

PTA MINUTES

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

Date | time May 13, 2019 @ 6:15 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Emily Carlsen, President

In Attendance

Emily Carlsen, Victor Powell, Andrea Klores, Jodi Zand, Jen Henel, Bety Cook, Kris Schulz, Kate Marks, and PTA Members, Parents, and Guardians

Approval of Minutes

- The members unanimously approved the April meeting minutes.

President's Report

- School Board update: Moving into final phase of budget. School Board holding first add/delete session on May 23. Also, the Special Education Advisory Committee is looking to recruit new people. Contact the School Board representative for more information.
- Presentations from RunningBrooke (Brooke) and Move2Learn (Jan). Maury received grants from both organizations this year. Maury was the most active school within ACPS and won a related \$2,500 grant for winning. Brooke and Jan covered the mission of RunningBrooke, the importance of movement to cognitive function, and how the Maury community can be part of the mission.
- The President walked through the slate of proposed Executive Board members. In line with the VA PTA requirements, Emily called for a motion. Linda Williams moved to approved the board, and Jen Henel seconded the motion. The PTA unanimously approved the PTA Executive Board for next year, as follows:
 - President: Jodi Zand
 - President Elect: Fran Boller
 - Secretary: Tom Schulz
 - Treasurer: Teresa Schofield
 - Programs: Courtney Pippin Mathur
 - Communications: Joan Diehl
 - Fundraising: Pam Townsend
- Called for volunteers for the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 8.
- Next year's PTA Board will be seeking volunteers to fill the full slate of PTA positions.
- Big shout out to Jen Kenealy for a successful Water run! We raised \$3,000 for the school in South Africa.
- Thanked all the staff and parents who supported Willy Wonka.
- Thanked Josie Beets for a great military family appreciation party.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Powell will be on paternity leave from May 28 – June 12. Mrs. Hess will serve as Acting Principal during that time, and Kathy Bruce will serve as Acting Assistant Principal.
- Shared the accomplishments for the school year and thanked all the people who helped support the Maury students and community during and after school. Walked through the exposure opportunities,

including activities like the inflatable planetarium and Jamestown trips, and highlighted Maury guests, like Doug Kammerer (local weather) and the WatchDOGS.

- Reviewed building projects. During Spring Break, new HVAC going in above the cafeteria, 4th grade hallway and gym, the rest of the school completed this summer. Roof to be replaced this summer as well.
- Highlighted the teachers, and the new things they're trying to engage all students, and all the staff that go above and beyond for the students and community.
- A question arose about the third grade students changing classes and whether that would continue. Mr. Powell reported that the data show that multiple class changes during the day can affect instructional learning.

Vice President's Report

- Thanked Melissa Bennett and the team for working so hard on Teacher Appreciation Week.

VP Programs Report

- Thanked Baroody for a great session of extracurricular activities.
- Thanked Emily Schell Jones and Maury's librarian for a successful Book Fair.

School Board Representative Report

- Supported full school budget for this year.
- Text books are now considered infrastructure in the budget – moved to CIP budget.

VP of Fundraising Report

- Teacher adventure planning is underway. If anyone knows a pizza parlor in Old Town who would sponsor pizza, that would help save money. Contact Stephanie Kirby.
- Grant from Captain Planet with seeds for the garden. If interested in helping with the side garden, contact Sam.

Secretary's Report

- Sign up for school supplies through Campus Survival Kits! More information to come.

Treasurer's Report

- The PTA surpassed the budget goal. Overage will go towards water bottle filling stations. Mr. Powell put in a work order with the school system for installation.

Next Meeting

The next and final PTA meeting of the school year is scheduled for June 10, 2019 @ 6:15 PM.

The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.