



**PTO Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 12, 2016
Melridge Library**

PTO Board for 2016-2017 School Year

President: Kelly Flenner,
Vice President: Natalie Rosemier,
Treasurer: Melissa Hopper
Secretary: Lindsay Busch

Also in Attendance: Julie Weber (Principal), Teachers: Amanda Brown, Christy Daugherty, Terri Martin, Laura Augustine and Lori Farrar. Parents in attendance: Jamie Taylor, Linda O'Hara, Courtney Urban, Danielle Morris, Angie Burkholder, Michelle Bittner, Shawte Lawson, Jackie Fisher, Gretchen Baptie, Angel Iacofano, Chirs Kirk, Melissa Garbincus, Amanda Brown, Missy Moore, Rachel Lamb, Anjita Jair, Susan Dolce, Erika Toivonen.

- Call to order at 7:03pm
- Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Officers
- Approval on May meeting minutes and end of year Budget – Approved by all paid members

Treasurer Report – Melissa Hopper

Melissa reported that we did better then projected in the 2015-1016 school year. There is still money in the library project fund from the 2014-2015 school year that Mrs. Weber is using for ordering books and she is currently working spending the remaining money. We are replacing the coupon book fundraiser with a Read A- Thon so there is a new line item for that fundraiser. Melissa also worked with Mrs. Martin to come up with a budget for maintaining the Veterans Garden and she added that amount as a new line item. The paid members voted and agreed on the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

Project Fund – Kelly Flenner

This money is raised at our spring fundraiser, last school year it was a reverse raffle held at LaMalfa Party Center. Kelly went over all of the projects that were included in the aesthetic updating of the Melridge property, including: Outside signs, indoor signs, lemonade stand, curtains, and décor for main office, painting of swing sets and monkey bars, ordering of new cafeteria tables, and One School, One Book purchases. A special thank you to John Dolce for donating the scaffolding used to paint the pole at 84 and Melridge, Sue Dolce who made the new curtains for the Melridge office, Adam Tomco for sanding and





painting the monkey bars on the playground and Rich and Angie Burkholder for making the Lemonade Stand.

Membership Update – Lindsay Busch

As of 9-12-16 we have 7 Sponsors and 101 members with a total of 108 members, this is a great start to the year. The classes that are in the lead to win the pizza party for having the most members joined are: Mrs. Martins all day Kindergarten with 13 then Mrs. Haag's 4th grade with 11. There are 7 classes close behind, all with 10. This will come to a close this Thursday the 15th.

Spirit Wear Update – Lindsay Busch

Orders were place 6 days ago and we were told 7-10 business days. Reminder that there was a holiday and that it also is the busiest time of year for the company we use. Lindsay discussed how we have made changes based on our families input and requests and the popularity of items. We are hoping to do a "special" holiday sale with cold weather items, such as a beanie hat and sweatshirts. Reminder that we are always open suggestions.

Book Fair: Natalie Rosemier

First week in Oct will be our fall book fair. Natalie will be sending home a form asking for volunteers to help during the fair as well as set up on Sept. 30th. Our December book fair will be held at Barnes and Noble again this year. This fundraiser was very profitable for us as well as fun.

Lead Homeroom Parent Update: Courtney Urban and Missy Moore

Most rooms are covered with 3 needing leads at time of meeting. During meeting several spoke up willing to help out if needed. A Homeroom Parent meeting is scheduled for Sept 30th at 9:15am in the art room. The Board admitted that not having the meeting last year was their mistake and it lead to the parties not being as successful as they had been in the past.

Directory Update: Kelly Flenner reminded everyone to get their directory forms in by Thursday, 9/15/16. Sue Dolce is creating the Melridge Directory this year.





Communication: Kelly Flenner and Lindsay Busch

Kelly Flenner is switching the PTO over to The Remind App , replacing Celly that got too complicated last year. Kelly also has been working hard updating the PTO website and getting all of our forms onto it so that you can print them from there if needed. We also do try to reduce our paper use and are on Facebook, Twitter and will communicate through email. Lindsay is now working on a fresh and new member list and updating member information. You may continue to get double e-mails for a bit longer.

Teacher Requests: These must be approved by Mrs. Weber before the PTO members can vote to approve or reject the request.

Mrs. Farrar: Is our new ½ day kindergarten teacher who teaches at Melridge in the mornings and Madison Ave. in the afternoon. Her requests were for a class set of Dry Erase Boards with the cost of \$72.65 and a class set of Kangaroo Chair Pocket Pouches with the cost of \$395.10. The Member approved both requests.

Mrs. Rubertino: Is an intervention specialist who instructs out of one of our modular units. She has made a request; however, we are holding for Mrs. Weber review of the request.

Fundraisers scheduled for this school year – Kelly Flenner

- Read – A- Thon : Easy to follow directions coming home shortly to families. Kids names may be spelled wrong on form that comes home but should be correct when you log into the class account. If you have any issues please contact your child’s teacher, they can correct any misspelling.
- Pizza Bingo – Nov. 18th at RHS Cafeteria for all Melridge families.
- Box Tops –please separate in groups of 50 and make sure each has an expiration date. Also accepting Labels for Education until the program phases out.
- Skating Party: Oct. 6th at City Skate Center in Painesville. We do not have school the next day.
- Kalahari – We did great last year with this fundraiser. This year it will be Super Bowl Sunday as we do not have school that following Monday.
- Adult Social – We are looking for a new venue, if anyone has any ideas please send them our way. We are looking to change it up a bit this year. We are still looking at around the same time in March.





2016 Bond Levy – Susan Dolce, Erika Toivinen, and Mrs. Laura Augustine

These ladies attended the K.I.D.S. meeting and training this evening and came back to report to us. They spoke of the need for volunteers, who to contact, and what they need volunteers for. The K.I.D.S. Committee will be at our Oct. 10th meeting to answer any questions.

K.I.D.S. Committee Donation Request – Kelly Flenner

Kelly read the request letter from the committee. They are asking all parent groups in the school district for a \$1,000 donation for the K.I.D.S. Committee to pay for marketing materials for the upcoming bond levy. The funds will be used strictly for development, printing, postage and related marketing expenses critical to passing this Issue #5. They indicated they would not ask for donations from PTOs if they had other means for obtaining the funds necessary to run the campaign. There was some discussion as to why that amount was requested. Kelly explained that in recent years Melridge has donated \$500 to the K.I.D.S. Committee for levy use. Kelly explained how at a recent RPTA meeting the committee did say that if they had any unused funds it would be prorated and returned to the groups that donated. After some discussion, we took it to a member vote and was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Julie Weber – Principal of Melridge Elementary

One School, One Book Assembly will be this Friday. The students will receive their book. Lemonade War The students have been introduced to this slowly without realizing it is a lead up to the books reveal. The Lemonade Stand was at Ice Cream Social and Open houses. There as been a lemon fact on announcements this past week as well.

The purpose of reading the Lemonade War is literature enjoyment at home with enrichment on the literature at school. It is not meant to be a taught lesson at school.

We will sell lemonade at The Kick Off Carnival and give all money made to Alex’s Lemonade Stand. The hope is that students will run this with adult guidance at the carnival. A volunteer form will be coming home.

Soon the lemonade stand will turn into the Melridge School Store. This will be promoted and ran by the 5th grade class. Mrs. Weber has been shopping little at a time when she sees a great item and a great price.

Leader in Me: This program is up and on its way. You will hear Mrs. Weber and other teachers using the terms and methods when speaking to the students. Right now they are focusing on the first, which is being proactive: The student is in charge of the decisions that they make.





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