



SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTO BOARD MEETING AGENDA

April 20, 2023 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

Meeting Invitees

Molly Bilderback, Pam Blake, Susan Holloway, Lindsay Jones, Ann Lambiotte, Ann-Miller Mattocks, 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

Approval of March 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Molly Bilderback, Secretary

Principal Update

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- EOGs
 - Map assessments are next week as a last check to see how students are doing and what to expect on EOGs.
 - We will need 30 proctors per day and can split shifts – 6 are currently signed up.
- Received ADMs
 - We will be gaining 21 students who have turned down a magnet seat (mostly Piedmont IB and Randolph IB) to come to SMS.
 - A group of Park Rd Montessori students who will be coming next year for 6th grade.
 - Job Fair this Saturday – looking for CTE (for Ms. Cathey), and a math position to teach 3 sections of Math 1.
 - Mr. Coleman has been hired to teach dance.
 - We are matched with AG for a .5 position and it will likely be chorus again since chorus is what AG has.
- DC trip went very well!
 - Final headcount was 98 students.
 - Night security was extremely helpful.
 - It was an action packed trip (stayed very busy).
 - Student feedback is that they loved it and thought it brought the class together.
 - Parent feedback is that their students really enjoyed it and that the staff was great about communicating with parents. The price was well worth it.
 - Positive feedback that only staff members went (no parent chaperones were needed).
- Ms. Buitrago will hold an interest meeting soon to see if there's interest in doing an international trip for students next year. This would take place during the school year.
- Behavior Incentive – students with perfect attendance from January 26th to March 24th got to a movie and have a pizza party during school on April 19th.
 - Normally 60ish students have perfect attendance. This time we had 120 students!
- Charlotte Soccer Academy (CSA) – SMS plans to sign a contract with CSA this week. The contract will allow CSA to use the field for soccer practices and, in return, CSA will invest in the field and maintain it.

South School Relief Update

Meredith Murchison and Laura Murdock, Co-Presidents

- What we know:
 - Draft 2 of the proposal was shared with principals at 2 pm and with the workgroup at 4 PM Tuesday. It was not be made available to the public until yesterday at 6 PM. Community sessions are scheduled for yesterday – Friday. CMS will collect all feedback, revise the proposal and bring back to the principals, workgroup, community etc. again before taking to the BOE. The BOE vote has been delayed until May 23.
 - In this latest draft, in order to help address the concerns of the SES imbalance at the southern schools, a proposal has been made to route a portion of the current Sharon/AG/MPMS feeder to Sharon/Carmel/South Meck. This would cause AG to have an imbalanced SES. In order to address that imbalance, CMS is proposing to re-route Eastover to AG and to send Pinewood to SMS. This is a reversal of the decision that was made regarding EES/Pinewood as part of the 2017 transition to address the (at that time) imbalances at SMS and AG.
 - This change would implement with the opening of the new south relief middle school, which is slated to open at the earliest possibility for the 2025-26 school year – IF the bond passes. It is unclear if this proposal would be moot if the new middle school isn't built.
 - CMS could not answer what decisions would be implemented around grandfathering families that had already matriculated at SMS (historically, CMS has opted to let 5th, 8th and 12th grade remain at their legacy assigned school).
 - After discussing with Mrs. Miracle, our stance is that SMS will push hard to retain EES as part of our population. If CMS wants to continue with the proposal to move Pinewood back to SMS, we believe that we can accommodate that from a capacity standpoint. In addition, bringing in Pinewood could work to our advantage to help us continue to balance our SES ratios and fill that middle academic graphic that has caused a lot of constraints with class construction.
 - Mrs. Miracle pointed out that the administration at SMS and AG has been hiring specifically for their current student populations and not for this new set of proposed students.
 - PTO leadership discussed our stance with Dennis at length yesterday. He stressed that the proposal was still in draft format and that they would take all feedback into consideration. AG is also strongly pushing back on losing part of the Sharon population. Based on our discussion, we feel that Dennis views our suggestion as a strong one and we feel hopeful that at a minimum the EES component will be dropped from the plan.
- What we have communicated to date:
 - A Parent Square went out to our families last night and a Spartan Express to our Prospective Families this AM.
 - EES and DES sent out communications this week.
- Next steps:
 - We strongly encourage any families who will have children at SMS in 2025 to become informed and engaged in the discussion.
 - We will also share talking points with a number of our parent advocates who are planning to attend the community sessions and will include the contact information for the relevant CMS team and BOE members for parents to reach out to if they are so inclined.
 - Meredith and Laura are working on an email with specific points of consideration that they will send to Dennis and team ASAP.
 - SMS PTO and SIT will send an email to CMS Board Members and the Boundary team.
 - Co-Presidents and slated Co-President Elects will set up meetings with CMS Board Members.

2023-2024 PTO Board Slate with Vote to Approve

Molly Bilderback, Nominating Committee Chair

- 2023-2024 PTO Board Slate
 - Co-Presidents: Molly Bilderback and Meredith Murchison
 - Past President: Laura Murdock
 - Treasurer: Cara Pearsall
 - Treasurer Elect: Teresa McCreary
 - Secretary: Susan Holloway
 - VP CMS Communications: Ann-Miller Mattocks
 - VP PTO Communications: Lauren Gomez

- VP Family Engagement: Chrissy Brown
- VP Staff Support: Margaret Jane Willoughby
- At Large Community Partners/SIT Liaison: Ginny Sloan
- Staff Member Representative: Evonne Peterson
- 2023-2024 PTO Board Slate was voted on and unanimously approved by the current PTO Board.
- The 2023-2024 PTO Board Slate will be formally presented and voted on by the general PTO on May 23rd at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Budget and Capital Expense Update

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

Cara Pearsall, Treasurer

- Monthly Budget Review
 - We're spending money which is great!
 - Treasurer feels great about where we are at this point.
 - Athletic spending –
 - Go through CMS for athletic funding that can wait.
 - Utilize PTO funds for quick athletic needs.
 - Hoplite has funds available.
 - Will likely go over on field trip expenses but that's okay because we're under budget.
- Capital Expenses
 - We received a Dilworth Cares Grant of \$8,000.
 - The sunshade is installed.
 - Walkie talkies will be purchased.
 - Room dividers will be purchased for the cafetorium.
 - Updates and repairs are planned for the gym.

PTO General Business

Laura Murdock, Co-President

- Please update board member role and responsibility sheets to help transition the 23-24 board members.
- Calendar:
 - April 21- 8th Grade Dance
 - May 5 - Sports Banquet, MP Methodist (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
 - May 8-12 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

VP/Committee Round Table Updates

Meredith Murchison, Co-President

- Prospective Parents – Susan Holloway, VP Communications
 - Pep Rally is on May 19th.
 - Dr. Tornfelt is assisting with planning.
 - Committee is still getting requests for more tours.
- Family Engagement – Pam Blake, VP Family Engagement
 - Tickets are \$15 (instead of \$10 last year).
 - Sign Up Genius has been great – next year be more specific with needs.
 - Currently tracking under budget.
 - DJ and Photobooth are confirmed.
 - Security guards are confirmed.
 - Tips are going to security guards, custodians, DJ, and photobooth.
- Staff Support – Ann Lambiotte, VP Staff Support
 - The last Woo-Hoo Cart for the year was today.
 - PTO will provide breakfast and lunch (Taco Mama) for Staff Appreciation Week
 - Meg Perry will do Woo-Hoo Cart next year (possibly with Linda Miller).
- InReach – Latoya McCants, Member at Large
 - A Parent Square went out with requests for needs.
- Volunteers and Clubs – Lindsay Jones, Member at Large
 - The Athletic Banquet is on May 5th from 6-8 PM.

- There will be a Taco Mama taco bar.
- Coke products were donated (arranged by Catherine Eldridge).
- Will have a Costco sheet cake for dessert.
- Will have awards this year. Reconsider doing participation awards for next year due to the cost.
- Every child needs to have at least 1 adult with them and must register prior to the event. No tickets will be sold the night of.
- The price was increased this year from \$10 to \$12.
- Will need 15 more table cloths (getting 15 from the Boy Scouts).
- Christie Pack is collecting athletic pictures and is working on a possible speaker.

Next Steps and Adjournment

Meredith Murchison and Laura Murdock, Co-Presidents

- Ask Ms. Miracle if she would like PTO support for the 8th grade graduation.
- Next Meeting – May 11, 2023 (12:00 - 2:00 PM, SMS Media Center)