

**Melrose Elementary PTO
January 2017 General Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 8:15am in auditorium.

Meeting called to order by President Joyce Quirch at 8:24am.

Joyce Quirch, President

- Thank you to Fratelli Café for coffee, Jeanne from Steve & Kate's camp for Starbucks coffee and Sun for the pastries.

Simone James, Jogathon

- Jogathon is now a 1 day event
- Law enforcement will be part of the day. They will come at lunchtime & kids can interact.
- We need volunteers from each grade level the day of the event (Thursday, Feb 2) for water stations, sharpie-ing kids, etc
- We need room parents to disseminate jog-a-thon app info
- Prizes/incentives include toys and Disney 4-pack of tickets
- Every child will get a jog-a-thon t-shirt which is sponsored by Melrose Mac
- There is a sign-up online for volunteers <http://melroseelementarypto.org/JogAThon>
- There will be a TaeKwonDo performance at lunchtime
- Vote taken in favor of eliminating giving the top prize to the family who raises the most \$. Instead, the top prize will be given via raffle. Each child will earn 1 raffle ticket for each donor they get.
- Training for the jogathon will start on Jan 18 in the morning before school. Info on the jogathon page <http://melroseelementarypto.org/JogAThon>

Ken Berger, Technology

- For the jog-a-thon app: use last year's link to get to the parent portal.
- If you forgot your link to the parent portal, email ken@adwire.com and Ken will give you your link.
- The "parent portal" is where you edit your student's individual page to get jog-a-thon pledges.
- **If this is your first time with jogathon**, go to jogathon.melroseelementarypto.org/app/signup Add the parent's name and email. Submit. Ken will then approve you and send you a welcome message with link to your parent portal.
- You can do 1 page for each child or 1 page for all your children combined.

Joyce Quirch

- The school-wide spelling Bee is scheduled for Jan 25 2:45-4:45. Announcement for need of the pronouncer (spot filled as of 1/23/17)
- Career Day will be Feb 23. Announcement for need of a lead. (Spot filled as of 1/23/17).
- We need presenters for career day!
- La Noche Latina will be Fri, Apr 21 in evening. We need a lead (spot filled as of 1/23/17). Possibility of having different stations with different types of food as opposed to 1 plate of food same for everyone.

Jeanne from Steve & Kate's camp

- Steve & Kate's camp is a day camp program with 6 locations. Hours are 7:30am-6pm. They provide food and activities. At the end of the summer (or vacation) you get refunded for the days you didn't use.
- Steve & Kate's today donated a 5 day pass to the camp to be used at a future Melrose event.
- Jeanne can come to any Melrose Event with an activity.

Mathew Needleman, Principal

- School experience survey is coming out
- January is anti-bullying month.
- Cardboard Challenge is coming up (date tbd). Mr Palacios, 3rd grade teacher, will be the lead.
- We will revisit the idea of College Day. Possible lead is Naya Bloom.
- You can download Melrose's school calendar to your own calendar on your computer/phone/ipad. Go to melrosetars.org

Joyce Quirch

- Stay tuned for an upcoming Family Fun “pizza” Night
- Teacher Appreciation week is coming up May 1-5. Teresa Greider volunteered to lead the event!
- Spring Fling is coming up Friday march 17.
- The event formerly known as the school-wide picnic has turned into “Multi-Cultural Day” and will now be held on campus as opposed to Poinsettia Park.
- The book fair is coming at the end of Feb
- Coffee with the Principal is coming up on Tues, March 28

Wendi Smith-Harris, Valet

- We need to fill 9 spots in valet filled by Feb 20 (to go to the end of the year)

Gina Viola-Peake

- We have \$50,000 in our general PTO bank account plus an additional \$14,000 earmarked for PTO beautification.
- Our goal for jog-a-thon is to surpass last year’s total of \$30,000.
- We need to buy 1 grade level of computers + 1 grade level of ipads + teacher’s computers
- At the end of this year, the 5th grade students will be eligible to buy their own laptops they have been using “as-is.”

Ola May, Ongoing Fundraising

- Since June 2016, we have earned \$606 from our Ralph’s program (with only 24 families signed up at Ralph’s + 4 families signed up at Food 4 Less)
- From July 1,2016 til now we have raised \$4021 from Amazon! Remember to always go through the Amazon link on the Melrose home page to earn up to 8% of your Amazon purchase for Melrose. (DON’T GO THROUGH THE AMAZON “SMILE” PROGRAM)

Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

Minutes compiled by Katie Weber, Secretary