

**Claremont Immersion School PTA
General Membership Meeting
September 13, 2017. 8PM
Multipurpose Room Claremont Immersion Elementary**

Introduction: President Melissa Schwaber

Melissa welcomed all attendants to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report—Donna Lombardo

Donna passed out the proposed PTA budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Melissa explained parts of the budget and fielded questions from the assembly about it. Melissa also touched on one of Claremont's biggest fund-raisers: the Read-a-Thon. She spoke of how past Read-a-Thons funds have helped build classroom libraries. Ashlee Morris motioned to bring the budget to the floor for a vote. Melania Saraniero seconded the motion. Melissa called for a vote to pass the proposed PTA budget for the 2017-2018 school year. All meeting attendants were in favor. The budget passed.

VP Communications--Melania Saraniero

Melania discussed the printed monthly calendar which will go home with students. The calendar will highlight key dates for the month. Melania also said that This Week at Claremont will be sent to all parents via email—there is no need to sign up separately for it. Melania asked for help keeping the PTA website up to date. She announced that the school guides were recently uploaded to the PTA website. Melissa said she will soon send out a list of key dates for the school year. Melissa said the new school directory should be out around Thanksgiving. Melissa encouraged everyone to use the PTA listserv and PTA Facebook page to ask questions and communicate with other parents. Melissa spoke about PeachJar which sends electronic flyers to parents via email.

VP Educational and Green Initiatives—Amy Oldham

Amy spoke about the group Vive Verde who heads up the green initiatives for Claremont. Amy asked for a volunteer to chair Vive Verde for next year. She spoke of After School Enrichment, Odyssey of the Mind, and the national PTA art contest: Reflections.

Vamos Adelente Coordinator—Isa Anderson

Isa explained that Vamos Adelente is a parent volunteer organization that fosters Hispanic heritage. She mentioned some of Vamos Adelente's events for the year: Movie Night in Spanish, the Spanish Spelling Bee, the International Dinner and Dance, and parents reading to their children's class in Spanish.

President-Elect--Lyzbeth Monard

Lyzbeth spoke about joining the PTA and the various levels of PTA memberships.

VP Social—Gina Mendoza

Gina spoke of the social events planned for the school year: Classroom Parties, Fall Fest, School Dance, and the Marine Corps Fun Run. Gina mentioned she needed volunteers to help input information for MCM Fun Run runners.

Maria Godinho—VP Fundraising

Maria spoke of the various fundraising events for the school year: The Silent Auction, the Parent Social, the Book Fair, Read-a-Thon, and the Potbelly Fundraiser. Melissa asked for volunteers for the Silent Auction Committee. Melissa mentioned that babysitting is available for the Silent Auction as well as for all the General PTA meetings.

Maggie Colston—Recording Secretary and PTA Volunteer Coordinator

Maggie spoke of her role of taking meeting minutes and encouraged everyone to participate in the volunteer effort at Claremont. She said most volunteer opportunities will be through signup.com, and if anyone had questions to email her claremontimmersionvolunteer@gmail.com. Melissa announced that all volunteers have to fill out a volunteer application.

Principal Update-Jessica Panfil

Jessica thanked all of the PTA and the teachers who attended the PTA meeting. Jessica announced that Claremont now has a crossing guard. Jessica then spoke of the recent reworking of lunch and recess initiatives which will start this year: there will be a lunch-based staff and a recess-based staff; classroom teachers will be present for the last five minutes of their class's lunch; recently installed cubbies in the multipurpose will keep things off the floor; and there is new recess equipment for all the students to use in the outdoor shed. Melissa announced that Picture Day is September 22. She encouraged everyone to fill out the opt-out forms if applicable. Melissa also spoke of the new trailers that Claremont which will alleviate some of the overcrowding at Claremont.

Melissa thanked everyone for coming. She announced the next PTA meeting will be the first Tuesday in October and will be in Spanish.

*****Meeting Adjourned*****