

March PTO Meeting Notes

Our meeting was held on March 16th and was attended by about 20 members, as well as several teachers. Mr. Strasnick was not in attendance due to a schedule conflict.

After introductions, the following topics were discussed:

- ❖ The Golf Tournament Committee provided an update on the plans for our upcoming event, scheduled for 5/13. The event format will be much as in the past, and non-golfers are encouraged to attend the dinner, as it will include raffles, silent auctions and a DJ. Notices have gone out to ask families to think about any business contacts for possible corporate sponsorships.
- ❖ Pat Muxie, Director of Curriculum for Melrose Public Schools, presented an overview of the K-5 curriculum and responded to parents' questions. Her presentation has been posted on the HM website.
- ❖ An update on our monthly Dine Arounds was provided. We are still awaiting final results from Breuggers (January), which are delayed due to the need for some tax info. Kelly's (February) raised \$218. Fuddruckers (March) was sponsored by the 5th grade and at the time of the meeting, results had not yet been confirmed. We are scheduled for Uno's (Revere) for April 14th and The 99 Restaurant for May, which will be our last of the year.
- ❖ Committee Chair Beth Federico provided an update on Math-a-thon results. Overall, the new online format was very successful and greatly reduced the amount of volunteer effort required for this event. While participation was a bit low, those who pledged were very generous, and we raised over \$900 for the PTO's general fund.
- ❖ The upcoming Ice Cream Social and Open House was quickly reviewed.
- ❖ Possible plans for a Read-a-thon were discussed.
- ❖ Sub Night was discussed again. Several parents have offered to assist to enable us to continue this traditional favorite in Mr. McDermod's absence. Details are still to be determined.
- ❖ Co-VP Jackie Skane provided an update on Citywide PTO.
- ❖ The co-treasurer reviewed the monthly budget report. As our fiscal position has improved slightly, we are working to make some additional funds available for Enrichment. Reminder that the budget is always available to be viewed online. Details to access this info can be found on the "from the treasurers section" of the HM website.

Thanks to all who participated, and a special thanks to HM Alums Maeve Murphy, Alex Venuti and Miranda Lombardo for providing babysitting services. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday; April 13th**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.