



5/20/2021

Introductions and General Announcements

Ross announced the agenda for the meeting, including the election of new PTA officers and review of the proposed school year 2021-2022 budget.

Ross made a call for volunteers to fill critical PTA positions for the next school year, in particular, the Fundraising Chair position, which is critical to ensuring we meet our budgeted fundraising goals. There were many PTA roles that weren't filled this year and will be critical in the new school year given the return to 100 percent in person learning.

Ross thanked Tanya and Sandra, who have served as the PTA Vice President and Secretary.

Executive Committee and Other Committee Updates

Treasurer's Update, Andrew Lyons. As of April 30th, we were most of the way through the Maury PTA fiscal year and we are projected to be in the black. Although we project a shortfall in revenue, we project an even larger shortfall in spending, due largely to our inability to utilize the PTA aides as planned. That will give us a balance of a bit more than \$20,000, which we will use for the next fiscal year.

Parliamentarian, Ebony Burton.

- LSAT Elections. Ebony congratulated the four individuals elected to the LSAT for the 2021-2022 school year during last week's electronic voting: D'Ann Lettieri, Richard Parker, Alison Schwartz, and Kenyon Weaver. Congratulations, D'Ann, Richard, Alison, and Kenyon!
- PTA Elections. Ebony announced that Lora Nunn is running unopposed for the position of Vice President and that Elizabeth O'Gorek is running unopposed for the position of Secretary. Ebony offered a motion to proceed to consideration of these candidates for these positions. George Blackmon seconded the motion. Each candidate briefly presented their candidacy, and Ebony moved to a voice vote. Richard Parker seconded the move to a voice vote. No objections were made, and Lora and Liz were elected Vice President and Secretary, respectively. Congratulations and thank you, Lora and Liz!

Proposed PTA Budget for SY2021-2022, Ross Kyle and Andrew Lyons. Ross proceeded to review of the Executive Committee's proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year, which the full PTA will vote on at the June 17, 2021 meeting. Ross began by noting that the budget for the upcoming school year will be even tighter than it was this year. As in the past, the Executive Board recommends continuing to prioritize funding for the PTA aides.

Andrew walked through the proposed budget, which was presented via Zoom. Given the tight budget, we expect to spend all expected income for SY2021-2022, as well as amounts rolled over from this year's budget to next school year.

For the current school year, it looks like we will come in about \$6,000 shy of the projected revenue for the year, which, but for our slower spending, would have resulted in us spending more than we had.

For the next school year, we predict a beginning balance of \$20,807, which is the amount we will carryover from this year due to lower spending on the PTA aides; approximately, \$75,000 from Maury at the Market 2021; and a target of \$42,950 to raise in the next school year. We arrived at this proposed revenue target by using the expenses that were originally anticipated for the current school year, which last year's PTA had hoped to be in person. Given that we know we will be in-person in the coming year, we are hoping that this is a solid number and that we are able to raise more than this. But, given we will be in-person and will fully utilize the aides, we absolutely need to raise this money. Andrew reiterated Ross's earlier It is critical that we secure a Fundraising Chair as soon as possible to make sure we meet this target. For the SY2021-2022 year, we propose to spend \$138,757, which is \$14,800 less than we planned to spend in the current year. In other words, we are already planning for a lean budget.

Some highlights in the proposed budget:

- Assumes funding for the current 5 PTA aides for the full 6 hours a day that they typically work. We have budgeted a COLA of \$.50 an hour.
- Educational programs: We have budgeted for an additional \$1,000 for Roots of Empathy, which the Fourth Graders participate in, to account for the third classroom.
- School events: We hope to have all of our in person events again so we restored the full amount we had budgeted for this school year.
- School supplies is shouldering most of the cuts. Principal Payne-Chauvenet is hoping that the additional funds the school is expecting from COVID-19 relief will alleviate this reduction. However, if we are able to raise more money, we will invest some of them in school supplies.
- Garden club is a new initiative this year, which arises from teacher and parent interest in developing a garden on 13th Street, adjoining the school property. We are proposing \$500 for this.
- PTA activities: We maintained funds for staff appreciation. We zeroed out the hospitality budget, which has paid for parent coffees at drop offs. We eliminated this given the uncertainty about whether we will be able to offer these with current COVID-19 precautions. Principal Payne-Chauvenet noted, however, that we have already secured a donor for the first parent coffee event, should we be able to offer one.
- Community Support Fund: We are proposing a new Community Support Fund to help community members who need extra help. This was separately fundraised this year (e.g., fundraising for grocery cards). We expect there may be additional fundraising for this purpose, but we thought it was important to provide some seed money and to make sure there are funds readily available to support community members in need.
- PTA Events Fund: We created a PTA events fund, which will fund Operation Grand and Black History Month, two PTA-sponsored events.

There were no questions asked about the budget.

Principal's Update

Principal Payne Chauvenet congratulated the new LSAT members and PTA officers. She noted that there is a lot of work happening to plan end-of-year activities and to plan for the next school year. She encouraged families to attend the sneak peaks for their children's upcoming grades,

which will be held on June 2nd. The school is doing some contingency planning for very hot days when it's harder to be outside for lunch and other activities. The school has been hosting some in-person activities on Wednesdays for in-person learners, which has been a great way for teachers and children to connect in person.

Principal Payne-Chauvenet encouraged families to keep enrolling. Currently, there are about 300 students enrolled. It is very important to know who is coming back so the school can plan appropriately. She noted that in some recent good news, the current second grade will have an additional teacher, which will make four classes in third grade, next year.

As you may have seen, there is a gaping hole in the playground gate. There has been a work order in place for some time. General Services is waiting for a new part; once it comes in, it will be replaced. Please discourage your children from climbing on the gate.

In Attendance

The meeting was held virtually and attendance was not taken.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM (virtual)