

MEETING MINUTES

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

Date / time April 20, 2020 @ 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Jodi Diehl, President | 29 Attendees

President's Report – Jodi Zand

- Maury PTA President Jodi Zand welcomed attendees and noted this was the first virtual meeting of the PTA. She hoped everyone was doing ok with the COVID situation.
 - This week is national volunteer appreciation week and Zand thanks all that supported the school and volunteered over the year. She thanked Nancy Foster for helping to pull together the yearbook. The PTA is also supporting food delivery through Alive.
 - Regarding the 4th grade field trip, it will take place next fall when they are in 5th grade. There will be two Jamestown trips next year.
 - For those that signed up during the gala, most sign on parties and teacher events will still happen, possibly looking to next year. If anyone paid for one and have a concern, reach out to us.
 - Regarding the fifth-grade graduation, we hope to budget and plan to celebrate these students. We will move forward with a t-shirt at a minimum. Mr. Powell noted that some schools are doing a virtual graduation, and possibly feature all ACPS 5th graders at a TC Williams football game next year.
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Principal's Report

- Mr. Powell provided a report:
 - There have been questions on teachers being able to get back into the school to get books for students. Teachers will have the option to request funding from the PTA for this.
 - Mr. Powell thanked everyone for their patience. District guidelines have been distributed and updates are being sent every week. Teachers have been working in 2.0 to get schedules out on continuation of learning plan. On the 27th teachers will put in grades for 3rd quarter and how 2.0 learning plan will be implemented.
 - Reminders on grading policy. Third quarter ended on March 17, and fourth quarter started last week. For third quarter there will be a statement on the COVID shut down and how the grade was calculated. K-5 report cards distribution and mail out is being discussed, possibly by mail or electronic versions.
 - COVID cases in the city are increasing, as is testing. Alexandria has lower numbers compared to other counties. A call center is being development by ACPS nurses to assist.
 - We are partnering with Dr. Hoover on internet availability and technology needs.
 - Ms. Lutz and I are working with around 50 families with needs, reaching out on basic needs and educational needs as well.
 - Fifth grade graduation ideas will be finalized and he will reach out to other principals to gather ideas.

Secretary's Report – Tom Schulz

- Schulz noted that minutes from the March 9, 2020 PTA meeting will be sent out via e-mail, and will be brought up for approval at the next meeting.
- Zand presented the slate of candidates for the 2020-2021 PTA officers identified to date:
 - Fran Boller, President
 - Jodi Zand, Immediate Past President
 - Teresa – Treasurer
 - Katie Lambert – Secretary
 - Arnita Cohen – Vice Chair of Communications
- The PTA is still looking for candidates for Fundraising, President Elect, and Programs. The full list of nominees will be presented at the next meeting for a vote.

Treasurers Report – Theresa Schofield

- Schofield noted two budget votes that needed to happen during the meeting. The first vote regards mini-grants for teachers for academic support. Some third-grade teachers received training in Seattle and then asked PTA to cover travel costs. We have given them \$900 so far, and are requesting \$1,000 to cover the rest.
 - The Schulz/Mary Lutz motion to approve the request was approved.
- The second vote was to review a number of updates to the PTA budget based on the COVID situation and suggested adjustments that have been identified. She went through fundraisers and expenses that did not happen. The PTA has a net of \$16,000 available that could be spent, along with an additional \$1,000 from yearbook ads. The PTA suggests that the best course was to give the funding back to the school and community. She shared an Excel spreadsheet and went through the suggested disposition of funding options.
 - Money for Jamestown and the 5th grade picnic will be kept in place. If it doesn't happen it will move to next year.
 - \$5,000 for PTACs hotspot sponsorship
 - \$3,000 to prepay for teacher appreciation lunches next year. This would include identifying restaurants that have supported our fundraisers to cater the teacher lunches, pay for them now and get them to deliver next year. It was recommended to wait until June to spend this to see how the COVID situation plays out.
 - \$1,000 to Ms. Lusk to help the Maury students/community in general.
 - \$3,000 for the scholarship program of Alexandria. This provides 4-year scholarships for TC Williams students. Their gala was canceled due to COVID in the name of the Maury PTA.
 - \$1,000 for a yearbook distribution party on the playground or postage for mailing.
 - \$2,500 for "freedom party" at playground by end of June, in lieu of fall festival.
 - \$300 for kindergarteners' promotion
 - \$1,000 buffer for next year
 - Any carryover that is not expended from above would be carried over to next year. Funding would have to be expended by end of June as this is the end of the PTA fiscal year.
- Questions/clarifications – Four hotspots are \$51 for 4 months and \$180 for the hotspot. Mr. Powell said any families that requested the hotspot are on a list and are getting taken care of. ACPS needs 700 hotspots. Does Cora Kelly need assistance on hotspots? Maury PTA will continue to support Cora Kelly

and Mr. Powell will reach out to see what numbers are needed. Concern about pre-buy teacher lunches.

- Motion to approve the revised budget – the Schulz/ Zand motion was approved.

Next PTA Meeting

TBD – A virtual meeting will be held in May