

MEETING MINUTES

Maury Elementary PTA, 600 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Date | time January 13, 2020 @ 6:18 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Fran Boller, Pres.-Elect | ~24 Attendees

President-Elect's Report – Fran Boller

- Maury PTA President-Elect Fran Boller welcomed attendees and introduced the theme of the meeting, which was to thank Maury PTA Volunteers.
- Sunday, January 19 is Maury night at George Mason for women's basketball. At this time, we have over 200 tickets.
- The Maury spelling bee is coming up the week of February 3. You can send an [e-mail](#) with any questions and additional information.
- Winter programs start this week.

Secretary's Report – Tom Schulz

- Schulz noted that minutes from the December 9, 2019 PTA meeting were sent out via e-mail, and asked if there were any changes or edits. None were offered. Motion to approve the minutes:
 - Approved on a Schofield motion and second by Boller.

Keynote Speaker

- Isaiah Ruffin, the new ACPS head chef, provided remarks.
 - He hopes to bridge education mind and body, including fostering student engagement with Around the World parties with cuisine featured from around the world. He wants to put more "soul" in the menu by changing way we approach meals, including using less frozen prepared food. Over time each school may have slightly different menus based on demographics.
 - He is working on sourcing options to make them more "green". This includes transitioning away from Styrofoam trays, exploring options for composting, and trying to source locally.
 - In response to questions, he said that calendars with menus will continue, and they intend to develop a spring menu, which they are currently tasting now. Communication of menus could be coordinated with ACPS communications and perhaps through PTA channels as well.
 - They are looking into organic milk but more fresh fruits and veggies may be difficult – they will likely be cooked/prepared.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Powell welcomed back families from holiday break. We are at 397 currently with a few expected to leave. The second quarter coming to end in two weeks. If you have questions reach out now before conferences, etc.
- Ms. Falaroni had a bike accident, her second one. She hopes to come back end February. Ms. Baker will be a long-term substitute.
- Dates will come out soon for Kindergarten registration and open house, tours, etc.

- The kitchen will get renovated this summer and Phase 2 of the HVAC will get underway this summer, as will the completion of the new roof. He is still pushing for replacement windows. Over winter break new flooring was installed in some offices and additional work will take place in the summer, including hallways.

Gala Planning – Stephanie Kirby

- Kirby discussed details and planning for the Feb. 22 Maury Gala, which will take place at The Garden off Eisenhower Avenue. The theme is “Maury-Gras,” and the event will be shortened to 7:00-10:00 p.m. Pricing will remain the same - \$25 for non-alcohol tickets and \$50 for alcohol. Hanks restaurant will be providing food and we will have live action stations with chefs on-site.
- Two big things to focus on are donations and live auction. Donations are the primary way to raise money and they normally come from local businesses. Sign-in parties are very popular as well, as are principal for a day, etc. We are looking for high-level donations – sports boxes, etc.
- Fran will be décor leader. There will be no costumes although people can dress in the Mardi Gras theme if they want.
- An e-mail will go out on class room basket organization and planning and a sign-up genius will go out to volunteer for set up and take down.

New Business & Discussion

- No new business.

Next PTA Meeting

February 10, 2020, 6:15 PM, Maury Cafeteria

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.