



# SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PTO BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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December 8, 2022 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

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### 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

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### Welcome and Agenda Review

Laura Murdock, Co-President

### Roll Call

Laura Murdock, Co-President

### CMS Comprehensive Review Update

Dennis LaCaria, CMS Director of Facilities and Real Estate

- Current thinking for SMS
  - CMS views this as an opportunity to replace something old and bring it to baseline with standards like 54 classrooms.
  - CMS has a well-loved Montessori program with a building that's in poor condition.
  - 2022 bond projects will realistically start in 2024 and last into 2028, 2029, 2030,...
  - Some projects from the 2017 bond are just now being completed.
  - CMS is trying to address current and also future needs of schools.
- Current thinking for Dilworth Elementary School (DES) and Park Road Montessori (PRM)
  - Logistical challenges for DES with 1 school and 2 campuses.
    - CMS: How do we build a 1-campus K-5 elementary school to create efficiencies?
  - Opportunity to bring DES to baseline with 1 location (instead of 2 campuses).
  - CMS is leaning toward building DES a new school on the current Park Road Montessori site.
  - PRM will likely move to the current DES Sedgefield Campus.
  - DES and PRM will likely be linked and thought of as a packaged project on the bond with SMS being a separate project.
    - SMS is lower on the priority list than DES/PRM due to the current condition of the PRM building.
    - CMS will have projects prioritized but, ultimately, Mecklenburg County will decide when projects happen.
- Site options for SMS and point of view on the optimal site
  - After meetings with the SMS community (administration, staff, leadership, parents, neighbors,...) it is apparent that the desire is to keep SMS's current location.
  - PRM is not being considered anymore for a move to the SMS site.
  - CMS is now thinking about building SMS a new 3-story building on the current SMS site with 54 classrooms and to accommodate approximately 1200 students.
    - The new building would be built where the current track and field is.
    - After completion of the new building, the old building would be leveled and a new track, field, and parking would replace it.
    - CMS is looking into whether or not a 3-story building can be built there and will know soon if this is a viable option.

- While the building is being constructed, students will still attend school uninterrupted in the current building.
    - Alternate arrangements would need to be made for field and track athletics.
    - The building would likely take 2 years to build from start to finish (demo and re-build).
  - If a 3-story building can't be built, another option is to renovate and add on to the current SMS building.
    - Could possibly renovate and add on in phases too.
- Timeline
  - The earliest that a new SMS building would open its doors - IF SMS was TOP priority - is Fall of 2026.
  - The bond plan will go to the CMS Board the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in February for a public hearing.
  - The CMS Board will vote to adopt (or not to adopt) the bond package the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in February.
  - Mecklenburg County wants a project list from CMS the first Tuesday in March.

## **Approval of November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Molly Bilderback, Secretary

- Minutes were unanimously approved by the meeting participants listed above.

## **Nominating Committee Update**

Molly Bilderback, Nominating Committee Chair

- The committee is meeting Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM to identify Co-President nominees.
  - Committee would like to have Co-Presidents identified by end of January.

## **Finance Update**

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

Cara Pearsall, Treasurer

- Capital Expenses
  - \$36,571.72 to go to Capital Expenses
    - \$3200 for gym mats (thicker and safer) and re-using current mats for cheer team.
    - \$13,847 for sunshade for over the bleachers and picnic table area.
    - Carpet cleaning – happening mid-December.
    - \$774 for sensory room furnishings.
    - Actors theater of Charlotte will be auctioning microphones that PTO will bid on.
    - Staff suggestion – decals for the front of the school to see out but not see in.
    - Curtain for cafetorium
    - \$2300 portable promethean request.
- Monthly budget review
  - PTO has \$100,000 for budgeted items. PTO has extra funds and more keep coming in due to corporate matching, etc.
  - Everything that has already happened has been under budget or right at budget.
  - Field trips and staff lunches are happening.
  - Gift cards for holiday gifts for staff.
  - Empowering Extraordinary has been wrapped up
    - Signage was a little more than expected.
    - T-shirts have been purchased.
  - Carryover from last year's budget was \$4181 and was earmarked for the sunshade.

## **PTO General Business**

Laura Murdock, Co-President

- Spartan Express – next one will go out on 12/20
- Athletics
  - PTO will support SMS athletics this year with 30% of commercial Empowering Extraordinary funds minus the signage costs.
  - Mr. Tatum will direct spending of the PTO athletic support and the spending of the Hoplite Booster club.

- CMS provides funding that covers operating costs.
- PTO supports Hoplite with 30% of Empowering Extraordinary corporate sponsor donations (minus signage cost).
- Hoplite will continue to raise funding (concessions, etc.).
- Hoplite currently has additional funding to support athletics.

## **VP/Committee Round Table Updates**

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

- Prospective Parents – Susan Holloway, VP Communications
  - Evening Open House - great turnout with a lot of students.
  - Coffee with Ms. Miracle this morning (low turnout).
  - Might only need 2 events next year (no coffee).
  - Continue to see a lot of prospective students with their parents (even younger siblings) for tours.
  - Liz Waller is helping with tours and is doing a great job - positive feedback.
  - Have had numerous current middle school families looking to switch middle schools to SMS.
    - Considering having a separate sit-down for those families.
- Family Engagement – Pam Blake, VP Family Engagement
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance date change to April 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Spring event – possible Talent Show idea or Hornets night.
- Staff Support – Ann Lambiotte, VP Staff Support
  - Staff lunch tomorrow from Plate Perfect and staff will be given \$25 Amazon gift cards from PTO.
- InReach – Latoya McCants, Member at Large
  - Clothes racks are in and items are hung.
  - Need more hangers (look into a store that donates hangers).
  - Will put an Amazon wish list together for items needed.
- Volunteers and Clubs – Lindsay Jones, Member at Large
  - Ella Jones received her Eagle Scout - was able to talk about her Sedgefield Middle School project to help with the drama room.
  - Will look for a volunteer to take on the communications role and will continue to seek volunteers as needed.

## **Calendar Review**

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

- December 9 - Holiday Luncheon for staff
- December 13 - Theater Performance (6:00 PM)
- December 15 - Dance Recital (6:00 PM)
- December 16 - Nov/Dec Behavior and Academic Incentive
- December 20-21 - No School - Teacher Workdays
- December 22-30 - No School - Winter Break
- January 2 - No School - Teacher Workday

## **Next Steps and Adjournment**

Meredith Murchison and Laura Murdock, Co-Presidents

- Reimbursement forms and receipts to Cara
- Calendar edits and additions:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade science EOG - June 6
  - Add Academic Incentive for time and commitment to EOG test (productive effort) - June 7
  - Change 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance to April 21
  - Change Sports Banquet to May 5
- Next Meeting – January 12, 2022 (12:00-2:00 PM, SMS Media Center)