

Melrose Elementary PTO General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8:15 am in the Auditorium

Meeting called to order by Joyce Quirch, President at 8:15 am

Thank you to beautification. The painting projects around campus were completed and look beautiful.

School-wide spelling bee is January 18 after school.

Star Party - Thursday, January 25 Pinks will bring a catering truck as a school fundraiser

Jog-a-thon - Naya Bloom. The big event is one month away. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 and we need every student to reach out to family and friends for sponsors. We are collaborating with Got Game and Coach Andy who is helping students get prepared with Wednesday morning training and during PE time. Each grade will run for 20 minutes and all grades will be completed before lunch. We will have prizes for the top three runners in each grade level and the top three fundraisers school-wide will get an opportunity to be principal for the day. All students raising \$350 or more will get lunch with Ms. Bertuccelli and Mr. Needleman. This year we are using Pledge Star for online sponsorships. All parents are encouraged to go to pledgestar.com/Melrose and create a student account. From there parents can email or text sponsorship requests to friends and family and post to Facebook.

Ongoing fundraising - Ola May

Totals for the school year so far:

Amazon - \$1,675

Ralphs/Food 4 Less - \$935

Box Tops - \$210

Recycling - \$950

School and PTO Financial update - Mr. Needleman & Katie Weber Provided a handout and Powerpoint presentation that will be available on the website. PTO and school work together to pay for technology and all other programs that the district does not cover. It's cheaper and more beneficial for PTO to purchase the iPads and laptops so the school typically pays for the arts. The income comes from PTO fundraisers, leasing of the parking lot, and Title 1 funds. Unfortunately, Title 1 funds fluctuate from year to year and have been decreasing and the parking lot lease could go away any day. Katie provided details regarding PTO's income and expenses.

School update - Mr. Needleman

We are officially expanding next year and will have three classes per grade. This is a good thing for the school but there will be a transition. We will be hiring 5 new teachers and are not anticipating any current teachers leaving. We have a hiring committee that includes teachers, administrators, and parents. We have several candidates in mind (student teachers, substitutes, and aides) who have worked at Melrose and are very familiar with the school. Grade levels will continue to collaborate between classes and will be located near each other on campus.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50 am

Minutes submitted by Nicola Howard, Secretary