

**Melrose Elementary PTO  
December 2016 General Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 8:15am in auditorium.

Meeting called to order by President Joyce Quirch at 8:25am.

**Joyce Quirch, President**

- Ms. Pat is retiring

**Mathew Needleman, Principal**

- Attendance: this year attendance is increasing each month. We are short of the district goal, but still up from last year.
- We get \$ for each child each day he/she is in attendance.
- We lose more \$ in attendance than we gain in fundraising.
- Presented a power point on higher level technology use. Illustrating from the base upward: "Teachers as users, Students as users, students as evaluators, students as creators, students as influencers on outside world" (goal for our technology use)
- We are closing one achievement gap at Melrose: our title 1 students are performing closer to our non-title 1 students.
- We are working on closing the ESL achievement gap.
- Anti-bullying: Ms Bertucelli and Mr Needleman are in classrooms & on the yard almost every day. There is anti-bullying curriculum in the classrooms and there is an upcoming anti-bullying month. Teachers are teaching strategies for being nice.
- If you as parents know of a bullying situation, please bring it to the administration.
- Melrose has a resource at school called "Share & Care" for any student having emotional issues and in need of guidance

**Ola May, ongoing fundraising**

- Please link your Ralph's card online.
- So far we have raised \$450 from Ralph's, \$270 from Box Tops, and \$3339 from Amazon.
- Go through the Amazon portal on the school's website to do your shopping. This earns up to 8% of your purchase back to melrose

**Sarita Singh, Family Fun Night**

- We earned \$283 the night of the Star Party. Tatsu gave us 50% of proceeds and Lucifers gave us 20% of proceeds.

**Noe Montes, Spelling Bee**

- Thank you to everyone for the Spelling Bee.
- The school-wide spelling bee will take place on Jan 25.
- Thank you to the pronouncers and please volunteer next year!

**Joyce Quirch**

- Thank you to Sarita Singh, Chris Shanley and Gabbie Leone for the tree people/beautification event
- Thank you to Harriet and community outreach for bringing in outside vendors
- Thank you to Chris Shanley and the painting and cleaning army
- Thank you to Stacey Bertucelli for the Star Party. At the last minute, Stacy was able to secure a different group of astronomers.
- Thank you to Stacey Bertucelli, Ms Valera, Ms Evelyn, et al for Pajamarama.
- The winter performance will be on Thurs Dec 15 at 8:30 and 1:00
- Pledge incentives can be picked up the day of the winter performance.
- To all board members: please come to Fratelli Friday this Friday, Dec 16
- We need parent volunteers over the break to water our new trees (2 times/week unless it rains). Please tell Gabbie Leone if you can help out.
- Upcoming events: Teacher Appreciation (1<sup>st</sup> week in May), and La Noche Latina (April 21). We need leads for both.
- The Jog-a-thon is coming up on Feb 2. It will all be on the same day. We need volunteers. Paperwork is

going home this week.

**Karen Steyr and Harriet, community outreach**

- The jog-a-thon theme will be “health & wellness.” If you are in this field and have contacts for donations, food, etc, please let us know.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:16am.**

**Minutes compiled by** Katie Weber, Secretary