



# SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## GENERAL PTO MEETING AGENDA

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February 7, 2023 | 6:00 PM | Zoom

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### Meeting Participants

Molly Bilderback, Amanda Blackburn, Pam Blake, Amy Brittain, Rusty Bryson, Owen Bugge, Catherine Eldridge, Jaime Gonedes, Beth Haenni, Lindsay Jones, Emily Langley, Ann-Miller Mattocks, Teresa McCreary, Sheena Miracle, Meredith Murchison, Laura Murdock, Cara Pearsall, Jaime Rentch, Joni Shoemake, Anna Tartack, Eric Tornfelt, Karey Vera, Stacy Walker, Margaret Jane Willoughby

### Meeting Facilitators

Sheena Miracle, Meredith Murchison, and Laura Murdock

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### Welcome

Laura Murdock, Co-President

### Roll Call – Zoom Picture

### Principal Update

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- Tomorrow is an early release day.
- Recently celebrated 197 Honor Roll students (an increase from the Fall).
- MAP testing was this week.
  - Administration and teachers are doing a data dive.
  - MAP movement and growth correlates to proficiency in EOG. Showing growth with all groups.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math - 52 scored above 50<sup>th</sup> percentile which is stunning work!
  - There will be MAP recognition coming up for students who achieve, maintain, or have scores above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. Also using I-Ready for some students to celebrate growth there too. Would like to celebrate with 80-90 percent of students.
  - Will provide a state of the school update in the weekly Parent Squared memo.
- Teacher placements will start happening soon for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Fully staffed right now.
- Will not have the Specialized Behavior (SBS) program next year. CMS just assigned this program to SMS for the 2022-2023 school year. It has been successful at SMS but CMS is repositioning the program to a different location in order to service more students for the 2023-2024 school year.
- There are some field trips coming up.
- The school is required to do 2 remote working plans in the event of inclement weather or power outages. SMS has 2 plans in place.

### 2022-2023 Budget and Capital Expenditures Update

Meredith Murchison, Co-President and Cara Pearsall, Treasurer

- Working this year off of a line item budget and showing a roll up version of that.
- Good news is that the income projected from Empowering Extraordinary has been exceeded by approximately \$36,000. Corporate matching makes a big impact.
- Operating budget is set at \$78,870.
- Majority of expenses have gone to:
  - Supporting students, family engagement, student/family needs social workers bring to PTO, and department funds. The school is identifying needs and is spending on practical and useful things to support our students, families, teachers, and school.
- Field Trip expenses are coming in for grade levels.

- Miscellaneous line item of \$5,000 goes toward a summer fund. This covers miscellaneous expenses that come in between when books close and when the books reopen.
- Tracking as expected.
- Empowering Extraordinary overage of funds of approximately \$40,000 (funding above day to day operating expenses) to be used this year on:
  - Sun Shade – should arrive in April and will go over the bleachers.
  - Gym mats have been purchased and have arrived.
  - Working on quotes for a curtain in the cafeteria/auditorium).
  - We need a new sound system and should have quotes this week. Will include microphones for speaking events/productions.
  - Carpet cleaning.
  - Sensory room.
  - PTO will support Binary Bling coding technology event with Dottie Rose.
  - Promethean board is needed for the school.
  - PTO has approximately \$15,000 remaining to spend and are ready to invest in the school even more (curtain and sound system will likely be part of this additional spending).

## Spring Semester Events

Pam Blake, VP Family Engagement

- Family Game Night
  - Thursday, February 23 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the cafeteria.
    - Bingo, Limbo, and variation of Family Feud. Will have prizes, snacks, and refreshments.
    - Event is for the whole family.
    - More details to follow.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
  - Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The time will likely be from 6:30-8:30 PM like last year.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

Laura Murdock, Co-President

- February 8 - Early Release Day
- February 9 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
- February 20 - No School – Presidents' Day Holiday
- February 23 - Family Game Night (4:30-6:30 PM)
- February 24 - Academic Recognition (MAP)
- March 8 - Early Release Day
- March 9 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
- March 24 - March Dadness (6:00-9:00 PM)
- March 24 - Third Quarter Ends
- March 27 - No School - Teacher Workday
- March 30 - Dottie Rose Event – girls only (5:30-7:30 PM)
- March 27-31 - Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
- March 31- Field Day (March/April Behavior Recognition)
- April 7-14 - No School – Spring Break
- April 20 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
- April 21 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- May 5 - Sports Banquet
- May 8-12 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 11 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
- May 15-19 - Dream Team visit from Myers Park for 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- May 19 - Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pep Rally
- May 25 - Reading EOG
- May 29 - No School – Memorial Day Holiday
- May 31 - Math EOG and Math 1 EOC
- Late May - PTO General Membership Meeting

## Update on Bond Package

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- 2 proposals
  - Bond Package (to create structures). We are on the list but are not one of the top 40 projects that will be voted on by the CMS Board. We don't anticipate the building changing at this time.
  - A programmatic and instructional proposal – Partial IB magnet and boundary change
    - Vote has been delayed well past next week. They are not voting on this next week in order to allow for community engagement sessions for impacted schools.
    - IB content feedback from families being heard:
      - We currently have adequate IB choices (MGD, Piedmont, and Randolph).
      - 507 families have made the choice NOT to attend IB.
      - The idea to lose “choice” seems to be very delicate.
    - Goal and purpose for CMS is to prepare students for MPHS which has IB.
    - Lay out an instructional map of what SMS does currently, what we would maintain if we moved to a partial IB magnet, how that would impact students, and a timeline.
    - CMS thinks it would be a gradual implementation.
    - Partial magnet means you pull a portion of students from other areas (non-neighborhood) but the program would be school-wide. It would not be a school within a school model.
    - There is a pocket of students from MGD that might come to SMS. Administration has concerns that SMS might not be able to meet instructional needs of students while staying within the confines of the goals and guardrails of CMS as well as federal compliance goals - for example with EC (Exceptional Children) and EL (English Learner) students.
- Next Steps:
  - SMS would like to hold a family night to communicate with families what would not change regardless if we're IB or not:
    - SMS would still have standards in honors and Math 1, Math 2, and honors ELA and math classes.
    - The bell schedule should not change. Administration will advocate for no bell schedule change.
- Questions/Parent Comments:
  - Please figure out a way to keep the parents with rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders abreast of these proposals/changes.
    - We will work to keep all families aware by providing adequate links on our homepage and social media. We also get messages out to feeder schools with the hopes that they will get the information out to their families.
  - Any idea how many students within SMS zone are at IB magnets and might return if we became IB?
    - Administration gets an annual report. The report shows usually 25-35% but we don't know if they are attending a magnet or if they opted for private school instead.
    - We have had students who are returning from Piedmont IB and Randolph IB.
  - Thoughts on the gifted magnet program proposed for the current Dilworth Elementary Latta campus building?
    - There are lots of concerns in the IB magnet schools that get direct feeds from the LI TD schools.
  - For the chat record: As a parent of a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader, we have chosen Sedgefield because it is NOT IB program. We do have an older child who completed the IB program at Myers Park very successfully, but we do not believe IB in middle school is necessary or healthy and serves a very specific population at this age.
  - What does SBS mean?
    - Specialized Behavior – students who have learning exceptionalities and usually have a social and/or emotional component as well. Goal is to get them back into mainstream classrooms by 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Currently have 11 SBS children. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been mainstreamed and several even made the honor roll (very exciting). Sad to see the program leave and go to another school next year.

## Next Steps and Adjournment

Laura Murdock, Co-President

- Please reach out directly to CMS contacts to provide feedback on this newly proposed plan. Please be respectful.
- Next general PTO meeting – late May (information to follow).