

**South Middle School PTA
General Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
6:30PM**

(following the SMS RULER Presentation)



[Virtual Meeting Link](#)

I. 6:30pm Call to Order: Brian Wolf

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Attendance: Brian Wolf, Allison Tucker, Jenny Skidmore, Sheri Rosen, Dr. Jim Morrison, Cassie Hrtanek, Heather Tebbe, Ryan Kelsey, Julie Eisenhut, Nicole Barbieri, Magdalena Sadowska, Holly Connors

II. 6:40pm Administrative Reports

A. Secretary's Report (Allison Tucker)

- 1. Action Item: Move to approve minutes from September 15 and May 25, 2022. Motion passed.
- 2. Correspondence:
 - a) Thank you note from Christopher Pawlak, 8th grade student, for the PTA support of his pursuit of becoming an Eagle Scout, which he recently passed.
 - b) Thank you note from many SMS staff members for the "generous, delicious, awesome, wonderful" food on Parent Teacher Conferences. There were also several comments thanking the PTA for taking "such good care" of the staff during conferences and for all the PTA does throughout the year.

B. Treasurer's Report (Jenny Skidmore)

- 1. Monthly report - October 2022
 - a) Checking Account balance -
 - (1) Beginning: \$19,081
 - (2) Current: \$22,026
 - b) Savings account balance:
 - (1) Beginning: \$9,111
 - (2) Current: \$9,114
 - c) Motion to approve October monthly report. Motion passed.
- 2. I90/n filed on time in October
- 3. Outstanding school purchases funded by PTA
 - a) Drama - slowly but surely installing the purchased equipment. J. Skidmore will contact Susan Gavin regarding reimbursement.
 - b) MP room - Chris said they are selecting items/materials.
 - c) Picnic tables - have been ordered, waiting for delivery.

4. Budget discussion -- yearbook payments for '23-'24
 - a) PTA receives the yearbook bill in June/July for the school year that just ended. Since the PTA fiscal year ends 6/30, checks cannot be cut after that date.
 - b) Currently, the previous year's yearbooks have been paid for out of the following year's budget.
 - c) Do we want to modify the budget to pay within the school year for the current yearbook? If the bill is received on 6/29 the Treasurer could cut a check by 6/30.
 - d) PTA board will discuss at the next board meeting and present a recommendation at the next general meeting.

C. Vice President (Janel Connelly): no report

D. Principal's Report (Dr. Morrison)

1. Thank you for the conference dinner and stock the lounge. It was wonderful and is much appreciated.
2. Had the quarter's CARDS wall signing with parents, which is always fun.
3. On Veteran's Day we hosted different military men from parts of our community, many of them students' family members. South put together a Veteran's Day video, which was shown during the 11/11 announcements. And a gentleman came to talk about what it means to be free.
4. Had the BRAVE challenge over the weekend. Girls at TMS and SMS came together for special olympics.
5. Students did very well at the speech contest.
6. Pack piggies 1024\$, Dr. Morrison to get pied in the face this Friday, 11/18.
7. Food drive was a success. The SMS families were very generous and the goals were achieved. Dr. Morrison will dress in an inflatable sumo suit and do Tik-Tok dances in the hallways.
8. Winter MAP testing is coming up.
9. Digital citizenship – videos to illustrate to kids their digital footprint.
10. With snowfall on the way, getting students and teachers prepped in case we have an e-learning day due to inclement weather.

E. Additional reports from Associate Principals (Sheri Rosen, Steve Perkins) – no report

F. Teacher Liaison Report (Janet Iacovelli) – no report

G. President's Report (Brian T. Wolf)

1. Regional meeting update – SMS PTA received awards for Membership Growth Award and the Local Unit Honor Award for Advocacy & Action
2. Pack the Piggies update – \$1,024 raised by South
3. Danielle Valentin stepped down as Pres-Elect

III. **7:00 PM: Committee Reports – note several open positions below**

A. Activity Nights:

1. 6th Grade - Janel Connelly (not present, no report)

S Rosen asked if the activity night chairs have been given the information needed to plan. Would like to bridge previous & new chairs to get things rolling.

2. 7th Grade - Jennifer Shimuk (not present, no report)
3. 8th Grade Events - Maggie Sadowska, needs guidance and would like to get things started. Holly Connors offered to help with planning & execution of some events. Maggie would like to ensure wonderful memories for our 8th graders. Budget for PTA 8th grade events = \$5K
 - a) Event options – Working with Dr. Morrison & Sheri Rosen on the activities.
 - (1) Dance - There could be a dance (PTA sponsored program), with responsibility placed on PTA.
 - (2) Picnic - Last two years there was a picnic during the school day. Last year, the PTA supported the picnic not the dance, so a group of parents got together and planned a dance. Picnic was a huge hit - dunk tank, DJ, food, at school
 - (3) Great America - tentatively scheduled for 5/25
 - b) Per SMS administration, if PTA would rather do the dance this year (instead of the picnic) and it is held off school property, it must be independently run by PTA and cannot be school-sponsored. A dance held at the school would have to have insurance and students would expect to follow the behavior expectations of South Middle School. It would be unfortunate if someone gets caught up in the excitement and into enough trouble with the Administration that they cannot walk across the stage at graduation.

B. CulturalArts (Nicole Barbieri) – offered to chair this position.

C. Directory Spot (Heather Leopold) – nothing to report.

D. High School Liaisons

1. Prospect (Lorrie LoBue) - note that Dec 7 is pathways & electives night
2. Rolling Meadows (Holly Connors) - social media page for class of 2027; pathways and electives night in Jan

E. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation (Cassie Hrtanek)

1. Talked with Ann Williams (previous chair) to know what was done in the past and get an idea of expectations.
2. Will connect with Sheri Rosen regarding plans for Feb conferences and Staff Appreciation week.
3. Consider donations for future stock the lounge to help stay in the budget. Never an expectation, great appreciation. Sheri Rosen suggests that we move more to donations & SUG, which can include an option to donate \$ instead of an item.

4. Board to work with Cassie to determine how to move forward

F. JuvenileProtection - **OPEN to chair**

G. Legislation - **OPEN to chair**

H. LMC Coordinator (Laura Palm) - No report

I. Membership/Marketing - **OPEN to chair**

J. Publicity/Social Media (Christy Wolf) - posting updates and getting good engagement

- K. Reflections - **OPEN to chair - N.Barbieri reporting**
 - 1. All entries were collected and submitted to region, now moving onto state. Will know in December/Jan as to who is moving forward.
- L. Scholarship Application Reader (Becky Polley) - No report
- M. School Board Rep (Nicole Barbieri) -
 - 1. No Oct Board meeting because Sept had 2.
 - 2. Board meeting held 11/15 meeting
 - a) South golf team recognized for going onto state, some of the athletes there.
 - b) Thomas was there with their girls CC team, went onto state.
 - c) Was to be a lengthy meeting due to reviewing the financial report - see District Dish to get the slides and recording clips from the meeting.
 - d) Reported on pack piggies, final of money raised to come
 - e) Design the art guide submissions are open.
 - f) Some parents had comments about various things across the district - library books, safety, etc.
 - g) Veterans were in attendance and the SMS Vets Day video played.
 - h) Next Board meeting Dec 9
- N. Spirit wear (Holly Connors / Nicole Barbieri) - both offered at the meeting to co-chair this position.
 - 1. Will work with a new vendor and look into adding slides / sandals, flannel pants, sweatshirts, lots of variety & options. PTA site to be up and running soon.
- O. Student Pictures (Danielle Valentin) - No report.
- P. Sunshine (Erin Robinson) - No Report
- Q. Technology/Website Coordinator (Allison Tucker) - will take down CheerShoppe from the Spirit Wear page.
- R. Volunteer Coordinator (Lorrie LaBou) - No report. Note that we still have several open chair positions. These positions could be shared, or co-chaired.
- S. Yearbook (Danielle Valentin) - No report. See Treasurer report above for discussion about payment & budget.

IV. **7:10 PM: New Business**

8th grade celebration - Maggie Sadowska is chair, welcoming help on the committee. Have had several parents express interest. Maggie will receive the list of committee members and have a meeting to determine which events the PTA will sponsor and get things rolling.

V. **7:38 PM: Adjournment**

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Nov 21-25 | Thanksgiving Break

Dec 23-Jan 9 | Winter Break

Resources:

District 25 Website: <http://www.sd25.org/>

South Middle School Website: <http://www.sd25.org/south>

South PTA Website: <https://southpta.org>

Northwest Cook Region District 37 Website: <http://www.ilpta-d37.org/>

Illinois PTA Website: <http://www.illinoispta.org>