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MIDTOWN MERRYHILL PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)
GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, 10/6/21 @ 6 PM

I. Welcome & October Minutes (Amber)

A. Welcome

- i. Start by saying thank you to all those who have signed up to join trunk or treat. We have 20 + people. Not sure what past years have been, but this is going to be a great year. Everyone seems to be so involved, there are a lot of new families that want to get involved and meet everyone so it will be a great year.

B. Sign in

- i. So we asked everyone as you sign in, Veronica do you want to talk about how they should sign in.

Veronica Angin: Yeah, Stacey, I saw that you dropped it in the chat, I'm not sure if you want to drop it in again for the people that are just now signing in.

Chat:

Stacey Edgar: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fShTwpP5zKM9-8b29a-d0kXYIUxU1C3PzSP3781-17g/edit?usp=sharing>

Stacey Edgar: Yeah I was going to say that I dropped the link for people to sign the attendance sheet in the chat. I can do that again.

Amber Williams: I know you might want to put the grade levels of your kiddos to make it easier. To connect.

Veronica Angin: Yeah, I also dropped the agenda in the chat for everyone as well so that they can follow along as well.

Amber Williams: I know if you heard that, the agenda is there if you want to look at it and I will go exactly by the agenda.

Rachael Kennedy: The sign in, the permissions are requiring...so if you change the settings so that we can sign in.

Chat:

Ginny Pruitt: I think you may need to change the permissions...it's not giving me access

Brent Jo: Same here

Stacey Edgar: Okay, let me do that real quick....ok, so just to everyone, ok, got it... Okay, try the new link now...

Chat:

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Rachael Kennedy: That works now.

Amber Williams: Ok, and thank you to Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Wallis for joining, it's nice to have the full circle of people.

Chat:

Ginny Pruitt: Now you need to change to allow everyone to edit :)

Rachel Kennedy: Yes, we can view now but you will need to change access to everyone can edit instead of everyone can view :)

C. Approval of September Minutes

- i. First order is to approve the minutes, which Veronica dropped in the chat. I don't think we need to spend a lot of time on it, but we do need to have a formal vote on it. So does someone want to bring it up to vote and we can do that? (silence for about 15 seconds)

Amber Williams: Did you see Ms. Kennedy's note?

Rachael Kennedy: Yeah, I think you need to change it to anyone with this link can edit and that will allow us to add names.

Stacey Edgar: Let me see anyone with the link? My only options are restricted and anyone with the link.

Brett Wallis: Yeah, next to anyone with the link it should say view only and there is an error down and you should be able to select edit.

Stacey Edgar: Ok, okay, editor

Stacey Edgar: yeah and that will allow anyone with the link to both view and edit.

Stacey Edgar: Ok, thank you. Clearly, I was not the one who did this last year, now try it.

Chat:

Ginny Pruitt: Good to go now

Stacey Edgar: Thank you Ginny

Amber Williams: Officers approve the minutes, or does it have to be someone else?

Stacey Edgar: Well, I think we may have to wait until next week as I haven't even had a chance to read them. At next meeting, we may have to approve both of them because no one is going to motion to approve them if they haven't read them. I actually had no time to read them today.

Amber Williams: Yeah, let's move on then.

II. Annual Calendar Review & Volunteer needs (Amber)

A. October events

1. First family get-together

i. Where: Urban Roots located at 1322 V St, Sacramento, CA 95818

Located in the back barrel room and appetizers will be served. Grab your favorite beverage from the bar and come meet other Merryhill families. PTSO will provide appetizers. Even if you only have time for a 20 minute stop by with your student(s), we'd love to see you and have you stop by. We will send out a reminder for this one next Tuesday.

ii. Date: Tuesday 10/12/21

iii. Time: 5-7pm

iv. We are looking to do this every month. Melanie, Preston's mom, I can't remember their last name is going to coordinate something in Elk Grove because we realize not everyone is in the midtown area. Then we will be off in December and look to get back in January. We are looking for volunteers in Folsom, Roseville, wherever, PTSO will cover the cost for food, but we are looking for a charity rate in terms of using a room or if you know someone in your town where they can give us a room and they can make money off people ordering dinner. If you're interested in doing this, reach out to us on our gmail account if you're interested and we can get you more information.

2. Trunk or Treat

i. Where: Merryhill Midtown

ii. Date: Friday 10/29/21

iii. Time: 11am set up/decorating, 1pm event, 2:15pm clean up, must be out by 2:45pm to allow for cone set up and pick up routine preparations

iv. Email merryhillmidtownptso@gmail.com if interested in hosting a trunk. We already have about 20, sorry I have been a little slow to respond but I think I have everyone now who wants to volunteer. There are some more strict guidelines because of COVID this year that Ms. Kennedy shared with me today. I will send those out to the volunteers and it's just talking about gloves, masking, and how we hand out candy and all of that. If you know a parent that wants to volunteer, please give them the merryhillmidtownptso@gmail.com email account and let us know they are interested. We sent an email from Josh on Sunday describing the event. Done in the parking lot from the trunks of the car handing out candy, and wear costumes and decorate the trunk and PTSO will provide the candy for you to hand out in the trunks. It's all going to be very COVID friendly and each class has a time when they come out. My kids are a little older

now so I like to see the younger ones come out all dressed up. One of the requests I have had this year for newer families to the event or school are asking for photos and ideas of cars decorated from past years if someone could get pictures, if Brett or do we have some photos in the newsletter or something?

Stacey Edgar: I think there is a video too.

Rachael Kennedy: We typically create videos and have those we can share and send those along to you. We do plan to live stream them this year, and we have some of our skills from distance learning and we are keeping those moving forward so Brett and I are excited about that and Marcos, so that families can watch, in the past, we did allow families to come. Typically parents or grandparents would come in and just walk with them, but given that we can't do that this year we are trying to give the entire community access to view the event. Just so everyone is aware, the COVID protocol will be sent schoolwide so that everyone knows what's going on and can feel comfortable.

Amber Williams: I will put it in our newsletter as well to give everyone the information.

Brett Wallis: I'll be doing the DJ'ing for the event that day too, so it should be some great tunes.

Rachael Kennedy: Amber, do you want us to send the pictures and video directly over to you?

Amber Williams: Yes! And if you can copy the whole merryhillmidtownPTSO@gmail.com as well so that all the officers see it as well.

Rachael Kennedy: okay.

Stacey Edgar: Can either Rachael or Brett get us a number of students, because we probably want to have a cut off date, we have to buy candy and we usually do 1 piece per child, per car so we kind of need to know how much candy we need to buy. And Amber, we probably need to have a cut off date so that we know the number of cars so we know how much candy. I may enlist Kristy Dias who's done the purchasing in the past. I believe it has to be nut free AND made in a nut free facility, is that correct?

Rachael Kennedy: Uh-huh. And we tend... parents have most luck with non-chocolate and the fruit candies tend to not be produced in facilities that have nuts. In terms of student numbers, plan for 410.

Stacey Edgar: Ok.

Amber Williams: ...and you'll send us photos, videos, and what-not to share with parents. Anything else on trunk or treat or do we want to move on? (silence) ok...

Chat:

Stacy Toledo: I have pix I can send to PTSO too

Yoko: Thank you, Kim!!

Stacey Edgar: Thank you Kim!!!

3. Potential Playoff Games

i. this is just a note we are in communication with Mr. Kennedy and when we have a team that is going to make it to playoffs, we will put it in the newsletter and a blurb about it to keep everyone informed and have parents maybe that their kids aren't playing, but if there is a game close to home maybe they can go and support, I can tell you that I would love to do this.

Stacey Edgar: I can tell you already that for varsity girls volleyball we have had a lot of 8th grade families come out and support and show spirit.

Amber Williams: I think we all want to do that, and it gives motivation and confidence to play better and if we can do that and fit it into our schedules. So we will try to get that info out so everyone has it.

B. Calendar of events/Volunteer needs

i. Again, need volunteers for Trunk or Treat

ii. Volunteers for get togethers in your area, email us if you are interested in that.

iii. Early Discussions about a Teacher Appreciation Day

a. This year we have decided to not do the full week, but maybe 2 individual days with one maybe in December before the holiday break and then one in the traditional time period in May I guess that is.

- b. We want ideas, I am a proponent of the students doing a lot of the work vs. the moms coming up with everything. I love the decorate the teacher's door, and maybe make something at home and stick it on the doors so when the teachers come in.
- c. We have a list of the teacher's favorite things and we can talk about how to integrate that, we want it equitable, we don't want one teacher getting a lot and not another so I'll open it up for comments. Stacy Toledo do you have any ideas?

Stacy Toledo: I do not have any ideas right now, but I will put it on my list to think about. I do like the ideas of the kids doing the work, especially around holidays when we are busy. I will do my Pinterest idea search.

Amber Williams: Thank you, you are so creative. We will start that discussion now, but don't have to make any decisions right now.

Stacey Edgar: I don't know Stacy if you want to do this but I believe Michelle has blank forms up front would you be willing to reach out to her to find out and have new teachers fill out the forms.

Kim Tanimoto: Before you do that, is it possible to do maybe a Google form for the teachers to fill out? And the reason I ask for that is it turns out like a ginormous PDF for everyone to fill out, and it would be easier to have a database that everyone can search through.

Stacey Edgar: I don't have a problem with that, I don't know Amber if you do, I'm not good at that, I don't know if there is someone who is willing to run with creating the Google doc for that...

Kim Tanimoto: As the person who asked, I will happily create a Google form for that, I just need a blank one and I can stop by and ask Michelle for one, if Mr. Wallis and Ms. Kennedy don't think the teachers would mind doing that and filling it out?

Rachael Kennedy: That's totally fine, Michelle can get that and if you adapt it to a Google doc and send the link they wouldn't mind filling that out. Depending on your timeframe, if you had it ready for Monday's PD day, we could fill it out real quick then.

Kim Tanimoto: No, no problem, I will do it and have it for you by Monday, that is how much I want it done.

Rachael Kennedy: We will add it to their little check off task list for PD day, they'll be excited to do that one.

Amber Williams: Thank you so much, I appreciate people volunteering. Any other questions about October events? Ok, we can move on to the Treasurer's report Stacey.

III. Treasurer Report (Stacey)

- A. Financials- Not much activity got the \$58 from Nugget, \$340 from Venmo, so believe passed budget for membership now by \$10. No expenses this month. The only thing I would like to discuss is now that we can check members, if we want to motion to vote to pull the \$3,065.85 from restricted back into the unrestricted which was discussed last month but not voted on.

Amber Williams: Can I motion?

Stacey Edgar: I think anybody can.

Amber Williams: I would do that, I would motion to move the money from restricted to unrestricted.

Rachael Kennedy: I'll second the motion.

Stacey Edgar: How do you want to vote, Veronica?

Veronica Angin: because this isn't my Zoom, I couldn't set up the polls, but I will do the same thing as we started to do last time, where everyone can send me the vote since I've checked everyone's membership. The only person is "Diana" if you could give a last name or chat it to me, I could verify the membership for the vote and check you off. I put my cell phone number in the chat and we can do the same as the other motions, with a yes or no.

Amber Williams: So if you can just put your vote in the chat.

Veronica Angin: ...and those of you that don't feel comfortable voting in the chat you can text me since it's more private that way and you can feel comfortable sending your vote that way if you'd like.

Chat:

Veronica Angin: 209-277-1226

Amber Williams: Yes on moving the money.

Ginny Pruitt: Yes

Rachel Kennedy: Yes

Erika Arthur: Yes
Kim Tanimoto: Yes
Stacey Edgar: Yes
Brett Wallis: yes
annajuern: yes
Yoko: Yes
Veronica Angin: yes
Sarah Rudes: Yes

Veronica Angin: and at this point, with 11 yes votes, we are already going to be past the majority so that motion passes.

Amber Williams: Ok Stacey, let's move on....

Stacey Edgar: That's about it, there wasn't really a lot going on this month.

Amber Williams: Ok, so the next area is parent requested topics. Some will impact funding, so Stacey, can you show us what we really have in play

Stacey Edgar: So we have about, we always keep \$1,000 minimum balance, pulling this back into unrestricted, will have almost \$8,000.

Amber Williams: Sorry to put you on the spot, but what would we have after those events and paying for those events we have for candy, family get togethers, what would be left.

Stacey Edgar: I think we started with \$7,400 and budgeted about \$5,000 so looking at a \$2,500 profit with this year's budget. We should be about \$10,000...what we started with income, expenses should be \$10,000 extra, well \$9,000 with the minimum required. We already met the budget for membership. Family dinners and Amazon could come in, they could not though.

Amber Williams: Are you kidding me? So we have a lot of money we can play with, have a lot of money here to pay for things that have come up here recently, so keep that in mind as we move into the next agenda items of parent requested topics.

IV. Parent Requested Topics (Amber)

A. Air Purifiers (Kyle)- Thank you, this is perfect timing, love being the speaker after learning we have \$10,000 burning a hole in our pockets. I'm sure you have all heard of with COVID and masking, testing, vaccinating. We can only mask our little ones and still getting through this pandemic. But another level of layering is ventilation and filtration- opening windows, circulating air, and filtering, rapidly purifying air (described work history in transit). Turning air over quickly is best way to prevent transition in busses and transit, and because of this, planes have been actually a very safe way to travel this past year, and the school has done a good job of updating the ventilation. Rachael told me last year they upgraded the HVAC system to a MERV-13 filter a high-quality filter. Some teachers can open windows, but that is weather and smoke dependent. Based on my learning this, my wife and I have donated a couple of air purifiers to our kid's classrooms this year, and I know other parents have as well and we got some great thank you notes from the teachers. We are getting close to vaccinations for the kids, but there is still smoke and such and there is no real downside to putting these purifiers in the classrooms. On missed opportunity is for in the specialty classes don't have them, and they are the rooms that see the most number of kids and the high turnover of people going into and out of those classrooms and those teachers, and rooms don't have anyone to advocate for them. I know the PTSO has done some really wonderful safety projects in the past with the sidewalks in the car drive thru lane, the water bottle filling stations which has come in handy in the pandemic. With \$10,000 in our pockets, would like to talk about the PTSO about using money to buy these for the specialty classrooms. I am happy to answer any questions about efficiency and cost, but wanted to put that out there and put out for PTSO discussion.

Amber Williams: Kyle, I will start. To have a vote, I think we really need to have an idea of the cost. I think the next step would be how many classrooms, cost, does Merryhill have any kind of budget to partner on this. It's a new issue, so don't want to put anyone on the spot, but look at those numbers.

Kyle Gradinger: I could give ballpark numbers, but it would be good to really assess the size of the classrooms to make sure we have the right size purifier. But I am happy to help and access and crunch those numbers.

Amber Williams: So maybe you work with Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Wallis on quantities necessary what would be needed, work with them directly and then you can get back with PTSO.

Rachael Kennedy: It is not currently in the Merryhill budget, but I do circle back with those above us frequently to see if anything has changed, because certainly, there is no harm in doing that. In terms of corporate partnership, our parent company Spring addressed things by school differently in terms of the State and the requirements, so they have provided and funded a majority of the protective gear. The masks, the gloves, the sanitizer, touchless stations, paper towels, all those were the first tier of support. It is my understanding that air purifiers weren't something they were funding, and that campus by campus that was managed I have heard on other campuses it went through the parent organizations and a local approach is certainly what we're seeing most frequently, as they have schools nationwide, but I am happy to check in with our regional director and see if anything has changed in that conversation. I don't think it has, but I will update if it has.

Amber Williams: I don't see a vote happening here, but think there is general interest.

Stacy Toledo: Kyle, I would be happy to partner in this with you as well, I know you're focusing on specialties, but I think every classroom as well. Also, I am just speaking for myself, but I would be willing to donate some money and not sure if other parents would also and that could be another layer or source of funding we could use to get more air purifiers.

Stacey Edgar: I agree Stacy, if we get the cost and we see what PTSO can put forward, and if Merryhill is not able to and parents are interested, we can look into getting donations in that area.

Stacy Toledo: Also, if we are buying a lot, I'm not sure what would be the bulk pricing if we could look into that as well.

Amber Williams: Stacy Toledo, I will leave that to you to coordinate with Kyle needs and pricing with Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Wallis. And I know the meetings are for voting, but I think we don't need to wait until the next meeting and can move forward and get this information before then and Stacey Edgar can guide on an email or whatever if needed before the next meeting.

Kyle Gradinger: Thank you, I appreciate that urgency.

B. Layus family (Amber)

- i. I know we all heard the news and it's devastating and sad so I think this is an easy vote, but PTSO would like to get a card and a gift card, and I talked to Kate Reuter and she supports that and we can drop it off at the school, we just need to get approval on funding.
- ii. Card? Gift card?
 - a. I'm not sure what's appropriate, \$100? \$200? Would someone like to...does someone have a sense of that, I'd say \$150, is that reasonable? I can make a motion...\$150 & a card.

Chat:

Erika Arthur: Yes

Ginny Pruitt: Absolutely yes to the card and gift card

annajuern: Yes

Stacy Toledo: Yes 😊

Sarah Rudes: Yes

Yoko: Yes

Rachel Kennedy: Yes

Stacey Edgar: yes

Lauren Celeslo: Yes

Kyle Gradinger: Aye

Veronica Angin: yes

Stacey Edgar: I'll second that motion.

Veronica Angin: I don't know if we want to do the voting, but we can do the voting in the same way that we did the last one.

Stacey Edgar: And Brett and Rachel, I'm not sure, was it only middle school that was notified? I think the elementary parents probably don't know what it's for.

Rachael Kennedy: Yeah, yeah I was going to interject. One of our middle school teachers Amy Layus had very late and unexpectedly had a later term loss of her baby, she was out on maternity leave and that just happened recently

and um...the staff have pulled together to really support her, but the family appreciates anything, any thoughts sent. They do have 3 other kiddos, 2 with us, and 1 with my daughter at our middle school. Amy has been a very integral part of our middle school team for a number of years very committed, so I think anything we can give, any support we can give to her and her family would be much appreciated.

Stacey Edgar: Is there anything you know of specifically, like is there a specific restaurant they'd like to get food from that we can help out with?

Rachael Kennedy: Brett may have better suggestions than I do, Brett any specific gift cards?

Brett Wallis: Let me check and see because all the teachers pulled together, so let me see what they didn't match and I will get with you on that.

Amber Williams: Did you motion?

Stacey Edgar: I motioned, we just need to vote now.

Amber Williams: Ok.

Stacey Edgar: I mean, I seconded.

Chat:

Yoko: Totally expected and understandable. Thank you for the effort!

Amber Williams: Maybe we just make it easy and get a Visa card, so she doesn't have to worry about where it is.

Veronica Angin: Ok, and we are at 13 yes votes, so with that, the motion passes. Amber, I know you said Mr. Wallis was going to look into that, so if you'd like me to work with him and pick that up, I can do that.

Amber Williams: Yes, thank you so much. The next agenda item is hot lunches. Ginny?

C. Hot Lunches (Ginny)

i. Thank you for adding me to the agenda, I wanted to bring up topic of bringing back hot lunches.

Where that is, if we need to come up with a strategy to make that happen? I've talked to a lot of parents who are anxious to see it come back, as a busy family it makes a big impact for us to free up time in the evening and the morning to be less stressed and have more time for family time.

Rachael Kennedy: I can share a little bit of where we are at, we did explore the possibility of bringing back hot lunches over the summer, we spoke with 2 or 3 other food vendors and restaurants in addition to South who we were previously partnered with and for a number of reasons, none of those vendors were able to move forward. Part of it is due to the impact COVID has had to their own businesses and being unable to stretch beyond what they are doing currently, so we are aware of that. Another limitation was we were getting quoted above \$10/each per hot lunch because of the rising costs of all things in the food industry and food shortages. We explored as many contacts as we had to see if it was an option and kind of exhausted what we had in terms of people to reach out, the price point was too high for our families, and the restrictions around food preparation on campus was difficult. Previously, South was doing a lot of the food preparation in our kitchen which is zoned to do so, but with current COVID restrictions and food preparation on school campus, there is a wide range of things that need to be in place and not being experts in the food industry, the administration agreed we weren't comfortable moving forward with food preparation on campus without more confidence in who we were partnering with. So there are a number of complexities in bringing back food services. It's still a conversation we're having, it's not out by any means for this year, but we have yet to find an option that would serve our campus and our stakeholders in a way that we think would be both safe, and meet the balance of costs for our families as there minimum purchases of hot lunches with vendors and looking at historicals, crunching the numbers we weren't seeing the opportunity to meet those minimums to have those partnerships be an option. But if anyone has suggestions or knows of programs that are working on other campuses, we are open to suggestions, but that's where we are at currently. We are looking at rolling back into providing snack cart. That's something that's completely school managed and we are able to manage the safety around those pre-packaged snacks. But in terms of hot lunch program, we would need more information from companies that are able to provide that service, we would be happy to have those suggestions.

Amber Williams: Would it be helpful if I know you do surveys among parents, but if it was provided, what parents would participate and what is their cost threshold. I know you're basing it on prior years but...

Rachael Kennedy: Yeah, we had talked about doing a survey as a next step and when hitting these walls with the conversations and vendors, but that is a good next step of asking are you interested in bringing them back and at what price point, \$8, \$9, \$10 would you be opting out? We were looking at our families with multiple children at \$20/day, \$100 a week would stretch some of our families pretty thin.

Chat:

Rosemarie Speth: Our previous school partnered with this business.... <http://www.goodfellas4kids.com>

Veronica Angin: yes Rose, that's who the Merryhill Natomas partnered with also, as they didn't have a kitchen

Rachael Kennedy: And I see Rosemarie had commented in the chat about Goodfellas, that was our previous food services, it is an option. We discontinued their services when we decided to go with South because of an overwhelming amount of feedback from our families about the quality of their lunches, um, it is something we can certainly circle back to because we had partnered with them before. But yes, I think a survey, a parent survey would be a great next step in this conversation and process.

Amber Williams: Maybe in the survey you never know who people are connected to so if you asked for suggestions?

Stacey Edgar: If we were going to do research I don't know what you've already looked at, like I know at Christian Brothers, they're full service... I don't want to redo ones you've already done, but I know some of the K-8 Catholic schools are having lunch, too. Didn't know if you already did the research on what other schools are using.

Rachael Kennedy: Elaine had been working on this and reached out to some of the high schools, so I know in terms of Jesuit, Christian Brothers, & St. Francis I know she'd covered those bases. We reached out to Urban Roots with that being a school connection, that wasn't an option. We circled back with South and 2 others that I don't the names of right now and price point and not being able to provide the service were the issue there based on our school size, the layout, and the number of lunches. A big obstacle as you're looking that we face is the day of ordering that we offered for our families. Lunch orders were in during roll and provided to the vendors. Previous vendors we'd had required a week ahead ordering and I know our families really appreciated for the flexibility of day of ordering, but that's certainly not a requirement. We just did run into a lot of students that needed a hot lunch and didn't order one, so a partner with that flexibility was a huge plus in customer service and ensure students had lunches.

Ginny: yes, I thought so with the labor shortages, and everything else shortages, I kind of figured that was going on definitely limiting things. I have talked to others at other schools that have hot lunches, with all of us and a huge network, maybe we could pull those resources and look at what the limitations are and maximum per lunch we are interested in and I would be happy to help, or survey if anyone has any ideas so maybe we can start to have a list and can fully exhaust it before we decide it's a no-go. I also have a really picky kindergartener and it's driving me to make this happen. But thank you.

Stacey Edgar: Is some of the problem the logistics of our kitchen?

Rachael Kennedy: Not necessarily, the kitchen is a pretty good set up and functional kitchen. But I think that there is a lot of consideration on the preparation, if we are going prepackaged or more of a family style food service set-up. Sacramento County guidance and our schools preference to mitigate spread is towards the prepackaged option seems like the safest to reduce hands touching, preparing food, especially given the number of students we have on campus, we were heavily leaning towards prepackaged meals in a container for the students, which likely requires ordering ahead, and not utilizing our kitchen for food prep.

Amber Williams: Well clearly, hot lunches are a hot topic. More research to be done, and a survey would definitely tell us how widespread the interest is, and how much commitment there really is. I'm sure if people really want it they would be willing to commit sooner than the morning of. Thank you Ginny and Ms. Kennedy for talking us through that.

Veronica Angin: In terms of a survey, Ginny, would that be something you are willing to help put together some of those questions.

Ginny: Absolutely.

Veronica Angin: If you could get that together with those questions and get that to the PTSO gmail account.

Amber Williams: I would love it if Ginny could work directly with Rachael and not go through us, I don't have capacity to funnel all these emails, if you could work together if possible.

Ginny: Absolutely.

D. School pictures (Stacey)

- i. Obviously not as important as hot lunches, I was just curious if we are going to do these and if this is coming or we are thinking about this. Could be done outside for airflow.

Brett Wallis: Yeah, Michelle was our contact for that. She was in touch with Lifetouch last we spoke and reaching out to their scheduling person.

Stacey Edgar: Ok, I know when we were doing Nick's senior pictures, Bill Smith said they had picked up a lot of Lifetouch Merryhills because Lifetouch was going out of business.

Brett Wallis: Yeah, she was on hold with them I think for like an hour trying to get with them to schedule it, so... I will see where she landed with that.

Rachael Kennedy: Our plan is to do school pictures, so if they have gone out of business, we may have to seek and alternate vendor. It's possible that instead of having Fall and Spring, only having Spring. We would love to bring it back to make the yearbook go much smoother, all the photos last year was on campus and we hired a previous staff member to do it. We want to bring them back, it's in our plans, but we don't know what that will look like.

E. Sports Banquets (Stacey)

- i. We can't be on campus, can we hold something at a park since they aren't doing the normal banquet, is that allowed or since it's affiliated with the school would we not be allowed to have Ms. Reuter there?

Brett Wallis: That's a good question, I would have to look into the guidelines for that. I would have to look at them for holding that at an outside off campus location. Mr. Kennedy and I actually have a meeting tomorrow to discuss a digital banquet to show celebrate the student and show a picture montage of them throughout the season without having to get them all in the gym.

F. Teacher favorites list (Stacy)

- i. I think we touched on this and covered it earlier.

Stacy Toledo: Kim said she is going to make a Google form, so I'm good on this now.

Amber Williams: Ok, that's great. Transitioning to something more searchable is great.

G. Minted for holiday cards (Stacy)

- i. I was curious if we are doing this again this year or any fundraising. I saw on financials this earned \$300 and seems like a super easy one. I would be up to do it again.

Amber Williams: I think we need a volunteer to coordinate it.

Kim Soller: I will coordinate it, it's super easy to get it set up. We just need to get the code into the newsletter. You get a percentage off for your order, and then a percentage goes to MMPTSO also.

Stacey Edgar: I think Jackie got an email with it and she must have because I have it also and I will forward it to you

Kim Soller: I got the same email.

Amber Williams: So what we would need you to do is write up a little something for Brett and Rachael for the newsletter for the whole school, and PTSO will send it with our emails also. We would just need you to write up a little, what it would say and the info. Don't make it too long as people don't read too much. Short & to the point.

Kim Soller: Just tell me when you need it.

Rachael Kennedy: We can also highlight this on the cover, we've done that before for PTSO events. This weekend will have the Urban Roots event. One of my goals, one of Brett and I's goals is to feature PTSO more prominently in the school newsletter so we are using it more effectively for all stakeholders. That way if we have one coming up we haven't already slotted for SEL or FIERCE or something, we would be happy to have PTSO tell us what they would like to be featured with some of these initiatives on this front page.

Amber Williams: For Minted, send the information whenever you have it.

V. Open Discussion

(All)

- A. Member Questions
- B. Member Comments

Amber Williams: Any other parent requests that aren't on the list? Questions? Comments? We want to make sure everyone is heard even if not on the agenda. I apologize, my email wasn't connecting to my gmail, but I think I finally got it fixed and caught up on all the emails tonight. It took a while, but I will do better on keeping up on that. I appreciate all of the volunteers and interest and we have a good PTSO this year. We all have lives and things and if we can make it short and to the point like I think we have done here tonight.

Veronica Angin: I know with this being PTSO, in years past, we have had student government, student council on these to get them involved. Have we reached out to them to see if they're looking to be represented on these Zoom calls as well to get their involvement.

Brett Wallis: We have a student council meeting tomorrow to see who is interested in it. We didn't start it as an elective this year because we didn't know the scope of what they were going to be able to do, so we have a meeting so they can draft videos out for an election at the end of this trimester, so we won't have officers elected until the end of the trimester to be able to start to attend these meetings.

Amber Williams: I would offer once you get your officers, PTSO has a need for students to want to be active and students are such a great asset to getting things done, like Teacher Appreciation, etc. If we can put it out that supporting to PTSO and communicating to teachers is part of that, if someone is interested in that we would love to support that. Not just coming to the meetings but helping us execute these events and goals.

Brett Wallis: Certainly, it's something we want to get back to, and we are just starting to get back to it for our students being involved.

Amber Williams: Totally understand. Thank you for that Veronica. Okay, it's late enough, it's dark outside my window. What do I say to call this meeting to end?

Veronica Angin: It looks like Yoko has a question.

Yoko: What was my question...Oh, I had 2 questions. Were the class reps assigned or are we not doing that?

Amber Williams: As a parent who's been a class rep for the last 5 years, it's hard to get them especially in the upper grades and their role is to be the one communicating to the classrooms and teachers. With our new set up of getting the emails, we are handling the communication through PTSO in a broader sense, not classroom by classroom. If it's more manageable and students involved don't need that rep to take on that role. My goal as the President who has to have the participation is hard to have parents volunteer who really don't want to do it. If we can solve the 2 roles of them with the communication and the volunteers, I don't want to spend my time asking and asking for parents to volunteer.

Veronica Angin: And what I would find Amber, is you would find with the class reps some that really wanted to be involved and there was great communication and volunteering so that classroom families would have all of the information, and then you would go to the classroom next door and the parents didn't really want to do it but no one else volunteered, so they weren't as engaged and the classroom had hardly any information and didn't know what was going on. So we are really trying to make sure everyone has all of the information and be more effective and equitable.

Yoko: My other question was is Elaine okay? Her leaving was pretty abrupt, is her health okay?

Rachael Kennedy: Yeah, she shared with our school that she was trying to find a work-life balance and she found a position outside of education that she thought lended itself more towards that, but yes she is okay.

Yoko: Oh, okay thank you.

Amber Williams: This ends the meeting. Officers, Stacey and Veronica do we want to stay on?

Veronica Angin: Yes, and I will stop the recording for everyone then.

Amber Williams: Okay, that ends the meeting.

VI. Conclude

A. 7:06pm- end meeting

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11/3/2021- Generally, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month.

MERRYHILL MIDTOWN PTSO - TENTATIVE CALENDAR

2021-2022 School Year

SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ON-CAMPUS EVENTS									
BACK- TO- SCHOOL	TRUNK OR TREAT		TEACHER APPRECIATION					TEACHER APPRECIATION	FIELD DAY
OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS									
	FAMILY GET TOGETHER (MMPTSO) 10/12 Urban Roots	FAMILY GET TOGETHER (Melanie-Elk Grove)		FAMILY GET TOGETHER (Need Volunteer)	FAMILY GET TOGETHER (Need Volunteer)	FAMILY GET TOGETHER (Need Volunteer)	FAMILY GET TOGETHER (Need Volunteer)	FAMILY GET TOGETHER (Need Volunteer)	FAMILY GET TOGETHER (MMPTSO)
OTHER ACTIVITIES									
STAFF & TEACHER GIFTS									
MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS & EMAIL COMMUNICATION									
DISCRETIONARY FUNDRAISERS - Need Volunteers									
RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS- Need Volunteer Coordinators									
8TH GRADE AUCTION- Need Volunteer Auction Planner									

**Merryhill Midtwon PTSO
Bank Statement
(As of October 6, 2021)**

Beginning Balances as of 9/8/2021

US Bank	\$	8,583.73
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Bank Deposits

Nugget (August)		58.20
Amazon Smile		
Benevity		
Venmo - Membership		340.00
Mobile Deposit - Membership		
Cash Deposit - Membership		

Total Deposits	\$	398.20
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Checks & Withdrawals

Total Withdrawals	\$	-
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Ending Balance as of 10/6/21

	\$	8,981.93
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Restricted Assets - Class of 2022 graduation	\$	-
Restricted Assets - Minimum balance carry forward		1,000.00
Net Income - Unrestricted balances (General Funds)		4,916.08
Net Income - Restricted balances (Special Projects)		3,065.85
Balance as of 10/6/21	\$	8,981.93

YTD Speical Project Breakdown:

Total Restricted Speical Projects	\$	5,515.85
Sport Water Fountain (Completed)		(650.00)
Challenge Success - Parent Workshop (Paid)		(1,400.00)
Parking lot safety paint marking (Completed)		(400.00)
Restricted Balance		3,065.85
Pop-up Tents (Approved at 9/18/19 Special Meeting/Pending)		(750.00)
Restricted Funds Available	\$	2,315.85

MMPTSO Budget vs. Actual
(July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>2021-2022 Actual</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
Amazon Smile (Quarterly)	1,500.00	153.42	(1,346.58)
Benevity Donation	300.00	-	(300.00)
Family Dinner Nights	1,000.00	-	(1,000.00)
Membership Dues	1,500.00	1509.62	9.62
Minted Fundraiser	350.00	-	(350.00)
Nugget Scrip	500.00	164.09	(335.91)
Total Income	5,150.00	1,827.13	(3,322.87)
	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>2021-2022 Actual</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Administrative Expenses (new checks & filing fee)	30.00	5.00	(25.00)
Family Get-Togethers - Regional (3-4/school year)	600.00	-	
Gift Cards for Back to School Training	-	240.00	240.00
Pi Day	120.00	-	(120.00)
Sport banquets (3)	150.00	-	(150.00)
Supplies for bulletin board	50.00	-	(50.00)
Teacher appreciation	1,000.00	-	(1,000.00)
Trunk N Treat (candies donation)/Halloween Contest	650.00	-	(650.00)
Total Expenses	2,600.00	245.00	(1,730.00)
Net Income (Loss)	2,550.00	1,582.13	(1,592.87)