

Melrose Elementary PTO General Meeting

January 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:19 am.

Jog-A-Thon Update

- The Jog-A-Thon is scheduled for February 3 (K-2nd) & 4 (3rd-5th). The theme is the Olympics.
- Allen Hysinger demonstrated the new Jog-A-Thon App.
- You can design your child's own page to sign up sponsors.
- An email was send out on 1/11 with a link to the sign up page for the app. Check your spam folder if you did not receive this email. Additional emails will be sent with this link over the next few days.
- Once sign up for the app via this link, your email will be verified and you will be sent a welcome email for the app, along with a link to your private parent page.
- You'll be able to upload photos and write copy specific to your child.
- A link to your child's page will be sharable and postable.
- A paper pledge form will be sent home as well.
- Information about incentives will be shared soon.
- If you can help out at Jog-A-Thon, please check your Shutterfly account for volunteer signup sheets.

Ongoing Fundraising

- **Ola May** shared the following update:
 - Amazon: Over \$2,750 since July 1, with \$1,500 earned in December alone.
 - Box Tops: Due on January 29.

Upcoming events

- **Gabbie Leone**, PTO Communications shared the following reminders:
 - Fridays are Spirit Days at Melrose. There is a link on the PTO website with ordering info.
 - The school-wide Spelling Bee is on January 21.
 - STEAM Saturday is January 23 from 9-11am at Melrose. Join fellow Melrose families for a morning of learning and fun.
 - Ms. Miyaji is hosting an engineering workshop for parents on January 26 at 8:15am.
 - Fratelli Fridays are the last Friday of each month. The next one is on January 29.

Updates from Mr. Needleman

- **Mr. Needleman** shared the following:
 - Two campus improvement projects are currently in progress. The boys' bathroom is being renovated, and the carpet in the ARC rooms is being replaced with tile.
 - Elective classes, now being offered for 3rd-5th graders, start on January 14.
 - Inner City Arts: 3rd & 4th graders are going to 2 Inner City Arts classes weekly. Last year, Inner City Arts cost the school around \$2,000. This year, the rate has gone up to \$12,000. Mr. Needleman is looking into options for next year that would use this money towards an arts program that could benefit all grade levels.
 - We have applied for a tech grant from the District. Mr. Needleman will keep us posted on this.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.