



## Mary Munford PTA Board Meeting - March 24, 2026

### A. Katherine Jones: President's Update

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** - 7:04pm
- b. **Approve Meeting Minutes from February Board Meeting** - approved
- c. **Support for Virginia History Fair Vote**
  - i. 15 students participated and qualified for the state history fair in April at VMHC
  - ii. \$25/student to enter - \$375 + student celebration for all 19 students who represented the school
    1. Charlotte: money in "teacher support" currently, \$3k, likely about \$500 for this
    2. approved
- d. **First Grade Program with First Priority OT**
  - i. Katie Noland spearheaded
  - ii. Ms. Lindsay said it was great, very hands on - science based
    1. Fine motor, gross motor and sensory baked into curriculum
    2. Could do an ASE
    3. Coming to STEM night
- e. **VCU Trauma Center Shining Knight Event (May 16th, Omni Hotel)**
  - i. Mr. Muzik is patient honoree of event
  - ii. Honor 50 staff members through his journey of care - big fundraiser
  - iii. Celebration of teamwork it takes for someone to recover
  - iv. Ticketed event - contact Katherine Jones if interested in attending
- f. **Munford 75th Anniversary Committee (April 26th, 2-4pm)**
  - i. RPS is going to help run the event, same team that did the Fox reopening (engagement office)



1. Gathering on front steps and welcome
2. Tour of school for community
3. Lemonade and cookies in Pavilion
4. Mr. Kellner's band will play
5. Retro merch!
6. Ideas for fundraising for community members/alumni
  - a. Marketing Committee: Shelton, Devon, Ms. Valentine, Alison, Katie Noland

**g. Grandparents Club- new addition to PTA**

- i. Taking off, Ms. Teagno is leading it
- ii. Grandparent representative on PTA next year (non-voting)
- iii. Will be at Generations Day also
- iv. Adding info to PT Board

**h. International Night: Monday, April 13th, 5:30-7pm**

**B. Mr. Muzik/Ms. Valentine: Principal's update**

- a. 4th grade Munford spelling bee winner won Richmond and then 10th in regionals
  - i. Included definitions - competing against middle schoolers
- b. Science Fair (Science Museum) and History Fair (VMHC)
- c. K signing day on Thursday, March 26th
- d. Baby chicks hatched in Ms. Ellis' class gone to a Munford family today - 4 hatched
- e. 5th students took IRW (integrated writing and reading) test today - like a SOL, given a prompt: a time you, a sports figure or someone in history persevered
  - i. 5th grade student wrote about Harriet Tubman which is not in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade standards
- f. 2026-27 calendar sent out through Parente Square

**C. Robyn Ginsberg and Katie Noland: Leadership Succession and NomCom**

- a. NomCom: Carter, Rebecca Imhoff, Lauren Seiber



- i. They will put slate forward
- b. Vacancies:**
  - i. Robyn (governance and recruiting) - limited governance
    - 1. Want a first or second grade parent
  - ii. Flying Squirrels liaison
  - iii. International Night needs another parent chair
  - iv. 5th grade graduation - Alison maybe?
  - v. Reach out to people who are shadowing this year to recruit for next year

**D. Charlotte Parrish: Budget update**

- a. Now that auction is over, reallocating
- b. Auction and Spooky outperformed
- c. Get big expenses in so we can reallocate for other areas that need some money
- d. Decisions on extra money likely at next meeting
- e. Some people donate things for Spooky, can't always count on donations so need to document for budgeting purposes

**E. Committee Updates:**

**a. Tracey Baumwell: Book Fair**

- i. Using the auditorium again
- ii. May 5-8, coincide for Generations Day on Friday
- iii. E-wallets still being used
- iv. Teachers will get \$50 to shop
- v. Everyone leaves with a book - have scholastic dollars to use

**b. Mike Doerr & Hayley Moog: Auction Recap**

- i. \$75,695 raised - may go up slightly
  - 1. \$5k under in expenses
  - 2. Net \$55k
- ii. Completely sold out of individual tickets



- iii. Paddle raise for playground: \$16k
- iv. Mr. Muzik's e-bike went for over \$700
- v. 4 committee meetings over 5 months, 1 site visit
- vi. Ann Parker did all the decor
- vii. Leverage experiences next year/gift cards

**c. Sam Baker: Playground Update**

- i. Fence Me In doing the fence for plastic playground this year - 10ft gate along Commonwealth for mulch delivery - \$15,100
- ii. Playground specialists: plastic mulch barrier \$6,300
- iii. Master plan to maintain, update and keep it safe
  - 1. Need a subcommittee to look at proposals and shepherd the process starting this year
    - a. include a teacher rep.
- iv. Preserve what we have - update and maintain

**d. Lauren Sieber and Lindsay Campbell: Teacher Appreciation Week**

- i. Friday, April 17th-24th
  - 1. Same as last year re: family and student participation, will go out in Peak at Next Week on Friday
  - 2. Wednesday will be flowers - if you have flower design background

**e. Kari Hyman: National PTA of Excellence**

- i. Working on National PTA of Excellence plan - people want to be communicated with
  - 1. One pager about communication apps and what to use them for
  - 2. Brooke made parent handbook cohesive and beautiful and will be permalinked in Peak at Next Week and put on PTBoard
  - 3. Give to K parents mid-summer



- ii. Have to do the survey again to prove we improved, need results by June 1st

**F. Any Additional Items**

**a. Robyn G.- Field Trip Policies**

- i. hydration on short field trips
  - 1. mandated water fountain stops?
  - 2. policy depends on location
  - 3. drink water before they leave

**b. Katherine J- After School Policy**

- i. Some parents telling kids to go to the playground and will pick them up at 4:30pm
- ii. If they go home and come back, that is fine - school is responsible for kids until they get home
- iii. As long as there is a responsible parent
  - 1. Need to have parent check in before returning
  - 2. Set expectations with kid
  - 3. School is not open
- iv. Walkers are expected to be able to walk home alone

**c. Katie N- Cafeteria**

- i. Told in classroom that can talk at lunch and at lunch being told they can't talk at lunch and sent to a quiet table
  - 1. Consistent reports from parents and kids
- ii. 3 monitors and 1 custodian - some of these adults need to be more tolerant
- iii. Consistent reports from parents and kids
- iv. More sound proofing in the cafeteria
- v. Noise monitor stoplight system?



**G. Next Meeting: April 21st at 7pm. Virtual**

**a. Final Meeting: May 19th at 7pm. Art Room**

**H. End of meeting - 8:48pm**

*Monthly Thanks and Appreciation: Mike Doerr, Haley Moog, and the Auction Committee (Sequins and Suspenders); Carrie (Grandparents Club); Brooke, Kari, Ms. Valentine, Mr. Muzik (Parent Handbook), Lindsay and Lauren (Teacher Appreciation), Alison (Social Worker's Appreciation Week), Robyn and Katie (Leadership Succession), Lindsay and Lauren (Teacher Appreciation)*