

April 4, 2017 PTO Morning Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start Time 8:15 by Joyce Quirch

Joyce Quirch: Thank you for those who are here and thank you all for those who volunteers for events.

Thank you for coming to every month meetings.

8:20

Gina Viola: Hand out P & L print out \$89K in the bank now

Treasure role will be open for next year. If you have passion please consider the position.

Have been using quickbooks to manage and monitor the money transactions.

We have two big money makers: Pledge drive and Jog-A-Thon

PTO pays for technology along with art and other problems Mr. Needleman addresses e.g.

spelling bee expense, soundbooth. This helps school to provide other essential courses for students.

We need to buy new laptops next year. Bought new ipads this year.

We have ownership of technology, we decide on the sell back.

Family can buy their lap tops for \$400 when graduating.

Our greatest profit comes from Amazon, everything else is dropping e.g. recycle

Please support Fratelli's, they support us greatly.

Need salesperson to reach out to businesses.

8:40

Joyce Quirch: Big Question? Are you doers???

Main Focus: community outreach 2 positions

1. Donations: ask for donations to businesses one mile radius of our school, Salesperson
2. Website Management: web page and jog-a-thon app.
Technology and web master, Tech Officer
3. Board Positions: will be offered in August 2017 to include new families coming in.

Grants: free money. We need all of you to help and vote.

Harvest Festival/ Korean BBQ/ Spring Fling/ La Noche can be combined to two events instead of four.

Eliminate pajamarama: not successful this year.

9:10

Mr. Needleman: PTO writes check for technology, school then can focus on art, garden, got game, music

Currently school in good shape however, dire in ipad: no system to replace ipad. Still have 1st and 2nd generation in ipad need to upgrade.

If anything must go, inner city arts will be the first to go. It costs \$12k and it's time and scheduling is not good

School will be bringing part time math coach.

Good News: Melrose won Magnet School of Distinction Award 2nd year in a row.

We met district attendance goal: 71% of families are now have 96% or higher attendance rate. We have incentives for percent attendance.

There's a key link to attendance: attend school, success in school

Old News: school have added two challenges

1. Bullying: using ipad or lap top students made movies on appropriate behavior at school.
2. Cardboard challenge was delayed but coming this year
3. Ca young reader coming up

Field Day: Melrose used to go to the nearby park at the end of the year, we will be staying at school and have a multicultural/school community event with softball game. This is for safety reason.

Morning meetings: Used to have morning meetings every day at 8:00am. This method excludes late comers and kindergarteners. This year we practiced morning meetings every Monday at 8:06 am including kindergarten.

Better world in Ixl. New math problem dreambox will be implemented.

9:30 Announcement:

Joyce Quirch: La Noche Night is coming up. We need volunteers for setup and clean up. Look for volunteer sheets coming up.

Teacher Appreciation is also coming up. Need items to auction off. 65 gifts donations ranging from \$30-\$50. Sign up in google doc.

9:35

Joyce Quirch: Meeting adjourn.

Evening Meeting

Brought to Order at 5pm

5:05pm Mr. Needleman's announcements

Same as the morning meeting

5:25pm Treasurer's report

Same as the morning meeting

5:35pm Chris Shanley - Beautification

*May 20th is the Big Sunday event on campus

Chris is working with Big Sunday to coordinate that day.

He is also looking for a core group of people to help with that day in order to make a concerted effort toward painting and ensuring that all the other projects are well tended to.

Also, he has asked, if anyone is interested in the Friends of LA River. This is where volunteers go to the LA river to help clean and restore the LA river pathway to it's more natural beginnings.

5:50pm Open Forum

We were fortunate enough to have 3 teachers attend our later meeting. This was valuable.

By consensus, the teachers love the doors. LOVE.

They want to be informed about PTO events so that they can make their students aware.

Alyana Rosenthal also attended(student) and she has asked or suggested, "That students should be part of the PTO." Which is one of the most brilliant ideas I've heard this year. No offense adults.

6:00pm meeting adjourned

