

Melrose Elementary PTO General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 8:15 am in the Auditorium

Meeting called to order by Joyce Quirch, President at 8:20 am

Thank you to Naya Bloom for organizing the very successful jog-a-thon.

Joyce presented the PTO financial report. Our income in January was \$13,974.68 and expenses were \$14,300.42. In the bank as of February 1 we have \$135,220.37.

Jog-a-thon - Naya Bloom. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping making the jog-a-thon a success. We are still pushing for 100% fundraising participation. So far we have received \$28,026 and have pledges for \$30,952. This is primarily from on-line sponsors. The paper sponsor forms are due February 26. The award ceremony will be held during morning meeting on Monday, March 5.

Recycling - Big thank you to Silvia Ceballos who is out at the gate every Tuesday to run the recycling fundraiser. Each grade is assigned a month to assist. Please be sure to sign up to help during your month.

Next event is La Noche Latina coming up on May 1. Teacher appreciation is also in May. More information about these events is forthcoming.

Valet - Hiroko Okazaki - we are in need of additional volunteers on Monday and Thursday.

Book fair is coming up during conference week February 26 - March 2. Volunteers are needed.

School update - Mr. Needleman

Attendance continues to be excellent - Melrose has the best attendance record in our local district and also has the lowest chronic absence rate. As a reminder: students who have missed 7 days will receive a warning letter and those who have missed 10 days will need to have a meeting with school administration. There is a direct link between attendance and student achievement. Most of the chronic absences are due to vacation and sibling illness.

Lice - once the school has been made aware of 2 cases of lice in a classroom a letter will be sent to all families in that classroom.

School year 2018-19

Enrollment: 5 new classrooms for approximately 150 openings. We have approximately 560 applications, 250 of those for are for Kinder. For any grade other than Kinder it is still worth getting on the wait list through the late application process.

Hiring of teachers: School Site Council (SSC) has a list of parents on the hiring committee. Interviews will take place in late March, early April.

Title 1 budget will be on the SSC agenda for the next couple of meetings (2/26 & 3/12). Generally SSC continues to maintain the programs already established.

We are still down one parking tenant and we need to furnish and set up 5 new classrooms so fundraising is still important. We are checking with the district about helping with funds to furnish the new classrooms.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55 am

Minutes submitted by Nicola Howard, Secretary