



# MERRYMOUNT PTO

## JUNE 8, 2017 - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Merrymount PTO General Meeting		
<b>Meeting Objective</b>	General Updates and Election		
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Thursday, June 8, 2017 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Location</b>	Merrymount Elementary School – Media Center
<b>Facilitator/Chair.</b>	Kristin Healy	<b>Minutes</b>	Jen Andre

<b>Officer Attendance</b>	Teresa Altavesta, <i>Pres</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maren Heise, <i>City-Wide, Council</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Pegg, <i>Principal</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Lionel Andre, <i>PR</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Horne, <i>VP</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paige Reilly, <i>Secretary</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Mark Bentley, <i>Webmaster</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Katelyn Lynch, <i>Treasurer</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Rogan, <i>Vice Principal</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Terry Connor, <i>Stop &amp; Shop</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexis McLean, <i>VP</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Slinger, <i>Secretary</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jonna Dondero, <i>Reporter, Council</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Nicol, <i>Donations</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jen Chen, <i>Council</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Kristin Healy, <i>Pres</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maureen O'Campos, <i>Donations</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Giza, <i>Council</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Call to Order:**

The General Open meeting of the PTO was held on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the Merrymount Elementary School, on 4 Agawam Road, Quincy, MA. It was presided over by President, Kristin Healy and recorded by Jen Andre (covering for Secretary). Board attendance is as noted above.

**Officers' Reports:**

- In light of the recent events concerning the embezzlement of funds by Beechwood Knoll's PTO, Kristin Healy reviewed the Merrymount PTO financial management controls, which prevent and ensure no such event could occur.
- Kristin Healy reported that the Executive Board unanimously voted to utilize PTO funds for immediate purchase of twenty-five (25) Chrome Book Laptops and a Laptop Cart for Merrymount School. The laptops will be ordered this summer at QPS bulk discount rate and QPS IT will install standard software and provide ongoing technical support. The laptops will be available for use at the start of the school year. The purchase depletes PTO funds and a large fundraising event will take place in the fall to replenish funds.
- Kristin reported that the PTO also purchased/funded the following:
  - Purchased \$2k in gym and playground equipment – volleyball net/kit, hockey net/kit, balls, jump ropes, etc.
  - Purchased filing cabinets for the Guidance Counselor
  - Provide \$100 stipend per teacher for classroom supplies
  - Contributed \$15 per student for field trips
- Kristin reported that the Executive Board approved the following 2017/2018 Fundraising Events. Detailed planning to begin this summer:
  - Fall Raffle Fundraiser
  - Halloween Howl (incorporating DJ)
  - Breakfast with Santa
  - Family Skate
  - Sporting Events (Celtics, Red Sox, Bruins)
  - Square One, discussed incorporating with Valentine's Pizza Party
  - Comedy Night (alternate annually between Comedy and Trivia)



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- Mixed Bag (Spring)
- Parent, Heather Sears, inquired about the profitability of 2016/2017 events. Kristin Healy reported approximate funds raised by event:
  - Halloween Howl \$1,800
  - Breakfast with Santa \$700
  - Celtics \$2000
  - Family Skate \$200
  - Red Sox \$1,000
  - Comedy Night \$7,000
- Kristin reported that Merrymount raised \$3,200 through Stop & Shop; this was the highest in the QPS system. Unlike prior years, individuals will NOT need to re-register their cards.
- Vice President, Nicole Horne reported that Box Tops raised ~\$1000. Kristin reported that Nicole would be retiring from Box Tops Chairperson and thanked her for her service

### Other Reports:

- Member at Large and School Council Representative, Laurie Giza, presented the results of the 2017 PTO Fundraising Survey. Detailed Survey Results may be found here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5HrmSxa8awVWkRjUjhxVnY0c0hLR2h3Zmdib09PSOF2RjhZ>
- Voting took place for PTO Officers and School Counsel. Results were tabulated and reported:

President	Vice President	Secretary <sup>1</sup>	Treasurer	School Council <sup>2</sup>
Stephanie Gallegos Alexis McLean	Teresa Altavesta Kristin Healy	Jen Andre Jennifer Curran Julie Slinger	Katelyn Lynch	Lionel Andre Jennifer Chen Jonna Dondero Laurie Giza Maren Heise

<sup>1</sup>Two-way tie resulted in decision to expand to three (3) positions

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Pegg made decision to increase number of parent seats on the Council, also allowing up to 5 Teacher seats on Council

- School Committee candidate, Doug Gutro, introduced himself and addressed the PTO

### Adjournment:

Kristin Healy moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:00PM.