provides full funding for Think Tank. Although the World Languages position will be optional for schools next school year, Maury will retain its Chinese program. Estimated enrollment for next school year is 492. By late March, the school will have a more official budget, although, it will not be final until approved by the Council.

Committee and Other Updates

Maury at the Market: Steve Stasiowski, Maury at the Market Co-Chair, noted that the committee is looking for volunteers to contact local businesses to provide donations. The committee has a standard letter and you just need to send it to a business and follow up. Next Meeting

Richard Parker provided an update on STEM night, which will be March 12th. We are looking for ten volunteers before and after to help the presenters. You can sign up [here](#)

Stefany Thangavelu provided an update on the Maury book club. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 11th from 5:30-6:30 at the school. The selected book is [The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse](#).

Attendees

Shannon von Felden

Tanya Meyers

Patrick McGeehan

Sandra George

Lora Nunn

Richard Parker

Amy Toner

George Blackmon

Steve Stasiowski

Sarah Swift

Sean Dillon

Tracey Lawrence

Andy Lawrence

Jean Kohanek

Henri Cooper

David Pinchotti

Megan Grimaldi

Stefany Thangavelu

Tom Nagle