



Merryhill Midtown – Parent Teacher Student Organization

Minutes of the May 3, 2023, MMPTSO General Meeting

I. Welcome, and Call to order – Lauren Celello

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Present were Josh Vavao (President), Barrett Snider (Treasurer), Maria Spencer Neider (Secretary), Lauren Celello (Vice President), Rachel Kennedy (Head of School), Jen Gouvaia, A. Smith, Monique Stovall, Shephali Patel, Mellonie Richardson.

II. Treasurer Report – Barrett Snider

- A. We have money - more than last year
- B. Current YTD - same balance as last month just over \$14k
- C. Treasurer phone and email is Treasurer@gmail.com to be used for Venmo and Paypal. Accounts are linked to email.

III. Student Council - Rachel Kennedy

- A. DC Trip yay!
- B. Pie Day was a success
- C. Middleschool Night Out was also a success

V. Events

- A. Teacher Appreciation - Oscars red carpet
 - a. Flowers have been secured and will be picked up by Lauren and delivered to the school on Tuesday morning.
 - b. Breakfast cart by PTSO
 - c. Pending items, flower vases, loaner folding tables, garden shears
- B. Sac Republic Saturday May 20 - facilitated by school
 - a. Sold-out 1st block of tickets, getting a second block going
 - b. \$5 dollars from every ticket sold will go towards field day for Merryhill
- C. Summer, River Cats - August or September
- D. Fall, Kings game
- E. Field Day
 - a. Mostly the same plan as last year - 8th grade will be in Disneyland.
 - b. Hosting on Friday 2nd.
 - c. Jr K don't participate and rather have their own version in their classroom - due to licensing.
 - d. Need volunteers to support the day off. Volunteers are requested to provide an ice chest
 - e. Field day and fierce day winners raffle
 - f. PTSO provides snacks or water and possibly Kona Ice Truck. Suggestion to provide popsicles instead and a photobooth.

VI. Board Updates

- A. Motion to approve request to provide \$600 gift cards for PALS sports volunteers

- B. Based on agreement from the previous meeting, moving forward with board member nominations for the next school year. Josh, Lauren, Barrett, Maria, all accept the nomination for the following year.

VI. School Updates - Rachel

- A. WASC visit follow up - super successful
 - a. Suggestions for new/additional things
 - i. will be a lending library
 - ii. Multicultural event
 - iii. Update classroom materials to incorporate additional content broadening diversity
 - iv. Incorporating more diversity, inclusion and belonging plans
 - v. Incorporation on observations and consideration of multicultural celebrations and holidays
 - b. Additional WASC information will be distributed to parents
- B. Safety update
 - a. Closing garage gate during the day - it doesn't have a speaker but will be trying it and see how it works.
 - b. Received quotes to add polymer to windows for additional safety. Will start the first phase soon.
 - c. Additional turf quote received and will start the transition
 - d. Updated air filters

VII. Open Discussion

- A. Parent - parents have expressed the idea of having a black student union (Spring Education Group info)
 - a. Rachel shared contact with parent so they could discuss additional information.
 - b. Also some suggestions regarding a BIPOC club or parent committee. Or a multicultural club.

Last meeting of the 2022/2023 school year

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.
Submitted by Maria Spencer Neider, Secretary
