

# Melrose Elementary PTO General Meeting

## May 10, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:18 am.

### Elections

- All PTO Board positions were posted, and Gina explained each position.
- Parents were invited to sign up for positions. Elections to be held at the end of the meeting.

### Mr. Needleman and Ms. Bertuccelli

- Ms. Bertuccelli just returned from the National Conference on Magnet Schools.
- Melrose received an award as a 2016 School of Distinction, one of only 160 schools nation-wide that received this honor.
- The Magnet Schools of America has 5 Pillars that we are continually striving for:
  - Diversity
  - Innovative Curriculum and Professional Development
  - Academic Excellence
  - High Quality Instructional Systems
  - Family and Community Partnerships
- This year, we've had school-wide blogging, and have continued to make project-based learning a priority.
- We'd like to make sure that our 5<sup>th</sup>-grade parents can concentrate on their graduates during Culmination. There are several ways to help make this day special for them— please contact Ms. Bertuccelli if you can help pick up the cake, serve the cake, purchase watermelon, cut/serve watermelon, purchase water/ice/lemonade, or help set up/decorate for the reception.

### Girl Scouts of America

- Please contact Sarita if you would be interested in having a Girl Scout Chapter at Melrose. They have reached out to us to see if there is any interest.

### Teacher Appreciation Week

- We still need gifts for the raffle, as well as helpers to wrap the items so they're ready for the luncheon this Thursday, May 12. Please text Julie if you can help: 323-428-9203.

### Fundraising Updates

- Gina shared the following:
  - The Teacher Auction at Spring Fling raised nearly \$2,000
  - Pajamarama raised nearly \$600
  - PTO has \$80,000 in the bank.

## **Ongoing Fundraising**

- **Ola May** shared the following updates:
  - Amazon: Over \$3,575 since July
  - Target: They are ending their program, but we have gotten \$1,037 this school year
  - Ralph's: Over \$650
  - Box Tops: \$650—next deadline is May 27
  - Recycling: \$1,900

## **Upcoming Events**

**May 20 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Korean BBQ.** Don't worry about cooking that night—come enjoy beef, tofu, rice, noodles, and watermelon. Please buy your tickets in advance for this delicious meal so that the correct amount of food can be ordered and prepared.

**May 21–Beautification Day, from 9am-1pm.** We need all hands on deck. There will be paint-by-number mural painting, and other campus beautification. Sherwin-Williams donated \$1,600 worth of paint due to Chris Shanley's efforts. Food donated by Lucifer's Pizza and Chipotle.

## **Elections**

- The PTO elected the Directors, and the Directors then elected the Officers.
- The 2016/17 Melrose PTO:

### **Officers:**

President: Joyce Quirch  
Vice President: Alyson Cho  
Secretary: Katie Weber  
Treasurer: Gina Viola-Peake  
Communications: Gabbie Leone

### **Directors:**

#### **Fundraising**

Grants: Robin Walsh, Christine Montes, Katie Weber, Scott C. Wolf  
Pledge Drive: Gina Viola-Peake, Jane Boegel  
Ongoing: Ola May  
Recycling: Henry Gomez  
Spirit Wear: Yolanda Candelas, Alyson Cho  
Family Fun Nights: Chris Grant Ray, Sarita Singh  
Jog-A-Thon: Simone James, Rebecca Hobbs

#### **Events**

Harvest Festival: Mary-Rachel Foot, Rebecca Hobbs, Monse Carrillo  
Teacher Appreciation: Julie Marsh, Maria Alcaraz  
Spelling Bee: Noe Montes, Rebecca Hobbs  
Spring Fling: Karen Steyr, Laura Mazur

**Communications**

Meetings: Laura Mazur, Nidia Cos, Eleni Tzimas

PTO Technology: Alan Hysinger

Social Media: Ola May, Simone James

Community Outreach: Karen Steyr, Mary-Rachel Foot

Copy Writer (Newsletter): Sara Chapin, Simone James

**School Support**

Hospitality and New Families: Noe Montes, Katie Weber, Mary-Rachel Foot, Hiroko Okazaki

Valet: Wendi Smith-Harris

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Liaison: Jane Boegel, Wendy Nield, Josh Koch, Gina Viola-Peake

Garden & Beautification: Chris Shanley, Sarita Singh, Scott C. Wolf

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.