



# SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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February 12, 2025 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

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### Meeting Attendees

Kyle Bumgardner, Chrissy Brown, Lauren Gomez, Alison Hackney, Susan Holloway, Meredith Murchison, Cara Pearsall, Evonne Peterson, Ginny Sloan, Liz Waller, Margaret Jane Willoughby, Raechel Zientek, Dr. Eric Tornfelt

### Meeting Facilitators

Alison Hackney and Liz Waller, Co-Presidents

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### Welcome and Call to Order

Alison Hackney and Liz Waller, Co-Presidents

### Approval of PTO Meeting Minutes

Susan Holloway, Secretary

Minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> PTO Board Meeting and the February 11<sup>th</sup> General PTO Meeting were approved as submitted.

### Principal Update

Dr. Tornfelt, Assistant Principal

- Ms. Miracle is out today.
- Willy Wonka was a huge success! The performance helps to show that SMS can provide a unique education/learning experience for students.
- Winter sports are wrapping up and spring sports tryouts are starting.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC field trip is coming up. 96 students are attending.
- SMS has had many visits from CMS over the past few weeks. The visits are focused on curriculum and how administration can work with PLCs to address our unique challenges and opportunities. SMS has a wide range of student performance. Admin is using I-Ready and Benchmark data to help tailor to those unique learning needs.
- Title 1 for 2025 is still TBD. When and how many Pinewood students will start at SMS is still TBD.
- I-Ready Grow and Glow incentive event was a success.
- Some CMS visits are related to safety, including suspensions, discipline, ISS, etc....Overall the district is pleased with what is happening at SMS.
- The Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pep Rally is tentatively scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Field day is planned for April 11<sup>th</sup>. The current committee chair will be out of town on that date.. We will need a new chair as that date cannot be changed.
- Sign-ups are available on the MPHS website for rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade tours of MPHS
- Ms. Means will confirm the date for counselors from MPHS on-site at SMS. TBD Feb 24<sup>th</sup>?
- The board had a discussion with Dr. Tornfelt regarding encouraging prospective families coming from outside CMS to enroll at SMS (or MPHS) ASAP to help with class and school planning .

### SMS Staff Update

Evonne Peterson, Art Teacher/PTO Staff Representative

- There are two art field trips in March.
- Willy Wonka performance was a big success.

- Art elective is waiting to spend their remaining budget on the vent for the kiln. Ms. Peterson will share with the electives team their remaining budget balances.
- Spring Arts Night date is TBD
- Ms. Peterson and Ms. Burge taking over PTO social media.
- There was a suggestion to add social media links, accounts and passwords, add and delete old/new contacts and users, to PTO board transition documents.

## **Budget Update**

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Raechel Zientek, Treasurer

- Capital Expense Review
  - Gym tarp sizing and costs being finalized.
  - Original quote for cafeteria blinds was approximately \$5600. Waiting on final quote.
  - Working on Dilworth Cares grant details with Ms. Miracle.
  - The cafeteria needs an upgraded sound system. Ms. Kimpson would like a stage extension, so the stage holds the entire band.
- Monthly Budget Review
  - Continuing to bring in matching donations.
  - No concerns on spending to date.
  - We are spending capital funds that rolled over from last school year.
  - The Donors Choice \$10k Grant. This is an “allocation” where SMS requests what we want the organization to purchase for us.
  - SMS will be receiving two checks from Dilworth Cares.
  - Community Partners donations mostly being used for DC field trip. All scholarship needs for DC have been met.
  - Mr. Coleman would like to buy uniforms for honors dance.
  - Ms. Kimpson wants to fundraise but needs PTO to hold the funds year over year. This process needs to be reviewed and finalized.

## **PTO General Business**

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- Field Day date/time
  - The current field day chair will be out of town on April 11th. PTO needs a new chair who can be on-site day of.
- Acknowledgment for SMS Community Partners
  - PTO is updating the website to include recognition of SMS Community Partners. There will also be a yearbook page dedicated to the partners. Some discussion about “thank you” notes from Student Council and/or PTO board members.
- “Swag” for Blue Outs
  - Blue Out planned for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rally towels are too expensive. Will research a new brand of pompom that sheds less.
- Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pep Rally
  - Tentatively May 8 or 9
- Social Media Update
  - Ms. Peterson and Ms. Burge have agreed to manage PTO and SMS social media.
  - They have requested a two-day lead time.
- Blood Drive
  - Blood Drive scheduled for Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, the early release day. Kathy Moore is managing the Blood Drive, that will be held in the Art Room. The Blood Drive details include a health curriculum that Mr. Tatom will be delivering during Health class.
- Nominating Committee: Kyle Bumgardner, Kristin Mountcastle, Lynn McDonald, Lauren Gomez, Christine Tremaglio
  - The goal is to have the board slate in place by the General Membership meeting in May.
  - Kyle will send out an email to the board to confirm who will be returning next year.
  - Certain roles need to be filled before end of school year (Empowering Extraordinary chairs, Prospective Parents chairs, etc.)

- Willy Wonka
  - Mr. Coleman's preference would be to have Matthews Playhouse run the performance next year. We need to pencil in a date with Matthews Playhouse for 2025-26 ASAP.

## Calendar Review

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Feb 12 – PTO Board Meeting (12-2pm)  
 Feb 14 – Behavior Incentive  
 Feb 17 – No School – Presidents' Day Holiday  
 Feb 26 – Early Release Day  
 Feb 26 – Blood Drive for Staff and Families  
 Mar 4-7 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Washington DC  
 Mar 12 – PTO Board Meeting (12-2pm)  
 Mar 18 – Spring Picture Day  
 Mar 28 – Behavior Incentive  
 Mar 28 – Third Quarter Ends  
 Mar 31 – No School – Teacher Workday  
 Mar TBD – Assistant Principal Appreciation Week

## Round Table Updates

- Athletics – Kyle Bumgardner
  - Coach Tatom be the baseball coach. He will be on-site for evaluations and tryouts.
  - Women's Soccer coach is still TBD.
  - Backstop fence will not be repaired in time for baseball tryouts. 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys helping out with tryouts.
  - Men's Basketball – there is discussion regarding CMS playoffs vs. the Mugsy Bogues tournament. Students prefer the Bogues tournament.
  - The gym microphone is not working.
  - Spring picture banners are ready to be installed. 2023-2024 picture banners will be moved to the cafeteria.
  - New banners need to be hung on the baseball field.
  - Charlotte Hornets will be installing new basketball goals, paint and mural in and near the gym.
- CMS Communications – Ann-Miller Mattocks
  - Ann-Miller not able to attend.
- Family Engagement – Chrissy Brown
  - Field Day – new chair is TBD. Chrissy will handle placing orders and coordinating details for the event. The rain policy for the event needs to be confirmed.
  - Blue Out – April 23.
    - Blue out planned for the evening of the home baseball and soccer games. There will be a food truck, Kona Ice, and swag items. More details to come.
  - Chrissy has arranged for Kona Ice to be on campus for each baseball game.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is co-chaired by Lacey Amedio and Caroline Sharp. The theme is black and white. Cara working on ticket sales and how to purchase tickets at the door, scholarships.
- PTO Communications – Lauren Gomez
  - Spartan Express content needed.
  - Discussion regarding how our lack of direct access to sending ParentSquare messages may be impacting event attendance, engagement, etc.
- SIT/Community Partners – Ginny Sloan
  - The latest SIT meeting reviewed testing data. SMS is showing 59% proficiency. Hopefully we will be a "C" school on the next school "report card."
- Staff Support – Margaret Jane Willoughby
  - Margaret Jane had to leave early.
- Volunteers – Cara Pearsall
  - Cara will work on finding volunteers for the identified Spring volunteer needs.

## **Next Steps and Adjournment**

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