

# MEETING MINUTES

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

*Date | time* May 10th, 2020 @6:15PM | *Meeting called to order by* Fran Boller, President | 24 Attendees

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## President's Report – Fran Boller

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- Armita presented nominations for next year's EC. Armita Cohen moved that the nominees be put to a vote. Teresa seconded. No opposition. Approved.
  - President: Kara Macek
  - Immediate Past President: Fran Boller
  - Treasurer: Rick Westfall
  - Secretary: Katy Lambert
  - VP Fundraising: Maya Mahoney
  - VP Programs: Armita Cohen
  - VP Communications: Marty Zager
- PTA Bylaws
  - TJ Schulz - Bylaws Committee Chair presented changes to the bylaws.
  - Kara Macek and Tom Lynch participated.
  - Revised in accordance with the state template.
  - A revised version will go out to the membership for review and a vote at the next meeting.
  - Discussion about how to address name change. Agreed to change name and submit for a vote in June.
- Thank you to Chadwick's for donating over \$16K to the PTA this year. Spring2Action provided an additional \$500 because donation came in through Spring2Action. Will donate that S2A money to the PTAC.
  - Fran made a motion to donate the money to PTAC.
  - Armita seconded.
  - No opposition.
  - Motion carries.
- Academic Calendar
  - May vote tonight by midnight.
  - Pam Townsend offered to answer questions.
  - Vote is for two years - 2022-2023 and 2023-2024
  - Discussion noted that there is no difference between Calendars 1 and 3 and little difference between version2 and version 3
- PTA Minutes
  - Teresa moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Armita second. No opposition.
- 5th grade promotion
  - Awaiting a quote for yard signs for graduating fifth graders.
- Mariner Moves shoe and fitness distribution is happening now. Ms. Harper is working on securing a grant for next year too.

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## Treasurer Report - Teresa Schofield

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- Teresa provided an update. There will be a surplus going into the next school year to support the community, Ms. Hess and Ms. Lusk.
- Reminded teachers and room parents that allocations are still available to be spent.

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## Principal Report – Victor Powel

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- Ms. Hess thanked everyone for their support.
- Provided enrollment update and hybrid update 238 out of 348. There is additional space available. Working through waitlist.
- Kindergarten promotion will be virtual - June 22 at 9am
- 5th grade promotion will be in a hybrid format on June 18 at 9am. Each student can have two guests. Spacing will be followed. Will be streamed live for additional guests and family members.
- Ms. Hess discussed staffing changes. Ms. Houston will be leading GIA and young scholars. Her seat will be open. There is an open K paraprofessional program.
- Ms. Hess provided an update on summer learning and in-person learning. A choice form will be emailed to families tomorrow. The last day to make your selection is May 24. If families fail to respond, they will be enrolled in the virtual program.
- Dr. Rief discussed additional space options -- including that schools are looking at using space at adjoining rec centers for schools that have them.
  - ACPS will not be able to guarantee 3 feet of distancing but will be using other mitigation. Need to comply with the governor's order. The order says to follow guidance to the maximum extent practicable.
  - ACPS needs family input for planning
  - Outdoor lunch will need to be decided on a school by school basis. Ms. Hess said they are looking at options for lunch -- beyond the cafeteria.
  - Will be doing masking, handwashing and HEPA filters.
  - Dr. Rief indicated families can likely later switch to virtual even if they answer the survey saying they plan to attend in person.
- Kindergarten prep will be held virtually -- over four days. In that time frame they will do looking at virtual. Will bring students in person one person to learn the building and meet their teachers. Open House will likely be held the same day -- for about one hour.
- Dr. Rief -- Board briefs on the ACPS website. There is a planning committee working on it. They are planning to do it the Friday before school starts -- for kindergarten and first grade. Board briefs are preliminary -- information gets finalized later on. <https://alexandriapublic.ic-board.com/attachments/3ddd565d-e353-4bc7-bf11-b01cfead5ec6.pdf>
- Parents asked additional questions about spacing and classroom plans for fall. Ms. Hess and Dr. Rief answered questions.
- Ms. Hess discussed the school rebranding and possible mascot suggestions. It will be a student led process. Mr. Shiekh will help solicit input -- but should be something that symbolizes who Brooks was. Colors and mascots will come later.
- Fran took a poll of parents. Next PTA meeting will be in person or hybrid.