

October 19th 2010 Citywide PTO

- A reminder from Melrose PTO Inc. that bank statements must be turned in to the treasurer. PTO's should also consider that next year's accounting expenses could increase if a full audit is required, and budget appropriately.
- The Middle School PTO is considering hosting a Rocky Horror Picture Show movie night fundraiser at Memorial Hall...would other PTO's be interested in participating?
- Pam Witowski and Joe Ingemi from Market America spoke to us about a district wide fundraising opportunity.
- The Melrose Sharing and Caring fundraiser, which raises money for children with special needs, was held on October 21st at the Hilton Woburn Hotel...the event was sold out.
- We discussed the possibility of elementary schools joining together to host mother/son or father/daughter dances. It was suggested that a parent/child dance may be more inclusive.
- The difficulty of changing PTO boards and their impact on bookkeeping was discussed. The reliance on volunteer treasurers can present challenges to incoming officers, who must rely on previous board members accounting methods for reports to Melrose PTO Inc.
- It was suggested that a portion of the Melrose Gives Back fundraiser be set aside in a revolving account with the business manager to be used by principals for end of year supply shortages. PTO members were hesitant to approve

this suggestion, as there would be no way to insure equity amongst schools. This also begs the question...should parents fund basic supplies like paper for the schools, or is it the districts responsibility?

- The next Citywide PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th.