

Marshall Road Elementary



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Marshall Road Elementary PTA Minutes
January 10, 2018 @ 7pm
MRES Cafeteria

Attendees: Anna Moore (President), Andrea Kramer (Vice President), Amanda DuFrayne (Vice President), Laura Parker (Treasurer), Helen Lee (Secretary), Jennifer Heiges, Missy Dixon, Missy Walsh, Brian Walsh, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Yesenia Argueta, Beth Shiring, Jenny Lee, Dorrان Albeleini, Lisa Kelso, Urvi Desai, Mona Kamel, Erin Pack, Loggin Kapitan, Mayor Laurie DiRocco, Town Council Member Douglas Noble

- I. Call Meeting to Order – President, Anna Moore, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
- II. President's Report – Anna thanked everyone for attending, including a Town Councilman Douglas Noble and Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco.
 - A. Nominating Committee: The board is looking for a third member to join the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee's job is to nominate members for the next board, school year 2018-2019. Andrea Kramer is chairing and Lisa Hoffman, MRES Librarian is the second member. By April, the committee will present their slate of candidates to the board and announce them at the April membership meeting, and members will vote for candidates at the May PTA general membership meeting. If you are interested in joining, please contact Anna Moore!
 - B. Enrichment: Spring Enrichment classes will start February. A flyer will go out next week listing all the Spring Enrichment courses. There is a good variety of activities from sports to STEM.
 - C. Teacher Appreciation Week (May): We are still in need of a chair for Teacher Appreciation Week! This is a wonderful opportunity to tell teachers how much we appreciate them. The week will take place the first full week of May. Please let Anna or someone on the board know if you have any interest!
- III. November Meeting Minutes – Helen made a motion to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes and there were no objections.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Laura reported that the Book Fair did well, the Runathon did very well, and that payments for field trips and Dreambox are being made.
- V. Program Reports
 - A. Runathon (Missy Walsh / Elizabeth Terry-Humen): Missy gives thanks to everyone, and especially thanks to Elizabeth for her energy this year. This was a major community endeavor in which we raised \$37k raised this year in revenue (our best year ever!). Elizabeth gives thanks to Missy and to Brian Walsh for the great t-shirt that even parents want, to Principal Heiges for her video with VP Chapman, to the parent professional photographer (Caren

Hoerner) who volunteered to take class pictures, and to the front office, teachers, and families. Expenses were a lot lower this year because everyone donated so much in prizes/giftcards. Anna thanked Runathon chairs again and informed everyone that Runathon planning starts in the summer so anyone interested should let the board know of his/her interest soon.

- B. Clothing Drive (Andrea Kramer): Andrea reports that we have several hundreds of gallons of clothing! The community service activity for kids tonight is to sort some of that clothing. The PTA is working with the social workers at school to identify school families in need of clothing. Additional clothes will go to the Committee for Helping Others and to the Volunteers for America Residential Center.
 - C. School Play (Urvi Desai): Urvi notifies attendees that the school play this year is Lion King Jr. and that it will be held on 3/22-23. Ms. Boiragee is the director and Ms. Kraus is the musical director. An interest meeting for tech crew positions will be held on Friday morning (1/12). A SignUp Genius went out for audition slots for the school play. Registration (to join the cast or the tech crew) needs to be done by 1/21. Important note: everyone who auditions gets a part so kids should not be worried about auditions and all who are interested are encouraged to join! Kids also really run the show on stage, behind stage doing tech, so it's a great learning opportunity.
 - D. International Night (Mona Kamel): Mona informs the attendees that International Night is scheduled for 2/9 @ 630pm. Information will be sent out electronically about the paper dolls to be decorated and displayed. This year we have a SignUp Genius for those interested in joining the Parade of Nations and Talent Show. Also, this year is Mona's last year and, although Yesenia Argueta (this year's co-chair) plans to co-chair next year, we are looking for a new co-chair next year to join Yesenia.
 - E. Read Across America Week (Andrea Kramer): Read Across America Week will be held from 2/26 through 3/2. This year, with the support of Ms. Hoffman, we will have a more comprehensive experience for all kids that will expand on previous years' Dr. Seuss night. We are looking into having an author visit during the week and/or to organize a spirit week for kids to dress as their favorite literary character. More information will come home through Tuesday Folder, eNews, and the PTA website.
- VI. Principal's Report – Principal Heiges welcomes back everyone and wishes everyone a happy new year. She gives kudos to Fairfax County for their “stay tuned” communications the night before a potential school delay or cancellation. She updates the attendees on the process of hiring the new assistant principal. It is a long process that started with a panel that interviewed 6 candidates. Principal Heiges and Vice Principal Chapman went through a simulation of a normal administrative meeting with each candidate and submitted their top choice to the Assistant Superintendent, and we are now waiting on final approval and may hear soon, so stay tuned. Regarding the Runathon, Principal Heiges notes that the big difference this year is that the teachers got really excited about the Runathon which rubbed off on the kids. Finally, we're in another iReady window so more testing is happening at school right now.
- VII. Guest Presentation (Chris Doherty, I-66 Mobility Partners) – Mr. Doherty and Nancy Smith (FAM Construction) joined us today to engage with the community

and to answer questions/get feedback in smaller settings. They provided a Powerpoint presentation on the work to be done and a graphic of the various new roads/paths to be constructed. The VDOT Transform 66 project involves reconstructing, building, and maintaining I-66 from the beltway to Gainesville. The project does not involve taxpayer money and the goal is to make over \$3b in improvements, such as moving 2000-4000 more people per hour, adding 4000 more park and ride spaces, increasing safety, providing faster transit through Express lanes, and finding new bus and transit routes. The project will add 2 express lanes in each direction from the beltway to Gainesville, reserve median space for future transit, and integrate a bike/pedestrian trail. They updated us on 10 residential relocations, a noise analysis being done (to be completed this or next quarter), environmental/traffic analyses, and community outreach being conducted on aesthetics of bikepaths/walkways. Based on results of a noise analysis, additional sound walls along the corridor will be constructed as needed (which seems likely at this point). One proposal for the integrated pedestrian/bike path has a 32" concrete barrier proposed between a pedestrian trail and the highway. There were some concerns raised with the low height of this barrier. The entire project is expected to be completed and express lanes open by December 2022.

If you live close to the corridor, you should expect to receive an elective pre-construction condition survey that will help with assessing the state of foundations and other matters. Construction will ramp up in the Spring of 2018 along 22.5 mile corridor. There will be no lane closures on I-66 during peak periods. Please look to Transform66.org and other media outlets/social media for updates on roadwork. An app that sends out advance notice/alerts of roadwork will also be made available. We're in the area designated as segment 3 (Jermantown Road to the beltway) which includes the Nutley Interchange (work scheduled for April/May 2018 time frame) and I-495 bridges. Some work toward Jermantown Road will start late February to early March. There is a video on transform66.org that shows the work to be done.

VIII. New Business – no new business discussed

IX. Meeting Adjourned by Anna at 8:23pm.

X. Next PTA Meeting with Service Activity for Kids is on March 7, 2018 @ 7pm.

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