



SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTO BOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 10, 2022 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

Meeting Invitees

Molly Bilderback, Pam Blake, Susan Holloway Lindsay Jones, Ann-Miller Mattocks, Latoya McCants, Sheena Miracle, Meredith Murchison, Laura Murdock, Cara Pearsall, Evonne Peterson, M.C. Phillips

Meeting Facilitators

Meredith Murchison and Laura Murdock, Co-Presidents

Welcome and Agenda Review

Laura Murdock, Co-President

Roll Call

Laura Murdock, Co-President

Approval of October 13, 2022 and October 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Molly Bilderback, Secretary

- PTO Board Meeting Minutes and PTO General Meeting Minutes were both unanimously approved by the meeting participants listed above.

Principal Update

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- 502 students enrolled
- SMS is fully staffed which is amazing – especially compared to other schools.
- Only 23 out of school suspensions this academic year (lower than last year).
 - There was a subgroup identified last year that accounted for a majority of school behavior incidents. Supports and interventions were put in place for these students. The efforts helped.
 - Continuing to support and intervene with a holistic approach this academic year.
- Student Data – growth projections are similar to last year.
- Spartan Time – teachers are working on how to enhance even more now that they know their students.
- Academic incentive on November 4th for A/B Honor Roll went great.
- Fall Festival was a success.
- Mastery connect weekly updates from administration are parent driven. Content is based on information parents are requesting.
- Group of students took a field trip today to have exposure to campuses and universities.
- Athletics – SMS students are eligible to participate in school-based sports and private sports during the same season (i.e., middle school soccer and club soccer). There will be expectations that will be listed via CMS protocol.

Financial Update

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

Cara Pearsall, Treasurer

- Monthly budget report
 - Budget was approved
 - Changes on allocations:
 - Field Trips – will move \$1000 from 8th Grade Field Trips line item to a newly created Miscellaneous Field Trips line item.

- Staff Gifts – instead of doing a Valentine lunch, those funds will be moved to a larger holiday gift card gift allotment.
 - Health and Safety – all classrooms received new first aid kits.
- Planned Empowering Extraordinary capital expenditure update
 - PTO has raised more than accounted for and will have approximately \$28,000 to earmark for capital investments like:
 - New gym mats have been ordered and approved and should arrive by November 30th.
 - Number 1 priority is to install a sunshade over the athletic bleachers.
 - A curtain to block off/hide the kitchen in the cafeteria when having programs/events.
 - A new sound system (for drama, chorus, and anyone presenting).
 - Carpet cleaning and upholstery cleaning in necessary areas.
 - Former SMS student, Deneer Davis, would like to paint another mural – possibly on 7th grade hallway.
- Hoplite integration update
 - Processes will be put in place with a line item budget and it will be filled in by Hoplite. They will be keeping a budget and reporting to PTO.

CMS Comprehensive Review (bond package) Meeting

Laura Murdock, Co-President

- CMS Board voted to approve the move of Trillium Springs (Huntersville Montessori magnet) from Huntersville to Lincoln Heights – Huntersville will lose its Montessori.
- SMS, Park Road Montessori, and Dilworth Elementary Principals met with Dennis LaCaria, CMS Director of Facilities and Real Estate, and Walter Hall, CMS Director of Magnets.
 - Principals asked for them to be honest with our communities - if it's absolutely not an option to stay or change, just tell us.
 - CMS talked about the plan as the equity of our school environments which isn't happening now.
 - It is a board goal and guard rail to prioritize neighborhood schools but it's not CMS policy.
- Community meeting Monday, November 14th
 - Jaime Rentch from our SMS School Improvement Team (SIT) is leading communication between SMS and CMS.
 - A document with questions and concerns was created by a group of SMS administration, and SIT and PTO members. The document was sent to Dennis and Walter to help guide the meeting.
 - Please advocate no matter what age your child is for the best outcome for the community.
- Additional information
 - SMS capacity is 800-850 so there is room to grow.
 - Dilworth Elementary Sedgfield Campus is not large enough to add middle school fields as well as parking lot space to support athletic games. SMS has adequate parking to support athletics.
 - Park Road Montessori leadership expressed their desire to stay where they are. There's room on the PRM site to build a new building while they remain in their current building until the completion of the new building.
 - Why is CMS trying to make so many changes? Is there a bigger comprehensive plan that hasn't been presented yet? Possibly to redraw attendance zones and to change the feeder pattern?
 - CMS is doing a total comprehensive review of magnets.
 - Myers Park Highschool and Ardrey Kell relief plan is in the works and new attendance zones will be decided soon. CMS will likely want approximately 2500 students at each high school (MPHS, AKHS, and the new build HS).
 - SMS PTO Co-Presidents are meeting with new CMS Board Member, Lisa Cline, next week.
 - SMS is planning to do a post meeting survey (will include feeder elementary).

General PTO Business

Laura Murdock, Co-President

- Student Incentives – academic incentive went great with donuts at the beginning of the school day.
- Grounds – last Saturday. Small turn out but went great. There was a lot of trash so administration will be reminding students to properly dispose of their trash.
- Spirit Wear – getting ready to set up spirit wear store for holiday orders (it will go to students and staff).

- Spartan Express – thank you for complete submissions.

VP/Committee Round Table Updates

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

- Prospective Parents/Tours – Susan Holloway, VP Communications
 - Open House details have been confirmed
 - Lindsay Jones and Molly Bilderback will help guide tours.
 - Would love to have board members and their students attend.
 - Will have 4 sign-in tables this year.
 - Clipboards with name tags for overflow.
 - Waters will be provided at Open House.
 - Event is over at 7:00 PM.
 - A thankyou email will be sent afterward with Ms. Miracle’s presentation and the flier with future events listed.
 - Coffee on December 8th.
 - Daytime Open House on January 19th.
- Family Engagement/Fall Festival – Pam Blake, VP Family Engagement
 - Fall Festival came in about \$60 under budget.
 - Parent survey said they would like more food (possibly pizza as an option).
- Staff Support – Ann Lambiotte, VP Staff Support
 - Woohoo carts are going well.
 - Next big event will be boxed holiday lunches from Something Classic for staff on December 9th.
- InReach – Latoya McCants, Member at Large
 - Have hangers for InReach room.
 - Amazon wish list will go out in the next Spartan Express
 - The most needed items are new socks and undergarments.
 - Need volunteers for helping with hanging items – Signup Genius.
- Volunteers and Clubs – Lindsay Jones, Member at Large
 - Volunteers are where they need to be and are participating.
- Nominating Committee – A few people have been identified as great candidates for Co-President. Asks will be made and the nominating committee will send their nominee along to PTO as soon as they’ve identified who the 2023-2024 Co-President nominees will be.
- Teaching Fellows – If there are any local businesses that would like to support this nonprofit please reach out to Barbara Caldwell at director@teachingfellowsintitute.org.

Calendar Review

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

- **November 11 - No School - Veterans Day Holiday**
- November 14 – CMS Comprehensive Review Meeting (6:00 PM, SMS Media Center)
- November 16 - Prospective Parents Open House (6:00 PM)
- **November 23-25 - No School - Thanksgiving Holiday**
- December TBD - Band Concert
- December 8 - Prospective Parent Principal Coffee (8:30 AM)

Next Steps and Adjournment

Meredith Murchison and Laura Murdock, Co-Presidents

Molly Bilderback, Secretary

- Reimbursement forms and receipts to Cara
- November 14 – CMS Comprehensive Review Meeting (6:00 PM, SMS Media Center)
- Post survey after the meeting - coordinate with feeder elementary
- November 16 - Prospective Parents Open House (6:00 PM)
- Move SIT meeting to a virtual meeting the week of Thanksgiving – Monday at 3:45 PM
- Confirm band concert date
- Next Meeting – December 8, 2022 (12:00-2:00 PM, SMS Media Center)