

PTA MINUTES

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

Date | time December 10, 2018 @ 6:20 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Emily Carlsen, President

In Attendance

Emily Carlsen, Victor Powell, Lara Press, Andrea Klores, Jen Henel, Kate Marks, and PTA Members, Parents, and Guardians

Approval of Minutes

- October and November minutes approved.

President's Report

- Rosie Wiedemer with the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria provided an overview of the nonprofit, which helps provide college scholarships and college and financial aid advising to TC Williams students. Funding is raised through general donations, “Honor a Teacher” parties, and their Spring Gala. Reading Day is another volunteer opportunity to read and score scholarship applications and essays – training is provided. Contact scholarshipfund@acps.k12.va.us or Rosie.Wiedemer@acps.k12.va.us for more information or to get involved.
- Charles Houston Family Fun Night is coming up. Contact president@maurypta.org to help with preparations.
- PTA Grants are still available for teachers.

Principal's Report

- Provided a quarterly report out on “The State of Maury”. Reviewed updates on school population, quarterly meetings with Superintendent, and Maury Scholars.
- Noted new Maury staff, Ms. Alford, registrar.
- Reviewed the completed building projects, which include the alley doors in the cafeteria and the installation of new AI phones for building safety (in addition to the already completed projects: entryways, repainted classrooms, closet door replacements, outdoor electrical outlet).
- The gym HVAC system update is underway.
- Students have 2 remaining ALICE trainings. The most recent e-newsletter included the latest information. Email Mr. Powell or Ms. Hess with any questions.
- Information on the student improvement goals report will be included in the next e-newsletter.
- Parents and guardians must go through the FACE application process for volunteer status. Details will be provided.

President Elect's Report

- Requested volunteers for the Spelling Bee. A google form will be distributed for registrations. A list of 100 words will follow.
- A few more Maury Elves gifts still need to be purchased – check the SignUp Genius email from Courtney.

- Thanked volunteers for supporting the Staff Breakfast.

VP Communications Report

- “Like” the PTA Meeting Facebook video to provide a count of participants watching.

VP Programs

- The spring enrichment program schedule will be released in early January.
- Seeking one more volunteer to join the Garden Committee.
- Jean Kim reached to the parents/guardians of the Odyssey of the Mind participants this week.
- Maury Mom and author, Courtney Phippen-Mathur, will host a student program on December 21.

Secretary's Report

- The PTA added 20 new members in November bringing total membership to 196.

Treasurer's Report

- The PTA has a balanced budget. Spring2Action will leave about \$15,000 in the bank to start off the next year.

VP of Fundraising Report

- The Maury Gala raised \$45,000. Thanked all volunteers for their help.

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on January 14, 2019 @ 6:15 PM.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.