

## **Melrose Elementary PTO meeting**

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

Meeting called to order by Jenny Kellard at 8:17am.

Started with each attendant introducing to everybody in the room

### **Annual Giving update**

- \$103,251 from 197 families (last year, \$71,045 from 180 families)
- 45% increase on \$, but -13% on participation (last year was 57% participation)
- Black light party will be scheduled!

We still have one more day to go! Please give any amount you can if you haven't done so!

### **Korean BBQ**

Thank you so much for the families who planned and worked so hard to make this event successful. Thank you all for participating and contributing!

It was fun, tasty and such a great event. We'll get the total amount of fund raised next time.

### **Moorimgoong**

Community Director Socorro Sperati introduces the martial art studio Moorimgoong. The Chief Master Daniel is running the school which has been run by his family for 50 years. With Creative Director Caleb, they explain why and what we care about Martial Arts in general and benefit of their programs:

1. Strength core and better yourself: by exposing the kids to different setting, language, culture, life style, etc. they grow their mind and body.
2. Teach kids goal setting: having different belt is a tool to visualize and focus for the goals.
3. Build confidence

Winter camp is coming up. Also, they offer Parent Night Out once a month.

They are not only the biggest donor to our silent auction last spring, but the very **1<sup>st</sup> banner sponsor!**

### **Treasure's Report**

1. September Expenses & Income

#### **Expenses**

- \$104 Annual Giving Expenses (popsicles)
- \$195 operating expenses (bank fees, postage, cabinet)
- \$160 Spelling Bee
- \$40 Spirit Wear samples

#### **Income (non-Annual Giving)**

- \$500 Fratelli (Family Fun Night)
- \$240 Recycling
- \$283 Spirit Wear

2. Ralph's update
  - 150 cards are linked to Melrose PTO
  - August \$99.42 (last year \$0, 100% increase), September \$343.57 (last year \$133, 158% increase), October \$129.68 so far (last year \$86.51, 50% increase so far)

### **Harvest Festival 10/26**

1. Location change: Maze at Native Garden, booths on grass area, basketball court area and around lunch tables. Monster Ball will be at Auditorium as usual.
  2. Each grade have 2 booths except for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade which sells food
- Flyer will be in the kid's folder this week. Please volunteer if you can!

### **Beautification Day 11/3 9am to 12pm**

Projects:

- Install Kinder fence hedge slats
- Finish campus wide door painting
- Campus wide clean up
- General watering and gardening
- Kinder raised bed planting

Volunteers:

Need 20-50 people. Breakfast and snacks provided! Please join to beautify our campus!

### **From Ms. Bertuccelli**

1. Asks for people to show up and help for
  - Magnet Fair: 10/20 9am-12pm at Baldwin Hills ES
  - School Tours: 10/16 & 10/30 at 8.15am
2. Unified enrollment (not Magnet enrollment)  
→ Charter schools in the form next year

### **Comments from parents**

1. MK re. teacher's strike: Setting up childcare network, info available through email chain. Signup sheet created
2. Kevan re. drinking water: suggests funding for water bottles for kids
3. Kara re. crossing guard at Melrose & Formosa: DOT in process (2 months) for the petition for crossing guard

\*Baby gift from PTO presented to Mr. Needleman

### **9:15am: School information provided by Mr. Needleman**

1. Staffing news: New 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher Ms. Meza for Room 11
2. We still have no Resource teacher yet (hiring now)
3. During his absence in November for 3 weeks, there will be an interim principal
4. Demographic change:
5. 24 language spoken @ Melrose (15.7% Korean, 10% Spanish, 4% Russian)

Race: Hispanic 36%, White 27%, Asian 26%, African American 5%, Filipino 2%, Two or more mix 5%

6. SBAC scores on both Language Arts and Math are up!

- Language Arts (65% at or above grade level in 2017 → 71% in 2018)
- Math (63% at or above grade level in 2017 → 67% in 2018)

7. Attendance: going up as well! Keep under 7 absences a year (over 7, "Chronically Absent")

Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov.13, 2018 at 8:15am in auditorium**

Minutes compiled by Eriko Gleiberman, Secretary