

**South Middle School PTA
General Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2022**



[Virtual Meeting](#)
Google Meet

I. 6:37pm Call to Order (Brian Wolf)

- A. Welcome to the new school year and introductions
- B. Attendance - (4) Board, (4) general members, (4) SMS staff

II. 6:45pm Administrative Reports

A. Secretary's Report

- 1. B.Wolf moved to approve minutes from May '22 and Sept '22 at the next general meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report (Jenny Skidmore)

- 1. Audit review – summary of the annual audit
- 2. Monthly report – reviewed monthly receipts, expenditures, and reconciliation.
- 3. Budget update – board reviewed 21-22 budget and proposed increases due to unspent funds over the last years; many activities in the budgets did not happen last year or year before.
- 4. Nicole summarized the scholarship program including eligibility, where money comes from, scholarship committees, blind application, etc.
- 5. PTA received a request for additional plants for the new boxes the eagle scout built at the end of last school year.
- 6. J.Skidmore moved to approve, Leopold & Morrison 2nd, motion passed.

C. Vice President's Report (Janel Connelly) - nothing to report

D. Principal's Report (Dr. Morrison)

- 1. Thank you PTA for sponsoring the first assembly
- 2. Thank you to Chill Out chairs for planning, always a great event
- 3. Curriculum nights went well
- 4. MAP testing completed
- 5. Sports & clubs up and running, 4 golfers going to state
- 6. RULER sessions have begun with students
- 7. Please check out the Cardinal Corner newsletter, packed with information
- 8. PTA membership forms were distributed to staff and encouraged to join
- 9. New newsletter segment the "Alumn Highlight"
- 10. 8th-grade student suggested the PTA offer SMS Crocs or slides for spirit wear
- 11. Conferences will be on 10/20 & 10/21, families will be sent a link to sign up

E. Additional reports from Associate Principals: Sheri Rosen and Steve Perkins

- F. Teacher Liaison Report (Janet Iacovelli)
 1. What can I do to be helpful in my role as Teacher Liaison? Ms. Iacovelli's role at the meetings is to be a conduit between the teachers and the parents.
- G. President's Report (Brian Wolf)
 1. Review the filled and open committee positions

III. **7:30 PM: Committee Reports**

- A. Activity Nights:
 1. 6th Grade - Janel Connelly
 2. 7th Grade - Jennifer Shamook
 3. 8th Grade Events - TBD, 8 ppl interested
- B. CulturalArts - **OPEN to chair**
- C. Directory Spot (Heather Leopold) - looking at switching to Member Hub, a platform that we already use to report our membership to State.
- D. High School Liaisons
 - Prospect (Lorrie LoBue)
 - RM - **OPEN to chair**
- E. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation (Cathleen Hrutek)
 1. Will connect with previous chairs to review budget and catering expectations.
- F. Juvenile Protection - need to discuss whether this is still a required position
- G. Legislation - **OPEN to chair**
- H. LMC Coordinator (Laura Palm) - no report
- I. Membership/Marketing: **OPEN to chair**
 1. link sent out to families who did not join PTA at time of registration
- J. Publicity/Social Media (Christy Wolf) - no report
- K. Reflections: **OPEN**
- L. Scholarship Application Reader (Becky Polley) - no report
- M. School Board Rep (Nicole Barbieri) – board met on 9/13,
 1. Ryan Schultz, D25 Facilities Director, reviewed plans for additions & timing at schools for full-time kindergarten.
 2. Dr. Kaye presented on current student enrollment, Casarta study, and projection of growth.
 3. ATA President – presented Windsor “5 things”.
 4. Dr. Bein spoke about the personal health & safety, sex education. The current Candor presentations meet all standards, no change to curriculum, available online.
 5. Board reviewed policies, discussion & explanation, meeting adjourned 9PM.
 6. Next meeting on 9/27 will focus on district safety policies.
- N. Spirit wear (Gina Fasso) - no report
- O. Student Pictures (Danille Valentin) - Retakes coming up, 8th grade pics date TBD
- P. Sunshine (Erin Robinson) - no report
- Q. Technology/Website Coordinator (Allison Tucker) - no report
- R. Volunteer Coordinator (Lorrie LoBou) - no report
- S. Yearbook (Danielle Valentin) - no report

IV. 7:40 PM: New Business

Heather Leopold — proposed moving to Member Hub, for managing new members and the directory

Jennifer Skidmore — signing contract for yearbook, committee can't get started until contract signed

V. 750 PM: Adjournment

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

September 26 - No School (Rosh Hashanah)
October 5 - No School (Yom Kippur)
October 11 – picture retakes
October 17-20 – Book Fair
October 19 - No School
October 20-21 – Parent Teacher Conferences
October 20 – PTA Staff Dinner
October 19 – Stock the Lounge
October 24-28 – Pack the Piggies Scholarship Fundraiser
November 8 – No School (Election Day)
November 17 – General Meeting, 6:30pm
November 21-25 – No School (Thanksgiving Break)