SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2026 | In-person Meeting

Meeting Attendees
Sedgefield families, PTO Board members and school staff.

Meeting Facilitators
Bethany Michael and Chrissy Brown, Co-Presidents

Welcome and Call to Order
- Families were welcomed to a brief general PTO meeting before grade-level presentations.
- A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order.
- Board members were recognized for their service. Parents interested in future Board roles, including co-president positions, were encouraged to contact the co-presidents and learn the role before the next school year.

PTO General Business / School Updates
- Fall athletics are underway with record tryout participation in football, cheer, volleyball, golf and softball. Winter tryouts for boys' and girls' basketball and cheerleading are coming soon.
- Blue Out against Whitewater was a successful school-community event and raised a little over $500 through food and raffle ticket sales. Event organizers were thanked.
- Arts Night is expected in December, featuring visual art, band and dance. Dates will be shared with families.
- The school play is tentatively planned for February 20, 2027. Performance rights are being arranged, and parent volunteers are needed. Sixth graders may audition; CMS middle-school athletics are limited to seventh and eighth graders.
- Prospective-family tours are expected to begin the first week of November, led by Megan Alexander. The open-house date needs confirmation because November 19 and November 17 were both stated.
- Families should follow the Spartan Express newsletter, sent every other Tuesday, ParentSquare and PTO Instagram for updates.
- Yard signs and car magnets remain available. The spirit-wear store will reopen in early November for a two- to three-week ordering window, with delivery expected before Christmas.
- A new CMS-wide Spirit Rock policy was discussed. Families interested in painting the rock should contact Ms. Miracle for current guidance.

Empowering Extraordinary / Fundraising
- Family giving has raised $48,581 from 123 families and $30,000.00 in corporate sponsors. The PTO hopes to at least match last year's approximately $55,000 in family giving.
- Corporate sponsors and the volunteers leading sponsorship outreach were thanked. Donations of any amount remain welcome, particularly with approximately 200 additional students this year.
- The campaign will remain open at least through Friday's Sparty Party; fundraising and donation opportunities will continue throughout the year.
- Change Wars was a successful student fundraiser. Final spirit-night totals from Roasting Company and Brixx were still pending.

Bell Schedule Discussion
PTO Co-Presidents and Sheena Miracle, Principal
- The proposed Sedgefield schedule for 2027 is 9:15 a.m.–4:15 p.m. PTO leadership reported strong opposition from students, staff and parents.
- Families were encouraged to respond directly to Ms. Miracle's September 23 ParentSquare post, which CMS leadership can also see. Approximately 70 responses had been received at the time of the meeting.
- Student and parent petitions are circulating. The parent petition is available through PTO Instagram and the meeting's posted information.
- A small parent committee of PTO Board and School Improvement Team members is developing school-specific talking points and identifying connections to Board of Education members. Initial outreach will focus on the District 5 representative.
- Talking points are being aligned with CMS goals, guardrails and pillars of excellence, including staff retention, instructional quality, transportation and the school's community history.
- Ms. Miracle reported that 94% of staff expressed loyalty to Sedgefield on the working-conditions survey, compared with a district average of 80%. More than half of staff have been at the school for over 10 years. She expressed concern that the schedule change could lead to the loss of more than half of staff; this was a concern, not a confirmed outcome.
- Additional concerns included the number of bus routes already assigned to the proposed time slot, neighborhood growth, traffic congestion and the history of building a diverse community school with Eastover, Dilworth, Pinewood and Charles Parker.
- The next Board of Education meeting is October 13 and includes public comment. The committee is assessing the best timing and approach. Parents with Board connections or interest in speaking were asked to contact the co-presidents.

Budget Update
Kathy Moulton, Treasurer
- The 2026–27 budget was developed in the spring using prior-year spending, unused funds and anticipated enrollment growth. Leadership intends to maintain planned programs and continue fundraising.

- Budgeted revenue is approximately $104,000, with approximately $93,000 in planned expenses and an approximately $11,000 difference expected to carry into the next year.
- At the end of September, revenue was approximately 49% of the annual target. A recent Cheddar Up fundraising payment could bring that to approximately 65%. Expenses were approximately 14% of the spending budget, with more recent spending estimated at approximately 17%.
- Startup spending supported new classrooms and teachers, supplies, equipment and approximately 15 crowd-control barriers. Fall athletics growth required additional uniforms and equipment.
- Other support includes Blue Out, Fall Fest, student incentives, field trips and activities across grade levels, clubs, athletics and academics. Ms. Miracle emphasized that PTO funds support teachers and students throughout the school.
- The detailed budget will be available to families. A motion and second were recorded following the budget presentation to approve for this school year.

Calendar Review

- Friday, October 9 – Sparty Party at OMB, 7:00–10:00 p.m., with auction baskets and raffle items.
- October 12–16 – Principal Appreciation Week.
- October 13 – CMS Board of Education meeting; public comment is available.
- October 14 – Early release and Shake Shack spirit day at Park Road Shopping Center. The restaurant will give back 25% of qualifying sales when families identify themselves as Sedgefield supporters.
- October 16 – Fall Fest, 4:00–6:00 p.m., on the lawn, weather permitting, with a DJ, photo booth and games.
- October 21 – Picture Day.
- October 30 – First quarter ends.
- November 2–3 – No school.
- Early November – Prospective-family tours begin; spirit-wear ordering window reopens.
- November 11 – No school for Veterans Day.
- November 17 or 19 – Prospective-family open house. The calendar review stated November 17 at 6:00 p.m.; an earlier update stated November 19. Date requires confirmation.
- November 20 – Charlotte Fine shopping event, 4:00–6:00 p.m., with 20% of purchases during the event donated to Sedgefield.
- Thanksgiving period – Families were reminded that MAP testing is scheduled before the holiday and encouraged to avoid early travel that would cause students to miss testing.
- February 20, 2027 – Tentative school play date.

Next Steps and Closing

- Continue family-giving donations and participation in PTO fundraising events.
- Submit bell-schedule comments through ParentSquare, sign the petition and contact PTO leadership with Board connections or interest in joining advocacy efforts.
- Confirm the prospective-family open-house date and distribute Arts Night, audition and volunteer information.
- The PTO presentation concluded and the program transitioned to grade-level sessions.