

Emerson Arts and Education Foundation
(PACE- partnership academics + community at Emerson)

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Called to order 9:10 am

In Attendance-

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Sandy Huamanc, Joanna Ryan, Caron Zlotenew, Katherine Owens, David Mun, 10 Zoom participants

- Introductions around the room and What PACE is
 - a PARENT LED booster club made up of parent volunteers that work to bridge the gap of what LAUSD provides and the wonderful things students actually get to do. We bridge the gap by fundraising and also asking every family to donate whatever amount small or big is doable for your family. We then fund the programs and activities that all of our children benefit from throughout the entire school year. You can contribute through Zelle, make payments via PayPal or just write a check payable to PACE
- Swear in Chana - Co-VP Events motion by Paula, seconded by Pantea, all in favor-unanimous.

Fundraisers

- **FREE DRESS DAY** for donation to PACE - before winter break, we raised almost 4,600!
SUMMARY
- \$10,000 from Fox
- \$23,890 (includes 4598 from free dress).
- \$3500 corporate matching
- \$650 dine outs/photo/wrap/plus CPK
- Our budget is \$80,000, need another \$40k - let's make it happen by donations, fundraisers - every little bit helps if we participate together
- If you're a business owner or know of a business interested in advertising their business and in turn sponsoring our school please email Sima on our Board:
sima4pace@gmail.com

School Events

- Chess Club - Every day Nutrition and lunch in Library
- New Newspaper Club, 2x per week

Volunteer Updates

- PACE is starting again to update school hallway displays - need volunteers
- Universal "Volunteer Opportunity" link that will be ongoing. Parents keep checking for new dates and opportunities in our Newsletter. We will be adding volunteer information for upcoming fundraisers.
- Sign up Genius for both is also in the Newsletter
- No more 1 day volunteer form accepted, must be Tier II or Tier III to volunteer. Link for application is on website and both newsletters.

*Anyone interested in being on our volunteer list for these and ongoing volunteer opportunities should email the Emerson Pace email: EmersonPaceinfo@gmail.com

- We are looking ahead to Next year - and Pantea and I personally want to make sure that PACE is as well-staffed for next year, as we made sure we are for this year. We have several parents of 8th graders that won't be here next year so if you're interested in participating and making decisions that impact your kids - please reach out to us. All positions are up for grabs, including ours.

Trips

- 8th - No Space Camp - 4/14-4/18

If there are parent that have other ideas and want to chaperone and organize a trip over Spring Break or over summer, please email us at

EmersonPaceinfo@gmail.com

Yearbook

- Yearbook photo link in each newsletter
- Upload photos of your child's first day of school.
- Upload baby photo (8th grade only)
- Field trip chaperones please take larger group photos and try to capture all students and upload to folder. Parents can download photos of their kids at events on this drive as well.

Website

- We have updated our PACE website at www.emersonpace.com for all upcoming events, PACE donation portal and Emerson news!

PACE Funding

- Last year PACE did not reach their annual goal and we are in jeopardy of having to cut back on some of the amazing activities that make Emerson stand out against other LAUSD schools. This year we are asking for 100% participation, big or small. The annual ask is **\$750** per child however even the smallest amount can make a difference. All donations are tax deductible . Payments can be made via check (payable to PACE), Zelle (EmersonTreasurer@gmail.com) or Paypal (with a monthly option as well).
- Refer below if questions are asked.

Communication

- Sign up for Newsletter : www.EmersonPACE.com
 - Sometimes winds up in SPAM/JUNK folder, make sure to hit "allow sender" or unblock if needed.
- Social Media
 - Check out our Instagram and Facebook account for updates and photos.
- Question, Email PACE: EmersonPACEinfo@gmail.com

Adjourned 9:33 am