

**South Middle School PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2023**



**Virtual Meeting**

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**I. 6:34pm Call to Order: Brian Wolf**

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Attendance
  - 1. Brian Wolf
  - 2. Jenny Skidmore
  - 3. Allison Tucker
  - 4. Dr. Jim Morrison
  - 5. Sheri Rosen
  - 6. Akanksha Hanna
  - 7. Jennifer Black Foltin
  - 8. Lorrie Lobue
  - 9. Nicole Barbieri
  - 10. Kim Powers
  - 11. Heather Lepold
  - 12. No-name member 1 (name not given on video)
  - 13. No-name member 2 (name not given on video)

**II. 6:40pm Administrative Reports**

- A. Secretary's Report (Allison Tucker)
  - 1. Action Item: Move to approve prior meeting minutes (Nov 2022), 2nd by Jenny Skidmore, motion passed.
  - 2. Correspondence – nothing to report
- B. Treasurer's Report (Jenny Skidmore)
  - 1. Monthly report
    - a) Checks cut for photographer, DJ for 8th picnic
    - b) Filed 1099 with IRS NEC with form 1096 for the cultural arts assemblies
  - 2. Budget update - see posted budget update
  - 3. Proposal to modify the budget to accommodate June yearbook payment. In the past we get the bill after the fiscal year has closed.
    - a) Moved by Brian Wolf
    - b) Budget item #801 Special Projects would be reduced by \$9,500 making it \$1,500 budget.
    - c) Add \$9,500 to yearbook, which would bring that line item to \$24,500.

- d) N. Barbieri questioned whether PTA might lose money because of fronting the money. Would we be guessing about the number of yearbooks to order for next year? We can return 25 unused yearbooks. The amount paid at the end of the year is based on the budgeted amount, same as what we've had in the past.

C. Vice President's Report (Janel Connelly) - no report

D. Principal's Report (Dr. Morrison)

- 1. New sound speakers definitely make a difference. They are working really well and are very nice. We can't wait for the next play to really showcase the new system. Currently, the system is used for meetings and lunches.
- 2. The new closet for Drama is really nice, everything all in one convenient place.
- 3. Quarterly report cards going out 1/27.
- 4. Assembly "student teacher dance" was a lot of fun for all.
- 5. Basketball has ended, the teams had a great season.
- 6. Volleyball and wrestling seasons are underway.
- 7. Lots of clubs and activities are scheduled in the coming weeks
- 8. Ski Trip rescheduled for Feb 5.
- 9. Conferences are 2/16-17. New format:  
Thursday AM open for all parents who would like to schedule.  
Thursday afternoon & evening and Friday morning are for invite-only based on team leader invitations.  
NOTE: Math & ELA will not be talking about placement for next year because the teachers do not yet have all of the data.
- 10. Staff is looking at schedules & transitions for next school year.
- 11. 6th & 7th graders will make creative arts selections soon. This will be an online selection this year, making for easier submission and more accurate collection.

E. Additional reports from Associate Principals (Sheri Rosen, Steve Perkins) – nothing additional to report

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

G. President's Report (Brian Wolf)

- 1. Election of Nominating Committee to fill open 2023-24 Board Officer positions
  - a) Working on filling Exec Board positions for the '23-'24 school year.  
Would like to fill the slate early so that we can make the transition as smooth as possible. Need to fill President, Pres-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, & Secretary positions. Looking to put together a committee to fill the slate, which will be presented later this Spring. Use the procedure guide to get info on responsibilities of each board position.
  - b) Next meeting in March. All Nominating Committee members must officially accept the nominating committee election. If elected in March, post Board slate in April, vote new Board in at May meeting. Members volunteered to serve on committee:

- (1) Kim Powers
- (2) Mindy Turner
- (3) Akanksha Hanna

### **III. 7:00 PM: Committee Reports**

#### **A. Activity Nights:**

- 1. 6th Grade -
- 2. 7th Grade -
- 3. 8th Grade Events - **OPEN to chair**
  - a) DJ is reserved for the picnic (Holly Connors)

#### **B. CulturalArts - (Nicole Barbieri & Sheri Rosen)**

- 1. Finalizing date for a spring experience, a whole school assembly. Midwest school shows has a variety of choices, you pick what works for your school. April 28 is the assembly. It is difficult to find speakers for under \$5,000. This is a game show format, they call kids down, ask questions about making right decisions. Next is Super U challenge, good for end of the year when they're full of energy.

#### **C. Directory Spot (Heather Leopold)**

- 1. Added some updates on teachers and changes.
- 2. Will add new members into member hub.

#### **D. High School Liaisons - should ask schools for some swag to be donated for the picnic.**

PHS, RM, Viator, etc. (shirts, bags)

- Prospect (Lorrie LoBue)
- RM (Holly Connors)

#### **E. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation (Cathleen Hrutek)**

- 1. Upcoming PTA dinner on conferencees -- taco bar
- 2. Stock the Lounge after conferences – will do Sign Up Genius
- 3. Teacher appreciation week later this spring

#### **F. JuvenileProtection - **OPEN to chair****

#### **G. Legislation - **OPEN to chair****

#### **H. LMC Coordinator (Laura Palm)**

- 1. Appreciates PTA support going towards reading appreciation
- 2. Student Council help out

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

- 1. Could use some help, need someone managing it. Some simple spreadsheet work, maybe once a month.

- J. Publicity/Social Media (Christy Wolf) - promoting current activities and upcoming events
- K. Reflections - **OPEN to chair**
  - 1. 3 submissions from SMS
  - 2. Presenting participation certificates & green ribbon to those who entered to acknowledge and thank them
- L. Scholarship Application Reader (Becky Polley)
  - 1. Applications sent out earlier this year to give more time on the back end, announce in March, breakfast is in April.
- M. School Board Rep (Nicole Barbieri)
  - 1. Last meeting was Jan 10, according to the District Dish they discussed how finances are moving along with construction.
  - 2. Schools moving forward with public meetings about the construction and expansions.
  - 3. Library audits happening across the schools.
  - 4. Dist 25 multicultural fair for all district families in May. Looking for volunteers to help plan the event.
  - 5. Special Olympics was recognized as well as the schools' basketball seasons.
  - 6. Allison Berg representing ATA.
  - 7. Next meeting 2/28.
- N. Spirit wear (Nicole Barbieri & Holly Connors)
  - 1. First vendor wanted \$500 to manage the web site. Not working with them.
  - 2. John Caliendo "Winning Edge" used by TMS, reasonable cost, local, 2-week delivery. Included info to order in the morning announcements & to incoming 5th grade students: 2 designs, 2 colors, quick to get up and running now. Can offer more in the fall (jibbitz, car magnets, etc?)
  - 3. Nicole will email Allison Tucker to have website updated.
- O. Student Pictures (Danielle Valentin)
  - 1. Graduation pictures on 2/14
  - 2. Lorrie will ask Danielle if she needs volunteers
- P. Sunshine (Erin Robinson)
- Q. Technology/Website Coordinator (Allison Tucker)
  - 1. Getting update for Spirit Wear page
- R. Volunteer Coordinator (Lorrie LoBue)
  - 1. Would like a list of events to be asking for volunteers.
  - 2. Will connect with Student Pictures & Hospitality (conference dinner)
- S. Yearbook (Danielle Valentin)

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

None

**V. 7:36 PM: Adjournment**

**A. - Motion A.Tucker, 2nd J.Skidmore**

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**UPCOMING EVENT DATES**

Feb 14 | Graduation Pictures

Feb 16-17 | Parent Teacher Conferences

April 30 | ABC/25 Get 'Burbed Challenge

May 31 | PTA Sponsored 8th Grade Picnic