

# Mesa Elementary School PTO General Meeting Notes

## March 1, 2024, 8:00am

### Attendees

Adi Diner, Anna Abboud, Carrie Simpson, Emily Schmidt, Josh Baldner, Justine Prothro, Megan Maguire, Michelle Duvall, Paige Leonard

### Budget - Anna

- Mesa is on track for budget based on projections

### Carrie

- Carrie made motion to approve February minutes
  - Michelle seconded
  - All voted yes
- Moving May meeting to May 17 at 8 a.m.; better for budget planning

### Multicultural Festival Recap

- Potentially shifting up performances in timeline next year
- Possibly eliminate food truck next year because there's so much food at the event
- Expenses >\$1,000; Income \$910 from donations. Grant used from BVSD DEI to pay for performances, hopefully we can get it again next year
- 26 tables this year compared to 19 last year; over half families returned from last year, new families hosted. Planning for next year, have as many if not more tables
- Overspent on bowls, tablecloths, decorations, all supplies that can be reused for next year as we have a lot leftover

### Principal's report

- Ideas from previous/current families to support Mesa values and culture; all our families contribute to supporting other kids and the community as a whole
- Next year planning has started for teachers, budget, events
- Survey for parent/caregivers on their expertise, career, and cultural experiences by topic so teachers can refer to it for guest speakers and presentations.
- FET meeting brought up family sharing, parents sitting in on classes, sharing cultural identities. Embed our cultures across Mesa in the classrooms. Many new families coming to Mesa are international families or families that selected Mesa based on DEI committee and involvement.

### Fun Run

- Fri., May 3; times TBD, Josh and Jayce to finalize
- Michelle will update HelpatSchools for volunteers needed; Paige to post Fun Run page on website, include in Mesa Weekly, create flyer for Friday Folders. Josh to include in Monday message
- March meeting for Fun Run - need more people to help plan!
- Fundraising Theme is Mesa Oasis:
  - Phase 1 of groundcover: \$10k is needed for breeze (crushed rock, first layer)
  - Phase 2 of groundcover: \$10k with adding areas of turf (goes on top of breeze)
  - Asking kids - if they raise \$50, they'll be entered into a drawing for prizes

- Kids involved in fundraising, emphasizing participation; grade level and school level prizes (ex. class gets extra recess). If kid raises more than \$50, enter into drawing
- Tight fundraising window 2 weeks before event: Marvin to hand out fundraising reminders to each class
- Justine to hype kids up and explain groundcover at Oasis during lunchtime before Fun Run

#### Mesa Oasis

- If you have materials for the Oasis to donate (boulders/rocks, tires, flowers), please email us.
- Installation of ground cover would occur over the summer if we raise the funds

#### Other Items

- Teacher Appreciation May 8-12; need restaurant donations for lunches plus asking parents to make food.
- Silent Auction - maybe for next year
- Mesa Bakers- add to room parent email
- Bike/Walk to School-April 24th-need volunteers
- Mesa Mentors-Pete will organize it for next year; Megan will meet w Tracy; start asking parents now to sign up for next year
- DEI-April 25th Parent Evening on Neurodiversity (BVSD trainer)
- CMAS Snacks-room parents help organize