

**South Middle School PTA
General Meeting Agenda
May 18, 2023**



[Virtual Meeting](#)

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I. 6:32pm Call to Order: Brian T. Wolf

A. Welcome and Introductions

B. Attendance

1. Allison Tucker
2. Brian T. Wolf
3. Donna Ekl
4. Argie Karafotias
5. Janet Iacovelli
6. Jenny Skidmore
7. Kim Powers
8. Jim Morrison
9. Julie Eisenhut
10. Mindy Turner
11. Sarah Baird
12. Heather Lepold
13. Heather Walsh
14. Jim Morrison
15. Nicole Barbieri
16. Sheri Rosen
17. 847-***-**-74 (no name)
18. Cheryl Duda
19. Nikki Mather
20. Nadia Viken
21. Melissa Lenski

II. 6:40pm Administrative Reports

A. Secretary's Report (Allison Tucker)

1. Action Item: Moved to approve March 2023 meeting minutes, second by J.Skidmore.
2. Correspondence Update – thank you note from 8E staff

B. Treasurer's Report (Jenny Skidmore)

1. Monthly report - Nicole Barbieri sent an email about income for next year's budget, that registrations should be used in next year's budget and data.
2. Cultural Arts came in \$5k less than budget, hospitality within budget, yearbook revenue still coming in, payment should be \$4k. Still waiting on revenue from

pictures. Also unaccounted for are items for EOY student picnics that were just paid out this week. Still need to reimburse for the 6th & 7th field days. Kelly O'Kelly received her books.

3. Balances as of 5/12/23:
 - a) Checking = \$13,760
 - b) Savings = \$5,121.

(1) NOTE: Expenses still need to be paid for end of year events and activities
4. May 12 annual return report was filed with the Sec of State office, this is something that is something that must be filed every year.
5. Excess Funds Committee Update
 - a) Last year we found money from prior years and we were able to do a lot with excess funds. Speakers in MP, TV in hallway, shelving in Drama, 4 picnic tables.
 - b) This year *if* funds are available we may get 6 cushion chairs for LMC, 4 new cushions benches for hallways, 4 curved ottomans (\$6,200).
 - c) Brian T Wolf – read section from bylaws, motion made, vote passed.
6. Donations
 - a) Holocaust Program = \$755
 - b) Girl Scout's Program = \$500
7. PTA previously agreed to use some of the Student Enrichment budget to replenish games in the lunchroom. Will coordinate with Sheri Rosen.
8. Audit committee will meet this summer -- Sarah Baird, Nikki Mather, Jay Nelson.

C. Principal's Report (Dr. Morrison)

1. It's been a wild month-and-a-half!
2. Thank you for the teacher appreciation week. The things provided were amazing, the teachers were very pleased and felt supported.
3. Thank you for the flowers out front. The Unity club planted the new flowers in new boxes at the main entrance (the Eagle project boxes from last year). It was a special day for the Unity Club, the kids got together and really enjoyed it.
4. *Matilda Jr* was earlier this month. New speaker system was amazing. Even in the back, you could hear everything. Worth every cent, truly an amazing addition.
5. Concert Symphonic & Wind ensemble, Jazz and choir performed on Tues.
6. Art Show at the library featured students recommended by Mr Gnutek.
7. 14 students are going to State for track, there will be a school event to recognize them.
8. 8th-grade email blast is planned with information on upcoming special events.
9. 6th-graders are doing a field day 6/6, outdoors is the plan, lots of fun events.
10. Garden outside the track -- flowers updated by the Girl Scouts (sister of Eagle scout last year).

D. Additional reports from Associate Principals (Sheri Rosen, Steve Perkins)

1. 7th-graders went to Sunrise last week, two groups on 2 different days. Weather cooperated, lots of great activities, plus s'mores.

E. Teacher Liaison Report (Janet Iacovelli)

1. No formal report. Just wanted to reiterate how much our teachers appreciate all you do. PTA goes above and beyond to make us feel special. Especially after Covid, it has been so great to be together as a community and support our kids.
2. 8th-grade finished unit on Holocaust, created a wall of history for those who no longer have a voice for themselves. It was a way to reflect but also look forward.
3. 8th-grade finished their graduation essays/speeches. Lots of emotions, some goofy, some scared. Many reflected on how they lived through Covid pandemic. It's amazing to see how much they've matured. Many students were behind maturationally at the beginning of the year, but they all have come so far. We are excited about graduation and hoping for an outdoor event.

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

1. Executive Board Slate 2023-24 school year and Election of Incoming Officers
 - a) Secretary read Article VI, Sections 1, 2abc (July 1 - June 30)
2. Bylaws Committee Update - updates submitted to regional PTA for review
 - a) Update must be posted for 30 days before they can be voted on
3. Mindy Turner and Akanksha Hannah reported on their Executive Board Nominating Committee results. Found candidates for each position, but some after the 30-day mandatory posting.
 - a) *President* - Taking motions from the floor for the office of President, Sarah Baird nominated for President by Kim Powers. Seeing/hearing no other nominations, no objections. Nominations closed.
 - b) *President-elect* - Taking motions from the floor for the office of President-Elect, Nadia Viken was nominated by the committee. Seeing/hearing no further nominations, no objections. Nominations closed.
 - c) *Vice-President* - Taking motions from the floor for the office of Vice President - Melissa Lenske was nominated by the committee. Seeing/hearing no further nominations, no objections. Nominations closed.
 - d) *Treasurer* - position slated by the Committee -- Nikki Mather
 - e) *Secretary* - position slated by the Committee -- Julie Eisenhut
 - f) Since there was one and only one candidate for each position, a motion was made to elect the current slate, with a second for the motion, a verbal election was held and all nominees were voted in.
4. PTA Exec Board email accounts update -- old email accounts will be forwarded to new accounts for one year. Brian can stay on as admin to help with any tech issues with the new domain. Julie asked why we are changing the email addresses and asked if we could just change the passwords. Brian reiterated that it's mostly because if something happens to the person who has the account, it cannot be recovered. For example, the Secretary email account was lost a long time ago and cannot be recovered. It's also challenging with the 2-factor authentication. This way if something happens to someone, new Exec Board or chairpersons can get in and recover the account.

5. New Google workspace has been established for SouthPTA.org.
6. Note that there are many open committee positions for next year.

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

A. Activity Nights:

1. 6th Grade (Sarah Baird & Nadia Viken)
 - a) Ordering from food services, more affordable than Costco
 - b) Orientation chill-out in August planned, but may need a chairperson now for planning over the summer.
2. 7th Grade (Sarah Baird & Nadia Viken)
3. 8th Grade Events (Holly Connors)
 - a) Picnic - dj set, kona set, lunch set, in good shape
 - b) Hallway - decorations team is working on everything

B. CulturalArts (Nicole Barbieri & Sheri Rosen)

1. Assembly 4/28 was super fun. There was some concern that it would be geared toward 5/6/7, but 8th graders had a blast.

C. Directory Spot (Heather Lepold) - nothing to report. Will continue as chair next year.

D. High School Liaisons

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

E. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation (Cassie Hrtanek) - one more stock the lounge happening now. Check SUG for unfilled slots.

F. JuvenileProtection - **OPEN to chair**

G. Legislation - **OPEN to chair**

H. LMC Coordinator (Laura Palm)

I. Membership/Marketing (Cheryl Duda)

J. Publicity/Social Media (Christy Wolf) - Julie Eisenhut will chair next year.

K. Reflections - **OPEN to chair**

L. Scholarship Application Reader (Becky Polley) - Brian attended the scholarship award breakfast with Sheri, lots of tears, powerful stories. Nice to see the impact of our and other PTA donations.

M. School Board Rep (Nicole Barbieri) - not returning as chair next year, need new chairperson, or just link or read from Board Buzz

1. May 9 began with former teacher (Kim Dyer) who came to thank the board for allowing the science olympiad to use dist facilities. Participants have gone on to do amazing things in college and professionally. Mentioned would be great for PTA to get involved, beginning even at elementary level.
2. Special olympics athletes, coaches, & families were there and honored. Shared their accomplishments with the community.
3. Board has an eLearning plan - renewing the existing plan from 2020.
4. Audit report of NSSEO (Special Education programming) presented by Diane Kaffka and 2 NSSEO reps.
5. Changes to next year's calendar - be sure you note the new calendar approved by board 5/9/23, there are some modifications to the initial calendar.

- 6. Dr Bein proposed expanding school resource officer positions to have 2 full-time at SMS and TMS. Board wanted more time to review and research.
- 7. Next meeting honoring all of the retirees on May 23.
- N. Spirit wear (Nicole Barbieri) - may want to discuss using the same vendor vs others. May want to open up sales to feeder elementary 5th-graders. Elementary orders were approximately 20 orders this year. We made \$800 total. Maybe consider having the vendor organize differently for easier delivery to the many schools. Kim Powers suggested looking at Waist Up - no middle man, open all year, ship to house, no shipping charge.
- O. Student Pictures (Danielle Valentin)
- P. Sunshine (Erin Robinson)
- Q. Technology/Website Coordinator (Allison Tucker) - Julie Eisenhut chair for next year.
- R. Volunteer Coordinator (Lorrie LoBue)
- S. Yearbook (Argie Karafotias / Cheryl D / Heather L) - Heather has been keeping tallies, have some extras and orders still coming in. Will sort next week, distribute to 8th-grade next week and 6th & 7th the week after. Meet Tuesday 1:00 at school if you can help sort & distribute. Big thank you to Misty Kuzmanoff (staff) for her tremendous work in making the yearbook happen this year.

IV. **7:10 PM: New Business** - not hearing any

V. **7:39 PM: Adjournment** - motion by Brian T Wolf, second by AT

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

5/30 – 8th grade Great America
5/31 – 8th grade PTA Picnic; Parent-organized Dance
6/1 – 8th grade graduation
6/6 – 6th grade field day