



SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2025 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

Meeting Invitees

Kyle Bumgardner, Chrissy Brown, Lauren Gomez, Alison Hackney, Susan Holloway, Suzy McIntosh, Sheena Miracle, Meredith Murchison, Cara Pearsall, Liz Waller, Margaret Jane Willoughby

Meeting Facilitators

Alison Hackney and Liz Waller, Co-Presidents

Welcome and Call to Order

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Approval of February 12th PTO Board Meeting Minutes

Susan Holloway, Secretary

- Minutes were approved as submitted.

Principal Update

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- School score projection based on Jan test results is a "C"
- I-Ready testing now scheduled for before spring break.
- 555 is the projected enrollment for next year. Able to maintain 2 given positions and received one additional teacher and one counselor. Most current teachers returning next year.
- The 8th Grade DC field trip was amazing! Funded 23 – 26 students.
- The 2026 8th Grade trip is scheduled for March 3 – 6. Administration and 8th Grade teachers hope to use the same vendor. Target cost for the trip is approximately \$695. Currently, planning for approximately 100 attendees and anticipating 2 buses.
- The Glow and Grow event was a big success. The event was part of the overall incentives plans for showing growth. Opportunity for students to use their cell phones was a big bonus!!
- Teachers doing "Data Talks" with each student. Engagement/non-engagement observations and conversations ongoing with students. Admin sitting in classes and giving direct feedback to students on how they are taking ownership of their learning, actively/passively participating, etc.
- DCA Update
 - The Dilworth Cares grant funds will be used to build 12 "centers." Teachers are being trained on this new "center-based" learning. The funds will be used to purchase 12 Chromebooks specifically for the centers, tubs, bins, rolling carts, timers, etc. Teacher training resources also covered by the grant funds. PTO has received the first check from DCA. A second check expected with proceeds from the DCA holiday party.
- CMS Chromebooks have gotten more expensive this year because schools now must purchase certain software and warranties. Administration is considering purchasing bright orange covers for the new Chromebooks to designate those as assigned to centers/teachers only.
- Ms. Harmon is the new media center staff member working on more efficient inventory and tracking of Chromebooks and chargers. The district is no longer providing replacement charges. There is a \$10 fee to replace chargers. Ms. Harmon can also help with some in-house fixes (screens, replacing keys, etc.)

- 6th grade received new touchscreen Chromebooks that they will use for 3 years. Looking into refurbished Chromebooks so each ELA and Math teacher can have 2 extra Chromebooks on hand.
- Title 1 status is still TBD.
- Pinewood transition is still TBD. SMS may start getting transitions from Pinewood in 2025-26. Could potentially be 20-30 new students.
- CMS is moving from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus.
- Targeting a new 6, 7 and 8 ELA teacher for EC and ML students. Second choice is a second PE teacher.

SMS Staff Update

Evonne Peterson, Art Teacher/PTO Staff Representative

- Ms. Peterson not able to attend the meeting.

Budget Update

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Raechel Zientek, Treasurer

Suzy McIntosh, Assistant Treasurer

- Capital Expense Review
 - Shades for the cafeteria have been ordered and will be installed in time for the 8th grade dance.
 - The cost for gym floor tarp has gone up.
 - New office chairs have been ordered.
 - Still researching stage extensions with Ms. Kimpson.
 - Matthew Playhouse can come back in 2025-26. Tentatively looking at 2 dates in February. MPH and Ms. Kimpson will meet to determine AV needs/availability.
 - Purchased sweatshirts for the DC field trip.
- Monthly Budget Review
 - February update to come.
 - First check from DCA received and deposited.
 - Spent \$5200 for DC scholarships. \$5000 was budgeted.

TBD – Assistant Principal Week in March

Margaret Jane and PTO coordinating Staff Appreciation week and how/when community partners can help cover lunches, breakfasts, etc.

PTO General Business

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- Nominating Committee Update
 - Nominating Committee includes Kyle Bumgardner, Lauren Gomez, Lynn McDonald and Christina Tremaglio. Actively filling committee roles and Board positions. Still need a PTO president, past president and treasurer-elect. Need to finalize Financial Committee members. Ideally move social media coordinator back to a PTO member for next year.
 - Utilizing Eastover and Dilworth yearbooks for ideas!
 - Next PTO Board Meeting will need to vote on the 2025-26 Board slate.
- Date for Final General PTO Meeting
 - TBD Week of May 13th. The meeting will be at 6pm via Zoom.
- Date for PTO Board Lunch
 - Scheduled for June 4
- Spartan Games Update – incorporate disc golf?
 - Chrissy Brown and her volunteers are meeting to finalize event details. Inflatable obstacle course booked. 6 parents have volunteered for day-of. The committee is incorporating lessons learned from the event last year. Recruiting more volunteers via Spartan Express.
- April 23rd Blue Out Update – including spirit handouts
 - Repurchasing pompoms for this year. Secured Wheels Pizza and Kona Ice. Kona Ice will also be at every home game. Adding blue face paint vs. tattoos.
- Staff Appreciation Week and Support for Staff Meetings (WooHoo Cart?)

- Staff meetings are Wednesdays after school. Margaret Jane will determine how often does Admin want the WooHoo cart at the meetings?
- MC and Emily coordinating WooHoo Cart and what is needed for the rest of the year

Calendar Review

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March 4-7	8 th Grade Trip to Washington DC
March 12	PTO Board Meeting (12-2pm)
March 14	Student/Staff Basketball Game – will be held during school
March 18	Spring Picture Day
March 18	Spring Arts Night – 6pm
March 28	Behavior Incentive
March 28	Third Quarter Ends
March 31	No School – Teacher Workday
March TBD	Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
April 2	Early Release Day
April 4	Academic Incentive
April 7-10	I-Ready Universal Screeners
April 9	PTO Board Meeting (12-2pm)
April 11	Spartan Games
April 14 - 21	No School – Spring Break
April 22	Junior Achievement Finance Field Trip
April 23	Science Benchmark Testing
April 23	Blue Out – Soccer and Baseball games
April 24	Math Benchmark Testing
April 25	Reading Benchmark Testing

2025-2026

- Date for Matthews Playhouse Play 2/6-7 or 2/20-21.
- Date for 2026 DC trip and date for rising 8th grade parent meeting in April 2025.

Round Table Updates

- Athletics – Kyle Bumgardner
 - Baseball backstop installed. Fuse is out on the baseball and soccer scoreboards.
 - Tent: baseball scrimmage with AG. Soccer has confirmed their scrimmages with AG.
 - Spring pics taken on March 25th
 - Hoplite TBD on how much they can support Sports Banquet.
 - Update on Sports Banquet from Susan Holloway. Plenty of help offered and Save the Date shared via BAND app.
- CMS Communications – Ann-Miller Mattocks
- Family Engagement – Chrissy Brown
- PTO Communications – Lauren Gomez
- SIT/Community Partners – Ginny Sloan
- Staff Support – Margaret Jane Willoughby
- Volunteers – Cara Pearsall

Next Steps and Adjournment

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