



# Merryhill School

Merryhill Midtown – Parent Teacher Student Organization

## Minutes of the October 2nd, 2024, MMPTSO General Meeting

### I. Welcome, and Call to Order – Lauren Celello

- a. Sign In
- b. 24-25 Officers
  - i. President – Lauren Celello ([laurencelello@gmail.com](mailto:laurencelello@gmail.com))
  - ii. Vice President – Carlin Daley Reaume ([carlindaley@gmail.com](mailto:carlindaley@gmail.com))
  - iii. Treasurer – Klia Whittington ([klia.whittington@gmail.com](mailto:klia.whittington@gmail.com)) (Absent due to travel)
  - iv. Secretary – MacKenzie Caldwell ([mackenzieb05@yahoo.com](mailto:mackenzieb05@yahoo.com))
- c. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Present were Lauren Celello (President), Carlin Reaume, MacKenzie Caldwell (Secretary), Rachel Kennedy (Head of School), Brett Wallis, Anna Decoursey, Annette Kahn, Brian Torres Gil, Callie Huff, Danny Brock, Deana Chan, Fanny Bourdais, Jania Z, Katrina Duke, Lindsey Laudato, Nichole Gerdts, Alexandra Garton, Sharon Carino, Anthony Whittington, Jania Anderson, Zoey Corona, Stanley Zelphin, Stephanie Zarate, Rob Sakowitz, Yoko Mortel, Laura Wallis, Megan Cherinka, Leah Anderson, Will Sakowitz, Sudeep Grover.

### II. Treasurer Report – Lauren Celello

- a. Current balance is \$6,000 general fund
  - i. \$1,000 in restricted
  - ii. \$ 7,200 in athletic fund
    1. Motion to approve cost of \$1,024.48 for the Flag Football Uniforms passed last meeting; invoice to be paid upon Treasurer’s return from travel.
- b. Projected 2024/2025 expenses TBD
- c. Closing estimated budget TBD

### **III. School Updates – Mrs. Kennedy**

- a. Classroom Representatives
  - i. Big thank you to everyone who has signed up!
- b. Harvest Festival
  - i. Similar to last year, same food truck, and cost/logistics will remain the same
  - ii. Adding large petting zoo, balloon twister and face painter, and live music provided by Ms. Wright (our very own music teacher!)
  - iii. Inviting all feeder preschools
  - iv. 50/50 raffle
    - 1. There is a theme this year for those who would like to dress up. Theme is “Harvest” and each child who dresses up will receive a ticket for the 50/50 raffle.
    - 2. Student Council
      - a. Harvest Hideout
        - i. 3 middle school only games
        - ii. Snack cart will be decorated to sell cider and cookies, plus small pumpkin carving craft kits
        - iii. All \$ raised goes to Student Council to help with dances, events, etc.
      - 3. Great way to build community! Meet fellow Midtown Merryhill families!
      - 4. Online ticket sales have closed, but you can email Rachel Kennedy for tickets if you are still interested.
      - 5. PTSO to donate \$1,000 to Harvest Festival to support the new activities. All in favor, Lauren made motion, second approval by Carlin. Vote unanimous to approve.

### **IV. Trunk or Treat on 10/31**

- a. Big Hit! Room reps to ask families for their help in volunteering and decorating their trunk. Candy is provided by the PTSO.
- b. Event goes from 1pm – 3pm, but will most likely end around 2pm.
- c. There is room for ~40 – 50 cars!
- d. There will be a dance party in the parking lot once the candy has been passed out with all of the kids and their families/school staff
- e. Best decorated trunk will be voted by school staff and winner will receive the Golden Pumpkin!

### **V. Multicultural Potluck**

- a. Need parents to volunteer, huge turnout last year!
- b. Friday before Thanksgiving (11/22)
- c. Kids rotate through the Commons and can try various foods prepared by parents, potluck style
- d. Encourage kids to dress up
- e. Adding on a performance such as mariachi band or Japanese drumming

**VI. Family Dinners at Local Places in Sacramento (surrounding areas)**

- a. Ask Room Reps to contact local restaurants such as Selland's to donate a portion of all sales on X day between such and such time to support our school. All earned money will go towards PTSO.

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Submitted by MacKenzie Caldwell, Secretary