



SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

Meeting Invitees

Chrissy Brown (via phone), Kyle Bumgardner, Susan Holloway, Lynne McDonald, Suzy McIntosh, Sheena Miracle, Kathy Moulton, Meredith Murchison, Evonne Peterson, Ginny Sloan, Elizabeth Webb (via phone), Margaret Jane Willoughby

Meeting Facilitators

Ginny Sloan and Elizabeth Webb, Co-Presidents

Welcome and Call to Order

Ginny Sloan and Elizabeth Webb, Co-Presidents

December was a great month for SMS and the PTO. Good incentives at the end of 2025 calendar year. Student/staff basketball game was a highlight.

Approval of December 10 PTO Board Meeting Minutes

Susan Holloway, Secretary

Minutes approved as submitted.

Principal Update

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- Very positive December. Community partners picked up all Angel Tree families. Avondale Presbyterian Church donated \$50 gift for 60 additional students. Parents donated \$50 gift cards for bus drivers.
- 1. Behavior incentive: made snowflakes with marshmallows and toothpicks. The event was well received by students.
- Future incentives: Glow and Grow party, Staff members lip-sync
- Mid-year data looks strong. Projected to stay a C school but higher than last year.
- 632 students enrolled. Registered 5 students this week.
- Having early conversations with CMS re: growth rate for next year (including Pinewood and Marie G. Davis). Dilworth has their largest 5th class ever, also pulling from neighborhoods that are rapidly growing (1st Ward, etc.). The building has the classroom capacity to absorb the growth. Year-end 2025 enrollment: 540. 2026-27 CMS enrollment projection due March 10.
- New staff coming onboard soon. Math hire did not move forward as planned. Ms. Charles has extended her maternity leave.
- Newsies Jr. moving forward.
- Attendance is up. Behavior issues are down.
- iReady testing coming up.
- Math 1 conversations with 6th and 7th grade families coming up.
- 8th Grade open house at MPHS – Date TBD. After Spring Break.
- Planning for upcoming field trips: TBD: baseball game, skate rink. Targeting late March dates.
- Community concern: electric bikes/home-made trails/ramps on/around SMS property. Working with CMS Safety to help prevent additional trails, etc.

SMS Staff Update

Evonne Peterson, Art Teacher/PTO Staff Representative

- Spectrum of the Arts/NW School of the Arts: 2 week seminar workshops over the summer. Details will come out in Spartan Express. Deadline to register Feb 6.
- Doodle for Google: May deadline. Some SMS students are participating.
- ClayWorks grant with Ms. Peterson's Art Club
- SMS student submitting artwork to prestigious contest! Presenting high school level art work! Fingers crossed!

Budget Update

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Suzy McIntosh, Treasurer

- Empowering Extraordinary Review
- Monthly Budget Review
 - \$4900 in income.
 - Spent approx. \$9k
 - Overall, budget is in a good place and on-track. Departments have been spending budgets.
 - Pulling some budget overage from Athletics to support staff fleece and gift card purchases.
 - Basketball court and potential rain awning for bus lot tentative capital projects for 2026.

PTO General Business

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- Prospective Parents
 - Morning Open House on Jan 20th
 - Marketing via yard signs and feeder schools
 - Tours going well. Getting lots of questions re: school growth.
- Nominating Committee – Courtney Gentzel joining Kathy Moulton and Kyle Bumgardner on committee. Chrissy and Bethany will be serving as “consultants”
 - Nominating Committee members approved via vote by the Board members in attendance.
- Newsies Jr. Update
 - Dates changed for Feb 20 and 21. Asked PTO to cover costs of some costumes. TBD.
- DC Field Trip Hoodies
 - 180 8th graders. Priced with 3 vendors (\$17 - \$20 per hoodie)
 - TBD: offer for parents to purchase
- General PTO meeting date
 - Tentatively coordinating with Ms. Miracle and iReady parent meeting
- Sports banquet
 - Scheduled for May 7th
- Spirit night
 - TBD. Consensus is to not add to the calendar for this year.

Calendar Review

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Jan 14	PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
Jan 19	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Jan 20	Prospective Family Open House (AM)
Jan 21	Second Quarter Ends

Jan 23	No School – Teacher Workday
Jan 30	Behavior Incentive
Feb 11	Early Release Day
Feb 16	No School – Presidents’ Day Holiday
Feb 17 – 19	Baseball & Soccer tryouts
Feb 18	PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
Feb 19 – 20	Track & Field tryouts
Feb 20 – 21	Newsie’s Jr. Drama Performance
Feb TBD	PTO General Meeting
Mar 3	No School – Teacher Workday
Mar 3-6	8 th Grade Washington DC Field Trip
Mar 11	PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
Mar 11-12, 17	Schoolwide Testing
Mar 20	No School – Teacher Workday
Mar TBD	Assistant Principal Appreciation Week

Round Table Updates

- Athletics – Kyle Bumgardner
 - Baseball field, batting cages, some safety concerns without fixes
 - Spring sports try-outs on the horizon
 - Uniforms seem to be in good shape. May need some additional new uniforms for spring sports.
- CMS Communications – Ann-Miller Mattocks
 - No updates
- Family Engagement – Chrissy Brown
 - No updates
- PTO Communications – Lauren Gomez
 - No updates
- Staff Support – Margaret Jane Willoughby
 - Holiday lunch (Mama Ricotta’s) and staff gift cards well received.
 - MJ will request another donation from Ms. Eldridge
 - New WooHoo cart!
 - Will provide snacks for an upcoming staff meeting (TBD Valentine’s Day)
 - MJ will connect with Kate Rech re: sponsors and in-kind donations from restaurants. TBD for 2026-27 school year.
 - May – Staff Appreciation
- Volunteers – Lynne McDonald
 - Sports Banquet, In-Kind donation ideas, Spartan Games

In-Reach: 8th grade call to action: “donate all of your SMS merch!!!” Last week of school. Merchandise in the clothing closet.

Next Steps and Closing

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- Next PTO Board Meeting: February 18th 12:00-2:00pm