

MES PTA and Foundation Overview

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FUNDING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES parent and teacher membership dues • Fall Boosterthon and Spring Auction/Casino Night Fundraisers • Dolphin Donors (MES families and local businesses) • Raises and spends ~\$200,000 annually; annual budget approved by member vote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES parent donations along with employer matching donations • 1-2 corporate donations • Raises and spends between \$100,000 and \$150,000 annually
FOCUS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent communication and engagement • Teacher appreciation and support, including supplies • Community-building and enrichment activities (Monster Bash, Family Science Night, WAVES Arts Showcase) • Technology and innovation (devices, grants) • Curriculum support (Dolphin toolkits, library materials) • Partnerships and philanthropy (Dolphins Do Good) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster teaching excellence and enhance student achievement • Technology purchases (smart boards, student devices, document cameras) • Curriculum investments to support the school's strategic plan (Handwriting Without Tears, ixL, and other student apps) • Teacher training (Orton-Gillingham training, Gifted teacher certifications)
COMPOSITION:	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer board of 5-15 parents • Meetings attended by MES leadership, a faculty representative, and a PTA representative

The PTA and the Foundation are both 501(c)(3) organizations separate from APS. The PTA is organized under the auspices of the national and state PTA organizations while the Foundation is wholly independent. All donations are tax-deductible.