



**Sedgefield Middle School General PTO
Meeting Minutes**

January 25, 2021 – 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 348 313 6685

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- I. PTO Updates & Financial Overview (Ann-Miller Mattocks/M.C. Phillips)
- a. Welcome and Meeting Agenda
 - a. 31 meeting participants
 - b. In-person learning is going smoothly.
 - b. Current Budget and Upcoming Spending
 - a. Thank you to all who contributed to Empowering Extraordinary, which supports our PTO budget—\$112,000 raised--goal was \$80,000! \$120,00 grand total with additional income opportunities including corporate sponsors.
 - b. Student and staff support, Hoplite, events, and Covid support are all funded from SMS family contributions.
- II. Student Support/Events (Pam Blake)
- a. Fall Festival in November 2021 was a success with a great turnout. We hope to continue in years to come.
 - b. Schoolwide Field Day April 8th
 - c. 8th grade dance April 29th—outdoors, but logistics to be determined
 - d. May 20th, family/student event--details to be determined
 - e. Behavior incentives will continue monthly.
 - f. Volunteers are needed to support upcoming events.
- III. Prospective Families Update (Meredith Murchison)
- a. December Principal coffee held with 15 new families
 - b. Final Open House held in January. 12-15 families joined via Zoom due to Covid trends. This is in addition to the November Open House which included approximately 50 families.
 - c. Group tours are booked for the next few weeks. Limited to six people at a time, but they will be held in person.
- IV. Spring Volunteer Opportunities (Lindsay Jones and Laura Murdock)
- a. Serve as a front door greeter, 7:00-7:45 to welcome students and staff. Begins February 1st.
 - b. Lunch buddy program, starts on February 9th to meet with a student for 45 minutes

for lunch once a week. Lunch can come from outside of school.

- c. Parent "To Do" team, February 16th start. Will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Time commitment 9:00am-noon.

V. Principal's Update & Comments (Principal Sheena Miracle)

- a. Entered second semester today.
- b. Administration is ensuring PLTW classes have support due to long-term teacher absence.
- c. In comparison to other schools, SMS has remained fairly healthy which allows for fewer disruptions to instruction.
- d. Information will be sent home soon about after-school tutoring.
- e. Two additional teachers have been added as guest teacher positions. They ensure fewer disruptions in instruction and continuity with students.
- f. Continued interest in SMS from new families from feeder schools as well as private schools in a variety of grades. Mrs. Miracle and Dr. Tornfelt will make sure they are met with the correct information for their grade level.
- g. Students, parents and teachers will meet to discuss MAP scores soon.

VI. Course Selection Process and How to Support Your Spartan (School Counselors, Ms. Means and Ms. Culpepper)

- a. Middle school is when our students will learn to advocate for themselves.
- b. Kid's seems to want to please parents and adults at this time, but they will learn to chart their own path.
- c. Future Pathways presentation presented
 - a. What to consider for 7th and 8th grade students; what to consider when they head to high school? Athletics? High school courses? Magnet or IB? What are your student's personal/future career interests?
 - b. Nine CTE Pathways are offered at SMS including business courses, computer and keyboarding, robotics, App creation, and leadership.
 - c. In which electives would your student choose to participate?
 - d. We as parents and staff need to ensure students understand the difference between a job, a career, and a profession?
 - e. Additional resources were provided, please contact SMS Administration for a list of these resources.
 - f. Success Beyond Schools is a live event to help parents navigate career paths with their children. Ms. Means and Ms. Culpepper have more information about registration. Links will be included on the SMS PTO website.
- d. Additional conversation about Math 1 placement will be forthcoming in late February.

VII. Questions? (Ann-Miller Mattocks/M.C. Phillips)

- a. Say Anything App is rolling out and students and staff will be trained on the use of this in the upcoming week.
- b. PTO Calendar updated on the website. See below for upcoming events.

Upcoming Dates:

January 27 - PTO Sponsored Woo Hoo Cart

February 4 - School-wide Behavior Incentive

February 9 - Early Release Day

February 14 - PTO Sponsored Staff Lunch

February 15 - PTO Board of Directors Meeting

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March 15 - PTO Board of Directors Meeting

March 24 - PTO Sponsored Woo Hoo Cart March 28 - NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday

March 30 - Early Release Day