



MMPTSO

MIDTOWN MERRYHILL PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)
GENERAL MEETING **DECEMBER MINUTES**
WEDNESDAY, 12/1/21 @ 6 PM

I. Welcome & November Minutes (Amber)

- A. Welcome- 6:01 started the meeting feed (6:02 officially called to order)
- We do have a lot of new members that have put their dues in, so we might have a lot of people.
 - At least we do have a video this time, it was a big issues last time.
 - I feel like we should have this sooner as it's dark outside, but people are still working so...

B. Sign in

- Veronica, do you want me to ask everyone to do something to sign in?

Veronica Angin: *Yeah, I went ahead and dropped a link into the chat so that everyone can sign into it.*

Chat: Veronica Angin: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nS-WunYd8-q54VDJ7gKqgiDaAkqbR3IG/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116663928992378550678&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Amber Williams: *Josh I like that!!! (Josh was wearing Christmas antlers)*

Josh Vavao: *Mateo said I had to wear them to the December meeting.*

Amber Williams: *Oh hello, hello cutie....Oh it's 6:02pm, should we get started?... I think we should. Welcome everyone to our December meeting, we would love for everyone to sign in so in the chat there is a link to sign in, if everyone could do that, that would be great. We shouldn't have a long meeting it's December, so we shouldn't have a long meeting as everyone is busy around the holidays.*

C. Approval of November Minutes

- So our first order of business after everyone signs in is the approval of the minutes which were sent out this morning, thank you Josh. Do we have a motion to have approval of those?
- Motion to approve, Josh
- A second on that, going by protocol... I will second that, Amber.
- Now we will need to vote.

Amber Williams: *Veronica how do you want us to vote?*

Veronica Angin: *I put my phone number in there so you can vote there to my number if private or can do it in the chat, completely up to you and I will let you know when we have a majority either way.... Okay, we are good, they have been approved.*

II. Treasurer Report (Stacey)

A. Financials

(Documents at end of agenda)

Amber Williams: *Stacey, we are going to go into the Treasurer's report so not sure if you want to share your screen or?*

Stacey Edgar: *Yeah, it looks like Veronica already has it on the screen and sharing. We will show the first two and then show projected when we talk air purifiers.*

Amber Williams: *We will show you what happened the last 2 months, then what is going on in projections, incoming and outgoing money to show a full picture so we can vote on some issues later tonight.*

Stacey Edgar: *Yeah, so we have the Nugget we did between \$50-60, and Amazon smile is paid out quarterly and I believe last quarter was \$125, so we did a little bit better this quarter as you can see. For disbursements, the Halloween candy for Trunk-or-Treat, and the jars for Teacher Appreciation in December. That is all the activity there, then next is budget to actual, what we have so far to what's come in, we are doing fine. The other sheet we will hit when we get to air purifiers.*

Amber Williams: *That's just information there. Moving on to the third element to review is volunteer needs.*

III. Annual Calendar Review & Volunteer needs (Amber)

A. Past- November events (Mellonie)

1. We had our Second family get-together- November @ Leatherby's (Elk Grove) and it was a success!!!

i. Way more attended that had previously, approximately 60 people, both families and faculty!!!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z-ePc3qv5tiv362-Gwg1RSIn8JWBQpPX?usp=sharing>

B. Upcoming events

1. December Events (Amber)

i. Minted for holiday cards (Kim)

a. this will be our December focus and push for fundraising

b. (Document at end of agenda)

c. If you're going to do photo cards with family, if purchased here, PTSO gets a cut of that so we really promote this and put in the PTSO newsletter and School newsletter so awesome to see that.

ii. Family get togethers (Amber)

a. none in December as this is a busy time for all

b. This was a lot of fun and if any other parents willing to do one in their area, we've had Midtown and now Elk Grove, I think this is a pivotal year for this time this year because a lot of new families have joined this year and it doesn't have to be near the school, so I'm thinking Natomas, Folsom, so if anyone wants to volunteer.

iii. Teacher Appreciation Day in December (Amber)

a. We've always done a week in May, but I wanted to make across the board and maybe not as much taxing, for a day not a week, but maybe before everyone goes on vacation and a day in Spring. We already approved this one for Mason jars to be just the cost of the jars, and all the kids can write why they appreciate them and give them to read over the break. It's not meant to be religious, holiday, but halfway through the year, we appreciate you. I will work with Mrs. Kennedy & Mr. Wallis on setting them up and maybe having the student council help us on this and the getting it actually done and have it really be student initiated and get it away from the parents doing all of the work, even though the parents still do work. We will set them up, they will write notes and put in the Mason Jar and take home and read over the holidays.

iv. Looking ahead to January and February are there any volunteers who want to hold a family event in their area? We can send an email to get a volunteer, please let us know. All you have to do is call the venue, they will get a lot of business and set up meeting location and we can discuss further later.

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 (Mellonie-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									

IV. School Business

A. Update on Mrs. Westphal's replacement? (Mrs. Kennedy)

Amber Williams: Congratulations to Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Wallis maybe you guys are people we've known for a long time, so it's nice to see you get that "promotion" and acknowledgement in your new positions. Is there any new news though on a head of school?

Brett Wallis: Thank you, no, there is really no new news on that, the senior leadership at Spring Education is trying to find the most qualified leader for that position, just because the campus is JrK-8th, they are trying to make the right decision instead of just the quick decision and the move to Mrs. Kennedy and I up into principal gives us kind of more control over our perspective parts of the campus, so for the time being, Mrs. Kennedy is over the lower grades and I am for the upper grades.

Amber Williams: Questions? Comments? Ok, I think that is a fair update.

V. Parent Requested Topics (Amber)

A. Air Purifiers Follow up (Kyle & Lauren)

i. Numbers

ii. Cost per unit and total cost

Amber Williams: Biggest issue. We, the officers of the board have determined that we would like to make a contribution to this, but not the full board, I think that would be too much, but we would like to contribute something. So this might be the time Stacey to show that other financial spreadsheet.

Stacey Edgar: Yeah, sure. So what we did here is take what we have left budgeted for income and expense. Amazon projected \$1347 projected and we tried to look if it was reasonable. I think that is overbudgeted since we got \$132 and \$185 for the first 2 quarters. Benefity we haven't gotten anything, Family dinners we budgeted \$900, but that was pre-Covid so I don't know how much that we will see. Minted I think she gave update we already got a couple hundred, not sure if we will get to the \$350, and Nugget, I think that's a pretty good number. As for expenses, Trunk or Treat is a solid number. Pie/Pi day should be right around there...Teacher appreciation could be over budgeted since we are just doing the 2 days and not a full week. Family get togethers, I'm not sure if we will spend that, families bought for themselves. The banquet Mrs. Kennedy said the school can handle that, the \$50 on bulletin board, I don't see us going into campus this year so don't see that happening. So what I did was I took those budgeted items. The cash in bank includes Amazon, Nugget, and membership dues and what paid to 10/31/21. In our bylaws there is \$1000 restricted, if we take everything to date, we have \$8,600 if all the income comes in. Also I looked at if we don't bring in ANY other income, we would have about \$5,300. So based on that, what the board discussed, in our opinion, we feel that at this time, we could recommend the \$1,200 for the 2 purifiers with Mrs. Kennedy saying the school could do the maintenance of filters.

Amber Williams: And this is for classrooms that have the highest traffic in them...

Stacey Edgar: Spanish and Music

Lauren Celeollo: They are on sale, this is great news. The size for those rooms are on sale on Amazon for \$365, they came down a ton. I actually scooped up a couple so I could get them at that price and offer them to you, otherwise I would have other uses for them, but total with tax is \$794 and then care cost filters, etc. is \$160/year total for those two units and Mrs. Kennedy said that would be well within what they could handle as an administrative cost. So, at that price should we get more?

Stacey Edgar: Our recommendation is we are willing to spend \$1,200. I think that is up to someone else to motion, if that's what they want to approve and we can get more for that, it's fine. What we are saying is \$1,200 is what our budget and our finances can handle and we would recommend.

Amber Williams: Ok, does someone want to make a motion for the \$1,200 and we can work out how many we can purchase with that.

Lauren Celeollo: I'll make the motion.

Stacey Muse: I'll second.

Stacy Toledo: I just want to say thank you to Lauren and Kyle for spearheading this and doing the research and grabbing the good deal.

Amber Williams: No, it's a incredible deal...okay let's vote.

Veronica Angin: Okay, let's go ahead and vote we can do it the same way either by text or in the chat.

Josh Vavao: That's a great deal Lauren, thanks for keeping an eye out on that.

Amber Williams: yes, it's a great thing. I'm sure if it's a concern here, it's a concern for everyone out there, I'm just glad that PTSO could help with this.

Veronica Angin: Okay, and that motion has passed at this point.

Amber Williams: Yay!

Stacey Edgar: Lauren, do you have the reimbursement form or would you like me to email that to you?

Lauren Celeollo: If you could email it, that would be great.

B. Hot Lunches Follow up? (Mrs. Kennedy/Ginny)

Amber Williams: I think we all saw the email on hot lunches, is there anything to update on that Mr. Wallis?

Brett Wallis: Mrs. Kennedy and I went through the results and there is a resounding request for hot lunches to return obviously, and the split...for myself as well, I have 2 there, so that would ease up my lunch making.... but there is a little bit of a split though, for the price point for the lunches. The average people have requested is within the \$6 range which is hard to match with some of the other requests there. I am in contact with Goodfellas lunch program who does a lot of schools in the area, waiting to get back from them on what they can offer us. Also trying to start up a pizza day of the week on Friday or Monday, trying to wait until the New Year to communicate and offer the lunches up.

Amber Williams: I appreciate the update and you seeing the relevance as it's a hot issue with people, we will wait to see what you can do. Pizza on Fridays would be a great next step, we love that we are going to the right place.

Stacey Edgar: I think even one day is better than no days.

Brett Wallis: We reached out to the pizza place and they were like oh yeah, we remember you guys, we want to start that up again. So they're on board as well.

Stacey Edgar: Awesome.

Amber Williams: Oh yeah, and that's what the kids want to eat every night. That and quesadillas, haha. Happy to hear that's moving forward.

C. Teacher favorites list (Kim)

Amber Williams: Went out to the teachers and we will use this in some capacity probably in the spring for appreciation and we can do something more personalized and kid centered.

Stacey Toledo: If this teachers list could be made available soon so that we can use to buy Christmas presents based on that.

Brett Wallis: Mrs. Kennedy and I are the owners of that, and we will do a little audit of that to make sure they have all completed it and they have done the digital one so you don't have to scour through all the paper ones to find out what each teacher likes. We can do that.

Amber Williams: Looks like we are at the end, this is great, it's December we all have a lot on our plates. Any other issues, questions, anything.

Adriana Smith: Sorry I came in late, I was busy, I missed a few things, is it okay to backtrack. Did I hear hot lunches will be implemented?

Amber Williams: No.

Brett Williams: we are working to get them, but nothing yet.

Adriana Smith: Air purifiers so is that a go?

Amber Williams: Yes, we allocated \$1,200 and that's going to get us more than the 2 originally thought with the price before the sale so we can get 3 and that was voted in.

Adriana Smith: Do the classes have them or is there a MERV number?

Brett Williams: Yes all core classrooms have MERV 13 filters.

Adriana Smith: Sorry about that, I just jumped in and haven't been attending because I just became a member.

Brett Williams: No, no problem.

Amber Williams: Thank you for your comments, we know that is an important issue.

Adriana Smith: Has there been a discussion on COVID testing at all? My daughters high school does it every Friday and I'm wondering if any other parents have brought it up?

Amber Williams: There hasn't been any discussion as far as PTSO, I as a parent typically look to Merryhill as Merryhill follows state or county guidelines in terms of testing to I feel comfortable, so I don't know, Mr. Wallis is there anything you'd want to add or comment on?

Brett Williams: Yes we currently suggest like the county recommends to go to your health care provider and we don't do it on campus.

Adriana Smith: Because the CARES act provides it through insurance carriers.

Stacey Edgar: I don't think the lower grades for all of schools, I know the CIF does mandate it for sports for high school and some schools do it more, I don't know of elementary schools.

Adriana Smith: Because I know that that Country Day school did and they are elementary.

Stacey Edgar: But they are K-12 so that's probably why they did it.

Adriana Smith: I wonder if more when the PAL sports start?

Amber Williams: That's already happened, we've had basketball and volleyball.

Stacey Edgar: I think it's more of a high school level...since I have a high school athlete, that was to let them play without masks so it is different requirements. From my understanding at the PAL level they will be playing with masks no matter what.

Brett Williams: Yes, the PAL basketball guidelines is all athletes must wear a mask when playing and practicing, so our athletes are wearing a mask the whole time in the gym and will wear masks at the game as well.

Adriana Smith: I don't want to take up too much time, you probably have much more on the agenda, but thank you so much for allowing me to speak.

Amber Williams: No, it's an important issue, I'm sure if you thought of it, many other parents are thinking of it, too. There is so much change with the 12 and under and vaccinations, so it's an important issue for parents.

Amy Choe: on this COVID front is there any conversations on when masks might come off in the classroom, and if there is a threshold at which?

Brett Williams: recently they reached the end of the time limit of masking in classrooms, and at least in the State of California they reinstated the mask mandate for classrooms and set no end date except to state when the State wants to end it, but it's no longer set on a timeframe.

Amber Williams: We will wait to hear from Merryhill on that.

Adriana Smith: ..and for vaccinations, it's K-12, Mr. Wallis, that's coming up in the future, right?

Brett Williams: yeah, we are waiting on the County mandates for vaccines and how that is supposed to function.

Amber Williams: Any other topics? I think this was a nice quick meeting before the holidays and we will see you next month, it's always the first Wednesday of the month, so we will see you next month, same location, same Zoom, same password, etc. Veronica do you need anything from the group?

Veronica Angin: No, other than if the officers could stay on and do some housekeeping items.

Amber Williams: We will officially end the meeting.

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 1/5/2022- Generally, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month.