

Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES Parent donations along with employer matching donations • 1-2 corporate donations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES Parent and Teacher membership dues • Boosterthon fundraiser • Dolphin Donors (MES families and local businesses) • Spring Auction/Casino Night fundraiser
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster teaching excellence and enhance student achievement • Technology purchases (smart boards, student devices, document cameras, virtual/hybrid learning aids) • Curriculum investments to support school's strategic plan (Handwriting without Tears, ixL and other student apps) • Teacher training (Orton-Gillingham training, Gifted teacher certifications) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent communication and engagement • Teacher appreciation and support, including supplies • Community-building and Enrichment activities (Halloween Carnival, Family Science Night, Variety Show) • Technology and innovation (devices, grants) • Curriculum support (Dolphin Toolkits, library materials) • Partnerships and Philanthropy (Dolphins Do Good)
Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Board of 5-15 parents • Meetings attended by MES Leadership, a faculty representative, and a PTA representative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership open to all MES parents and teachers • Volunteer Board with Executive Committee of 10-15 parents • Meetings attended by MES leadership and a Foundation representative

Notes and Other Organizations

- The Foundation and PTA are both 501(c)(3) organizations separate from APS and all donations are tax-deductible
 - Foundation raises and spends between \$100,000 and \$150,000 annually; it is a wholly independent organization
 - PTA raises and spends around \$200,000 annually; it operates under the auspices of state and national PTA organizations and the membership votes to approve the PTA annual budget
- MES Parents have the opportunity to run for a position on MES's GO Team as voted on by the entire MES community
 - GO Teams also include the principal, elected staff representatives and community members
 - Go Teams provide input into the school budget and curriculum, and work with the principal to establish the school's strategic plan and monitor achievement of goals.