



Merryhill School

Merryhill Midtown – Parent Teacher Student Organization

Minutes of the September 4th, 2024, MMPTSO General Meeting

I. Welcome, and Call to Order – Lauren Celello

- a. Sign In available in chat
- b. 24-25 Officers
 - i. President – Lauren Celello (laurencecello@gmail.com)
 - ii. Vice President – Carlin Daley Reaume (carlindaley@gmail.com)
 - iii. Treasurer – Klia Whittington (klia.whittington@gmail.com)
 - iv. Secretary – MacKenzie Caldwell (mackenzieb05@yahoo.com)
- c. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Present were Lauren Celello (President), Carlin Reaume (Vice President), Klia Whittington (Treasurer), MacKenzie Caldwell (Secretary), Rachel Kennedy (Head of School), Brett Wallis (Principal, Upper School), Katrina Duke (Assistant Principal), Caitlin Gates (3rd Grade Teacher), Megan Lee (Kindergarten Teacher), Celeste Hernandez-Moreno (2nd Grade Teacher), Chase Baxter (Middle School Teacher), Laura Wallis, Nichole Gerdts, Callie Huff, Sharon Carino, Loraine Scott, Anthony Whittington, Shephali Patel, Krister Holmberg, Amelia Birtwhistle, Melissa Chaffins, Anna Juern, Yoko Mortel, Alexandra Garton, and additional parents for whom no sign-in was obtained.
- d. Lauren Celello nominated Klia Whittington to serve as PTSO Treasurer for the 2024-25 school year. Carlin Reaume seconded the nomination. By unanimous vote, Klia Whittington was appointed Treasurer.

II. Treasurer Report – Klia Whittington

- a. Current balance is \$7,000 general fund
- b. Projected 2024/2025 expenses TBD
- c. Closing estimated budget TBD

III. School Updates – Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Wallis

- a. Classroom Representatives
 - i. Lots of ways to volunteer, guidelines will be released in the upcoming newsletter, chaperone dances, participate in community fundraising and events, etc.
 - ii. Members of the parents directory
 - iii. Need to become paid members of the PTSO (\$15) and do your best to attend monthly meetings
 - iv. Sign-ups will take place during the upcoming newsletter with QR code and link
 - 1. List finalized by 9/13 and sent out on 9/15 to the whole school

- b. Harvest Festival
 - i. Similar to last year, same food truck, and cost/logistics will remain the same
 - ii. Inviting all feeder preschools
 - iii. 50/50 raffle
 - 1. Possibly a best costume winner – specific basket(s) geared towards different age groups
 - 2. Student Council to be involved
 - iv. Initial information has been sent out in the latest newsletter
 - v. Add Funny Farms Petting Zoo?
 - 1. Huge success during summer camps
 - 2. 2 hours (no pony rides) = \$670 dollars
 - 3. 1 hour (with pony rides) = \$TBD
 - 4. Determine whether or not PTSO will donate to the Harvest Festival
 - 5. Katrina Duke to gather more information (pony weight limit) and different \$ options with or without pony rides, etc.
 - 6. Great way to build community! Meet fellow Midtown Merryhill families!

- c. Athletic Fund – Brett Wallis
 - i. Purchase boys flag football jerseys/uniforms for a total of \$1,024.28
 - ii. Reusable and high quality
 - iii. Wear during season, but do not take home
 - iv. Jersey will be checked out at the beginning of the season and checked back in at the end of season
 - v. It is the coach's responsibility to bring jerseys to the games
 - vi. Brett Wallis or someone will wash the jerseys at home
 - vii. Motion to approve cost of \$1,024.48 for new jerseys by Lauren, second Carlin, motion passes.

IV. Annual Calendar and Volunteer – Team

- a. Classroom Representatives (see above)

V. Open Discussion

- a. We need to determine how many families have paid for the MMPTSO via Venmo
- b. Pay back Barrett for the monthly payment (carrying cost), cost of phone has been donated

- c. Funny Farms Petting Zoo – determine plans, additional costs and next steps
- d. Dress up during the Harvest Festival and prizes?
- e. Donations for the Harvest Festival or Mustang Market
 - i. Amazon Wishlist

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm. Next meeting is scheduled for October 2nd, 2024.

Submitted by MacKenzie Caldwell, Secretary