



# SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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October 8th, 2025 | 12:00-2:00 | In-person Meeting

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### Meeting Invitees

Chrissy Brown, Lauren Gomez, Susan Holloway, Ann-Miller Mattocks, Lynne McDonald, Suzy McIntosh, Bethany Michael, Sheena Miracle, Kathy Moulton, Meredith Murchison, Evonne Peterson, Ginny Sloan, Elizabeth Webb, Margaret Jane Willoughby

### Meeting Facilitators

Ginny Sloan and Elizabeth Webb, Co-Presidents

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### Welcome and Introductions

Ginny Sloan and Elizabeth Webb, Co-Presidents

Ginny welcomed the board members at 12:08pm.  
Overall hearing positive responses to the start of school, activities, etc.  
Wrapping up Empowering Extraordinary Campaign.

### Principal Update

Sheena Miracle, Principal

- Finally, 3 weeks of school/instruction with no interruptions.
- Sedgfield has received 1 additional position. Considering ½ of a position to help Coach Tatom and support throughout the building as needed. Additional ½ of position to help with ML students. The school has had an influx of foreign language speaking students. OR, considering ½ teacher position for Math or assistant to help with Math. There is a possibility of 2 assistants vs 1 teacher.
- Enrollment is at 604. Administration has requested a “no transfer” to the school. 2 new neighborhoods have opened in our feeder pattern – West Blvd and First Ward – with larger numbers of town homes to accommodate families. Certain number of those homes are low-income. We are experiencing homelessness in our school. The wait time for a homeless shelter in Charlotte is approximately 1 month and 1-2 years for low-income housing.
- I-Ready scores above where they should be this time of the year.
- Curriculum night was small but successful. Reminder for next year, please bring your students.
- The Behavior Incentive went well. Chips and Capri Sun were appreciated.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been a bit of a challenge. Did split HAC for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Teachers working on field trips.
- Interview today for 2<sup>nd</sup> counselor.
- CMS has a new initiative for 7<sup>th</sup> grade/ELA – “Great Shake” (Ron Clark Academy). The goal is to teach kids how shake hands, maintain eye contact, proper etiquette, elevator speech, how to dress for interviews, meetings, manners, etc. All 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have exposure to the lessons/program. There will be a competition among schools. Lessons at SMS start in Dec. Competition in January.

## **SMS Staff Update**

Evonne Peterson, Art Teacher/PTO Staff Representative

- Mr. C had an interest meeting for the upcoming play. Mr. C will have a follow-up communication with parents.
- FBLA/Ms. Harris appreciated the opportunity to sell concessions during the Blue Out
- Clubs are starting Friday. Ms. Peterson working with Art-trpeneurs and possibly a collaboration with Clay Works.
- Ms. Miracle sending follow-up student communication to better fill under-filled/over-filled clubs.
- The kiln may be working properly. Ms. Peterson will test kiln tomorrow.
- Many thanks for WooHoo cart today.

## **Budget and Capital Expenses Update**

Ginny Sloan, Co-President and Suzy McIntosh, Treasurer

- EE Update – Ginny Sloan
  - A strong team effort on EE this year
  - 162 families have given \$52,857
  - Corporate matching – 42 families approx. \$8k
  - Corporate giving: \$20k
  - 31 staff members have given to EE
- Monthly Budget Review – Suzy McIntosh
  - Approx. \$84k with rollover from last year approx. \$90k to use for the budget
  - Cut drama and athletics – total operating expense now \$88,765
  - Max to spend on drama is \$2k. Matthews Playhouse is bringing grant money (salaries for instructions, rights to the play). Will supplement with donations from families participating in the play.
  - With these conservative numbers, we will meet our operating budget.
  - May have extra funds from Athletic Banquet line item based on new venue/event details.
  - DC trip funds TBD. Will ask parents to donate snacks, etc.
- Final Operating Budget Review and vote to approve – Suzy McIntosh
  - Operating budget approved by the board
- Financial Review Committee Slate – vote to approve and present to General PTO Members – Suzy McIntosh
  - Lynn McDonald, Chris Williams, Maggie Drose (sp?) – committee for next year.
  - Slate approved by the board.

Community Partners – first meeting tomorrow night. \$7k donation from Uwharrie Bank for 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. 23 requests for financial assistance on DC trip.

## **PTO General Business**

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- Principal Appreciation Week
  - Next week. Treats for Mr. Smoak and Ms. Miracle throughout the week.
- Newsies Production with Matthews Playhouse
- Sources of Strength
  - Mental health initiative. Ms. Means running the program. Student leaders will be trained to support other students. PTO providing lunch for 40 students and 10 adults.
- Honorarium discussion
  - CMS Honorarium – funding from the district to recognize non-athletic “things” – goes to a teacher, cannot go to FBLA this year, could include Dance, Band, Art, Yearbook. Ex., Ms.Fetter for 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip (criteria is based on impact and additional time outside working hours).
  - TBD: Mr. Coleman paid from the honorarium funds approx. \$2500. TBD PTO funds used to pay FBLA vs. Mr. Coleman as FLBA cannot receive honorarium funds
- Prospective Parents update
  - Pulling together materials/folders

- Need to get signs printed and placed
- Need to recruit tour guides via Spartan Express
- Empowering Extraordinary thank yous

## Calendar Review

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Oct 1	Early Release Day
Oct 2	No School - Teacher Workday
Oct 4	Empowering Extraordinary Ends
Oct 6-8	Book Fair
Oct 8	PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
Oct 8	Sparty Parent Party (6:00 PM)
Oct 13	Picture Day
Oct 13 – 17	School Principal Appreciation Week
Oct 14	General PTO Meeting
Oct 17	Fall Festival
Oct 31	First Quarter Ends
Nov 4	No School - Teacher Workday
Nov 11	No School – Veteran’s Day Holiday
Nov 12	PTO Board Meeting (12:00-2:00 PM)
Nov 13	Prospective Family Open House (Evening)
Nov 18-20	Schoolwide Testing
Nov 19	Early Release Day
Nov 26	No School – Teacher Workday
Nov 27-28	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

## Round Table Updates

- Prospective Parents Update – Ginny Sloan
- Empowering Extraordinary Update – Ginny Sloan
- Athletics – Kyle Bumgardner
  - May need help with baseball uniforms approx. \$1500
  - Baseball field needs some attention. Working with Dilworth Little League to help with maintenance.
- CMS Communications – Ann-Miller Mattocks
  - No updates this week.
- Family Engagement – Chrissy Brown
  - No new updates.
  - Great job on the Blue Out
- PTO Communications – Lauren Gomez
  - Spartan Express going out week of after next.
- Staff Support – Margaret Jane Willoughby
  - Dec 18<sup>th</sup> date for holiday luncheon – Mama Ricotta’s box lunches
  - Coordinate with Ms. Miracle for staff meetings
- Volunteers – Lynne McDonald
  - 6 volunteers to help with sports banquet
  - Volunteers to help with Media Center too
  - Fall Festival volunteers identified
  - Fall Festival vendors identified. Will tip resource officers and custodians. SGA making signs.

## **Next Steps and Closing**

Ginny Sloan and Elizabeth Webb, Co-Presidents

- Open floor for ideas
  - Teacher jackets: fleece zip-up jackets. Approx \$700 – \$800 from the PTO funds.
- PTO General Board Meeting: October 14<sup>th</sup> Virtual 5:45pm? - Now at 7pm.
- Next PTO Board Meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:00pm