



**“HOT TOPICS” FROM YOUR MES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
FEBRUARY 2018**

- PTA Executive Committee met on February 9, 2018 from 8:15 am until 10:41 am; here are the “Hot Topics” addressed during the meeting.
- Next Principal Coffee will be March 2, 2018 in the Media Center.
- Book Fair- \$32,842.67 total. We have options for using our 30% (approx. \$10K): apply to a future student book fair with Little Shop of Stories, OR apply to teacher books now. EC voted and decided on the second option, to go ahead and use the \$ rather than roll over until next year. Suggestion that LSOS bring their own cash registers/square system next year rather than using PTA square system. Great feedback from teachers in thanks for books purchased for their classrooms.
- The teacher chili lunch, to which parents prepared and brought in chili, cost the PTA only \$50. The teachers loved it; great feedback.
- Parent University- what topics will bring in the largest # of parents. Should we consider videotaping and putting a feed on our FB page? Fridays seem to be the best day for PU's.
- The MES day at the Hawks game will be March 11. Great fundraising results. There will also be 16 seats purchased as an auction item for our 3/3 auction. Discussion of exploring an MES day at an Atlanta United game next year.
- Auction is March 3. We have 140 items for silent auction and 10 live auction items. Mobile bidding for silent auction items will be available several days prior to the auction; you don't have to be present to win silent auction items. We will need many volunteers for the evening; Susanna Roberts to recruit volunteers. There will be an after party at the Family Dog starting at 11 with drink and food specials.
- Highland Diamond has given \$10,000 as a Dolphin Donor sponsor; their sponsorship will roll over as a Dolphin Donor next school year as well.
- The auction wine wall donations continue through February 16, either via bringing bottles of wine or making a monetary donation via the MES PTA online store. The wine will be raffled at the auction.
- Variety Show student artwork will be displayed at the Auction.
- We will have an end of year mini carnival this spring, likely May 19, on the field, at which time we will use a standing credit with Burgess events.
- We need a PTA Dolphin Donor chair for next school year, and possibly a square reader chair as well, so that these items can receive proper focus. We need to have designated square users at all events.
- Amazon Smile is still making \$ for the school; postings to FB pages this week to encourage people to use the system.
- Proposal that the PTA reserve \$20K in Dine Out funds for the past several years to apply to a new garden after the MES renovation is complete.
- Several teachers will retire after this school year: Mr. Miller, Ms. Hardy, and Ms. Morgan, with Mrs. Barrett likely re-locating as well. Administration is already accepting applications for those roles. An additional EIP teacher will be added, as well as an additional Kindergarten teacher.
- Administration will continue to try to keep all classes at 23 or under.
- Next community meeting will be in March or April, focusing on long term Grady cluster concerns. This meeting will not be held at MES, but at another school in the cluster TBD.
- An overcrowding survey will be sent out Tuesday, with a deadline of Friday. The results will inform the final decision, but won't be the only consideration.
- MES is now accredited with quality, “AWQ”
- Re-zoning is off the table for fall 2018.
- Family Science Night coming up next week. FSN budget has been met.
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