



# SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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September 11, 2024 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

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### Meeting Attendees

Kyle Bumgardner, Chrissy Brown, Lauren Gomez, Alison Hackney, Susan Holloway, Ann-Miller Mattocks, Sheena Miracle, Meredith Murchison, Cara Pearsall, Evonne Peterson, Ginny Sloan, Liz Waller, Margaret Jane Willoughby

### Meeting Facilitators

Alison Hackney and Liz Waller, Co-Presidents

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### Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

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### Principal Update

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- State of the School
  - Administration has made the recommendation to CMS for an additional 6<sup>th</sup> grade math position.
  - Ms. Yang will be back in the classroom on Monday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Positions for ISS and ED assistants are in process with CMS.
  - An additional candidate for an ELA position is in process with CMS (waiting for official transcripts to be received).
  - Mr. Wilson (7<sup>th</sup> science teacher) resigned. Administration has 2 interviews today for a long-term teacher.
  - The current CMS hiring process is taking approximately 8 -9 weeks.
- Current enrollment is 535-540.
- There is no cap mandate for class size in middle schools. The current CMS-wide issue with lack of teaching positions is partially due to how the State of NC is allocating funds.
- Administration is working to better balance 7<sup>th</sup> grade class sizes. Currently, there are 32+ students per class but no class has over 40 students.
- SMS continues to enroll 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Currently, there are 190 students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Currently, there are 160 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Administration is advocating for 2 discretionary positions for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, where there are 25-30 students per class. Currently, there are 198 enrolled 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- CMS is reviewing how middle school Math 2 will be offered going forward.
- SMS needs more desks, especially in 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.
- SMS needs 75 copies of Percy Jackson given the increased size of 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- As a result of a CMS safety audit, staff will now wear safety vests during HAC and all grades will be split during HAC.
- PTO-purchased HAC equipment is being used and students are now enjoying HAC on the field.
- Administration is engaging student feedback for new ideas for incentives.
- Fall Curriculum night will be virtual. SMS will have iReady data and will present the new scoring scale.
- SMS will hold an in-person academic-type event in October.
- CMS recently released school grades for the district. SMS school grade is a D.
- SMS did meet our growth scores and missed making a C rating by 2 points.
- SMS exceeded state and district proficiency goals in ELA in all grades

- SMS exceeded Math proficiency goals in most grade levels, but the Math scores were more challenging for the school
- AG Middle School was also a D school and did not make growth

## **Budget and Capital Expense Update**

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- Monthly Budget Review
  - Budget documents attached to meeting minutes.
  - CMS is covering iReady expenses.
  - PTO budget will be presented for PTO Board vote on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Once approved, it will be presented at the October General PTO meeting for a vote.
  - Tentatively the General PTO meeting will be held on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ms. Kimpson has asked for PTO support if the band decides to hold a fundraiser this year.
- Hoplite
  - Hoplite is in the process of dissolving. After final lawyer fees are paid, Hoplite will release any remaining budget that will then be managed by the PTO or SMS.
- 2024-25 Capital Expenses
  - Future capital expense discussions are on hold until fundraising amounts are finalized.
  - There was discussion about a tarp for the gym floor.
- 2024 - 25 Financial Review
  - Suggested names for the 2024-25 Financial Review committee are, Chris Williams, Lynn McDonald, Brian Drozd.
- Empowering Extraordinary
  - Corporate portion of EE has closed. Received \$28k from 16 business, including 6 new corporate sponsors.
  - Working on new corporate sponsor banners to be in place for home football game on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - The new corporate sponsor logo will hang outside the front door.

## **PTO General Business**

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- CMS Comprehensive Review
  - CMS previously approved a portion of Pinewood Elementary students move to SMS (approx 60 students). These students will come to SMS in the 2026-27 school year, not 2025 as previously discussed.
  - JT Williams Montessori is moving to the Marie G. Davis building.
  - Marie G. Davis students will move to Dilworth Elementary or SMS depending on grade. Most likely, SMS will see an increase of approximately 30 new students from Marie G. Davis in 2026.
  - To date, CMS has the SMS capacity number and enrollment numbers incorrect in the current proposal. PTO Board and SIT very concerned about incorrect data being presented to the School Board and are actively communicating with School Board and CMS regarding concerns.
  - After losing Title 1 designation, SMS could face additional challenges as these comprehensive review decisions are made. Challenges include the need for additional ESL support and more teaching positions. SMS could qualify for Title 1 again in the future, but those reviews/decisions happen in Jan of each year.
  - The Board of Education vote is scheduled for 9/24. SMS representatives have asked for a delay in the vote.
  - An update from Ann-Miller: there may be some acknowledgement from CMS regarding the history of the SMS/Dilworth/Eastover school communities and amount of change the schools have seen the past several years.
  - There are a few proposals and alternative ideas and timelines being discussed related to construction of new Park Rd. Elementary.
- Empowering Extraordinary
  - Corporate campaign just finished.
  - Parent/family campaign is underway.
  - The Parent Party is planned, and silent auction items are being collected.
  - There is one more spirit night scheduled for next week.
  - The PTO is seeing a steady flow of donations.

- CLT FC ticket auction is posted on SMS PTO IG.
- Ms. Miracle and Dr. T have put together a video promoting the EE campaign.
- Prospective Parents
  - Lacie Amedio is working on PP and is looking for a co-chair. Lacie is recruiting help as well.
  - School Tours scheduled to begin end of Sept/early Oct.
  - Open house dates are scheduled and on the PTO calendar.
- Vote on Raechel Zientek for Treasurer and discussion about securing Assistant Treasurer
  - Per PTO Board bylaws, the PTO Executive Board can vote on a replacement treasurer. A vote by the General PTO membership is not required.
  - The PTO Board voted unanimously to approve Raechel Zientek as treasurer.
- Matthews Playhouse Update
  - The PTO is excited to work with Matthews Playhouse again. There is a challenge finding a date that works for both parties.
  - MPHS Thespian Honor Society wants to coordinate a theatre non-profit project to support a middle school. More to come on those discussions.
- Executive Function Parent Education
  - Parent presentation on executive function skills.
  - TBD: fall in-person event at school.
- Blood Drive - TBD
  - Parents, staff/faculty can give blood, students cannot.
  - If approved, this will be an on-campus event.

Parents can no longer post directly on Parent Square. Dr. Tornfelt, Ms. Eldridge and Ms. Miracle can send Parent Square communications on behalf of the PTO

**Calendar Review** – *discussion regarding adding SMS Athletic events to the calendar, Spartan Express, etc.*

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Sept 9 - Spirit Night: Brixx Pizza in Dilworth 5-9pm

Sept 11 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)

Sept 11 - I-Ready Universal Screener – Math (moved to Sept 12)

Sept 12 - I-Ready Universal Screener – Reading (moved to Sept 13)

Sept 18 - Spirit Night: Shake Shack in Park Road

Sept 19 - Curriculum Night (*Will be virtual*)

Sept 20 - Student Council Nominations

Sept 23-27 - Spirit Week

Sept 24 - Spartan Blue Out – Home Football game vs. Piedmont Middle School 5pm (*The PTO will provide a donut truck, pizza truck, pompoms, with proceeds going to EE campaign*)

Sept 25 - Early Release Day

Sept 26 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Discovery Place

Sept 27 - Student Council Election

Sept 30 - Spirit Night: Taco Mama in Dilworth 5-9pm

Oct - School Principal Appreciation Month

Oct 2 - Behavior Incentive

Oct 3-4 - Teacher Workdays

Oct 4 - Empowering Extraordinary Ends

Oct 9 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)

Oct 9 - Sparty Party for Parents 6pm – Midtown Tavern

Oct 10 & 17 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trips-Charlotte History Museum

Oct 15 - Fall Picture Day

Oct 18 – Fall Festival

Oct 22 - Science Benchmark Testing

Oct 23 - Math Benchmark Testing

Oct 29 - Reading Benchmark Testing

Oct 30 - Early Release Day

Oct TBD - PTO General Meeting via Zoom

## Round Table Updates

- Staff Report – Evonne Peterson
  - Ms. Peterson had to leave early. Will move her update to the beginning of the agenda going forward.
- Family Engagement – Chrissy Brown
  - Fall Festival date is set. 4 co-chairs have been identified, most from last year.
  - Hoping to host “Blue Out” events in fall and spring
- Athletics – Kyle Bumgardner
  - Met with Mr. Tatom. Big win for Athletics getting new football helmets.
  - Kyle will follow up on basketball goal installation.
  - Conference championship banners are being hung in the gym today.
  - Still collecting Team Parents’ names from all teams.
  - Cheer team still waiting on uniforms.
  - There will not be a softball team this year.
  - Considering Spartan Express updates from Team Parents to promote and support athletics.
- CMS Communications – Ann-Miller Mattocks
  - Update included in CMS Comprehensive Review discussion.
- PTO Communications – Lauren Gomez
  - Lauren had to leave early.
- Staff Support – Margaret Jane Willoughby
  - Great staff luncheon from Taco Mama before school started. PTO gave out staff support gift cards to help with back to school expenses.
- SIT/Community Partners – Ginny Sloan
- Volunteer Coordinator – Cara Pearsall
  - 14 responses to volunteer forms received to date.

## Next Steps and Adjournment

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- Next PTO Board Meeting – October 9, 2024, at 12:00pm in the Media Center