

Melrose Elementary PTO meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 8:15 am in the Auditorium

Meeting called to order by Elizabeth Cates, President at 8:22am.

The entire meeting was translated in Spanish by Gennesis Jerez.

Treasurer's Report by Brian Landau

- Income: Total \$176K – from Annual Giving \$157K, CharityBuzz \$5800, Amazon \$1600, Ralphs \$1260, Recycling \$700, Spirit Wear \$2480, Family Fun Night \$3350, Teacher Appreciation \$816, etc.
- Expenses: \$61K paid for AFI, Ballroom dancing, Garden Ranger, PE, Music, Supplies, etc.
- Current Net Revenue: \$114K

Family Fun Night at LN2 Recap by Michelle Sy

- Great turn out, very successful event, raised about \$359.50 (donated back to school)
- Covered teachers' meal

Thank you for donation to teachers' meal and contribution by dining!

Fratelli Friday 12/6/19

- About 25 parents showed up
- 2/7/20 is next one (1st Friday of month)

On-Going Fundraising by Ola May

- Amazon: Make sure to use portal! Gift card purchase don't count
- Ralph's: Link cards!
- Box Top: going digital, 7 days to scan receipts
- Recycling: most raised on November, almost \$300!

Social Media

- Melrose PTO is on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!
- If anybody wants to post, please do and make sure it's "Melrose PTO" (Melrose Stars is school site, not PTO)

Jog-A-Thon: 2/14/2020 from 8AM to Noon

- Fundraising event
- Kids run laps, each grade runs 20 minutes
- \$69K raised last year, and \$80K is this year's goal
- Pledge star to sign up (either flat rate or per lap): details coming soon!
- Pays 5th grade Catalina trip (from 5th grade's portion of fund raised)
- Practice starts after new year, every Wednesday (PE day) 1/15, 22, 29, 2/5 & 12

*Please sign up to volunteer! We'll need 20-25 volunteers for lead (copy lead), tally, runners (event assistants)

Winter Performance 12/19 at 8:30am & 1pm and 12/20 at 8:30am

check with grade rep for potluck info

PTO meeting adjourned at 8:49am.

Followed by announcement from **Mr. Needleman** *translated in Spanish by Gennesis Jerez

In works:

1. Applying for Magnet School of America again this year (awarded last 3 years!)
2. Invited to apply for California Distinguished School
3. STEAM certification in process (since a lot of schools are going for STEAM, there's certification process now)
4. Teachers College of NY (writer's workshop originated by Columbia University)
 - About half of our teachers are doing currently, and eventually all will do it
 - Writer's workshop: modeling certain strategies, students do in their own pace, individual conference given for students above/below grade level
 - Teacher's College also starting Reader's workshop
5. Teachers working on their websites more (any feedback is welcome)
6. Our website has a button for translation (top right corner)

Questions from parents:

1. Info on communicating student's progress with teacher
 - Teachers give assessment at beginning of year
 - DIBELS, TRC are first clue
 - Schoology: parent portal has student's grades
 - Mid-semester: students are in danger of getting 1 or 2, letter gets sent out
 - Although Melrose doesn't assign homework, 20 minutes of Dreambox & 20 minutes of reading are recommended
2. Safety: pick up gate at staff parking being open
 - To install a door to close by itself like the one closest to girls' bathroom will cost about \$25K plus the fence to be replaced for the door frame to be installed
 - Key pad? The District stopped using it
 - After-school programs have procedures in place
 - Remind other parents to shut the gate after in/out of school when picking up

Whole meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

Next meeting is Tuesday, Jan, 21, 2020 at 8:15am in auditorium

Minutes compiled by Eriko Gleiberman, Secretary