



SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2024 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

Meeting Attendees

Chrissy Brown, Alison Hackney, Ann-Miller Mattocks, Suzy McIntosh, Dr. Eric Tornfelt, Meredith Murchison, Cara Pearsall, Evonne Peterson, Ginny Sloan, Liz Waller, Raechel Zientek

Meeting Facilitators

Alison Hackney and Liz Waller, Co-Presidents

Welcome and Call to Order

Alison Hackney and Liz Waller, Co-Presidents

Liz opened the meeting at 12:04pm.

Approval of October 9th PTO Board and October 29th General PTO Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Principal Update

Dr. Tornfelt, Assistant Principal

Overall changes happening at SMS include higher enrollment, no Title 1 status, and reduction in resources. Administration has made a recommendation to CMS to hire a 7th grade math teacher. Once that position is approved, SMS will be fully staffed. The new 7th grade science teacher will start after completing the CMS onboarding program. Mr. Petigo (sp?) is a graduate of Myers Park HS with energy and enthusiasm for teaching science.

SMS is using Spartan Time for remediation, the Spartan Book Club, etc. to best support each students' individual needs for growth and learning.

The fall sports season is finished.

Winter sports tryouts are underway.

Prospective Family open house is tomorrow night. The second open house is in January.

The Admin team has been reviewing school-wide Benchmark data. Benchmark assessments should indicate how a student will perform on their EOGs. To best support students, some are receiving schedule changes to better meet their learning and growth needs. Overall, teacher/staff and student attendance has been good.

SMS Staff Update

Evonne Peterson, Art Teacher/PTO Staff Representative

Arts Night was a huge success. Thank you to PTO for the support.

NC Scholastic Arts Association payment needed for the school year.

Upcoming field trips include 6th graders to Blume Theatre on November 21 and art students to the Mint Museum on November 25.

Budget Update

Alison Hackney and Liz Waller, Co-Presidents
Raechel Zientek, Treasurer

Empowering Extraordinary has been very successful.

Alison shared the summary of the receipts for Corporate and Family campaigns. Company matches continuing to come in. The campaign is projected to raise approximately \$89k.

Suzy McIntosh was approved as Treasurer elect and the 2024-2025 Budget was approved via the Google form sent to PTO members.

Please encourage friends and families to attend General PTO meetings. The board members discussed ideas to help increase attendance at and awareness of the General PTO meetings.

Suzy and Raechel have been meeting to coordinate their budget processes. Alison presented the financial documents with closed-out October numbers, including income and expenses year to date.

The PTO is still waiting for final Hoplite funds.

There will be additional funds (approximately \$2k) coming from matching gifts.

Capital funds ideas: track resurfacing (hoping CMS will pay), lighting and sound system, and blinds for the cafetorium

The PTO Payment request process is now finalized. When buying items, the more we use the PTO Amazon account or the PTO credit card, the more we can get reimbursed for the sale tax.

PTO General Business

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Matthews Playhouse advising and supporting SMS on Willy Wonka performance. Mr. Coleman is excited to take on the directorship of the play! Putting a process in place that can grow and scale for future years. Looking for students who may want to help with backstage needs (costumes, lighting, etc.)

School rock painting. Could be a fundraising opportunity.

Looking for point person to manage Sign-up Genius, collecting fees.

Ms. Algood will need to review the process given the fundraising component of the program.

Offline discussion needed to finalize the process and identify a point person.

Chrissy Brown offered to include the program in the Family Engagement committee.

Prospective Families tours up and running. The school is showing well! Open House is tomorrow night and Ms. Miracle will be attending. Second Open House is scheduled for January. Lacie and team have delivered swag bags to rising 5th graders. TBD on when Pinewood students will be attending SMS. To date, Lacie and team are not including Pinewood in Prospective Family materials for next year.

The Band is sending students to CMS Honors Band.

All 8th graders will be attending a field trip to learn about high school programs, schools, and options in CMS.

Mathnasium has reached out about a sponsorship with SMS.

Calendar Review

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Nov 1 - First Quarter Ends

Nov 4-5 - No School - Teacher Workdays

Nov 8 - Academic Incentive

Nov 11 - No School – Veteran's Day Holiday

Nov 13 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)

Nov 13-14 - Willy Wonka Drama Performance Tryouts

Nov 14 - Prospective Families Open House (Evening)

Nov 15 - Behavior Incentive
Nov 19 - Junior Achievement Finance Field Trip
Nov 21 - Odyssey in Orthopedics Event
Nov 27-29 - No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 3 - I-Ready Universal Screener – Reading
Dec 4 - I-Ready Universal Screener - Math
Dec 11 - PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
Dec 19 - Behavior Incentive
Dec 23-31 - No School - Winter Break
Jan 1 – No School – New Year’s Day
Jan 2-3 – No School – Teacher Workdays

Round Table Updates

- Athletics – Kyle Bumgardner
 - Kyle could not attend the meeting but did send updates.
 - He has received quotes for painting the baseball field storage shed.
 - There was a great turnout for boys’ basketball tryouts.
 - Kyle now has access to the BAND app.
 - The football team had some money left over from the team fundraising that may be donated to the PTO Athletic line item.
 - Sports Banquet will be May 1. Room secured at Myers Park UMC.
- CMS Communications – Ann-Miller Mattocks
 - No update. Quite for now!
- Family Engagement – Chrissy Brown
 - Student Council was very helpful in handing out EE t-shirts.
 - Next project will be the rocks!
- PTO Communications – Lauren Gomez
 - Spirit Wear will be opening soon, and details will be in the next Spartan Express.
 - Please submit Spartan Express content to Lauren.
- SIT/Community Partners – Ginny Sloan
 - Once group of partners would like to provide a financial literacy class for students.
 - Continuing to receive requests for in-reach supplies (laundry detergent, winter coats, etc.)
 - Jaime Rentch has been working with Ms. Johnson-Willis on an Amazon wish list. They are both working on a coat drive.
 - Student Council would like to do a food drive for Thanksgiving.
 - A large donation received from Uwharrie Bank for DC field trip. Community partners have been approached to help with all DC sponsorship needs.
- Staff Support – Margaret Jane Willoughby
 - Staff lunch for December is planned
 - Dec 19th – Incentive with Student Council support. TBD cookie decorating.
- Volunteers – Cara Pearsall
 - Dr. T mentioned having dad’s help with morning carpool. Potential help with reducing the number of altercations. Will follow up to determine if this is still a needed.

Next Steps and Adjournment

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- Next PTO Board Meeting – December 11, 2024, at 12:00pm in the Media Center