



Merryhill Midtown – Parent Teacher Student Organization

## **Minutes of the September 7, 2022, MMPTSO General Meeting**

### **I. Welcome, and Call to order – Josh Vavao**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Joshua Vavao (President), Lauren Celello (Vice President), Barrett Snider (Treasurer), Rachel Kennedy (Head of School), Brett Wallis, Laura Wallis, Loraine Scott, Meghan Callahan, Amy Choe, Alicia Watts, April Austin, Jen Gouvaia, Maria Spencer Neider, Kim Tanimoto, Shephali Patel, Krister Holmberg, Dan Tharp, Eduardo Cavazos

### **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

First meeting of the year with a new board.

### **III. Volunteers for PTSO Secretary vacancy - Josh Vavao**

- A. Maria Spencer Neider volunteers as secretary.
- B. Motion, second, and vote - approved to assign Maria as the new secretary starting today.

### **IV. Annual Calendar & Volunteers - Josh Vavao**

- A. Preston Richardson was introduced as the VP of the Student Council
- B. PTSO Calendar review and upcoming events –
  - a. River Cats Game
  - b. Possible September Family Dinner. Location ideas include Natomas, Roseville, and Sellands in Sac. Amy Choe volunteered to support the event.
  - c. Harvest Festival. The date is still pending, requesting volunteers. Those interested to volunteer connect with Laura Wallis at [lkwallis28@gmail.com](mailto:lkwallis28@gmail.com)
  - d. Trunk-or-Treat. Budget discussed during budget agenda. Rachel Kennedy recommends avoiding consumable items.

### **V. Treasurer Report – Barrett Snider**

- A. The current total balance as of 09/07/2022 is \$7,400.
- B. Barrett stated that we are still pending access to online accounts but should be available soon.
- C. Sources of funds - Income generators
  - a. Nugget Donations
  - b. Minted
  - c. Amazon Smile, a simple setup and will work for any purchases made via Amazon.
  - d. Family Night dinners
  - e. Benevity, Kim Tanimoto explains this came from a time when she worked for Intel. If any other parents work there or for an employer that provides this service we can continue fundraising here.
  - f. Rite Aid, use this link: <https://rxfundraising.com/s/?id=MERRYHILLSCHOOL>
- D. Other fundraising ideas
  - a. Tax deductions, Meghan Callahan suggested promoting small businesses donations are tax deductible.

- b. Spotlighting donors via M2 News might drive more interest for donations.

**VI. Spending - Lauren Cerello**

- A. Air purifiers for common spaces. Identifying where to begin. It was proposed by Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Wallis to start in the Commons room and the Gym.
- B. Other purifiers will continue to be maintained by the school. Barret posed a question regarding Covid funding use for the filtration system. Mr. Wallis shared most rooms have air systems but the need for additional air circulations remains.

Covid 19 the election would be handled virtually by voice vote.

**VII. Field Trips - Mrs. Kennedy**

- A. Use of PTSO contributions. There have been field trips supported by the PTSO, in past years this included DC and Disney trips. There is also a need to support field trips by getting charter buses. Pending some quotes for rental buses and availability. Josh asked for clarification on votes to provide contributions to class-specific trips. Jessica suggested looking into Sac RT for additional bus options.
- B. Additional fundraising ideas to contribute towards field trips specific to some classes-only include
  - a. 8th-grade t-shirt fundraiser - Kim Tanimoto
  - b. Chipotle - Mellonie Richardson
- C. Suggested ideas for other field trips include
  - a. Sac State Planetarium
  - b. Golf tournament in Land Park during Spring. Reach out to Mr. Kennedy for volunteer interest (Mrs. Kennedy for Mr. Kennedy).

Next monthly meeting - October 5, 2022, at 6 pm.

**Closing:** The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.  
Submitted by Maria Spencer Neider,, Secretary

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