

SMS PTSA General Meeting Minutes

Combined meeting with SAC

Seminole Middle School PTSA General Meeting
January 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
SMS Media Center
19 attendees

- I. Call Meeting to Order - 6:02 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Secretary: Susan Kurek
 - September 24, 2019 PTSA General Meeting
Karl Wiemer 1st, Jim Anderson 2nd, all approved
- III. Reports of Officers
 - President’s Report: Marci Edmiston
Welcome from PTSA President. This will be a joint meeting with SAC.
 - School Advisory Council chairman, Jim Anderson introduced our Principal, Dr. Michael Moss
 - Principal’s Report: Michael Moss

Dr. Moss recognized outstanding staff members who have received awards:

SAC Award for Family Involvement – Michelle Alfred

Ms. Alfred has done a phenomenal job increasing business partners to bring in resources to SMS, organizes the mentoring program, brings a positive energy into school, monitors website and the official Facebook page. She also sponsors the SAVE club (Students Against Violence Everywhere).

SMS Support Professional of the Year – Michelle Haber

Ms. Haber is our 7th grade clerk and office manager. Ms. Haber does so much for our school and working with children. She has been with SMS for 9 years and Pinellas County Schools for 15 years.

Nomination for Teacher of the Year – Cassandra Bidman

On January 29th Evening of Excellence – teachers are recognized from across the district. So many wonderful things can be said about Ms. Bynum and she is an alumni of SMS making it extra special. This is Ms. Bynum’s 8th year teaching. She is a teacher leader, EBD assistant, with impressive test scores that exceed the district average. Her involvement in the Young Life Organization is one of the many things she does to help bring our communities together. Ms. Bynum is an outstanding educator who we are honored to have represent Seminole Middle School.

Dr. Moss shared a presentation with a Mid-Year Report & School Updates:

The presentation covered areas including staff updates, new SROs with the Pinellas Sheriff Office, review of our core goals in the School Improvement Plan, Mid-Year Data Summary, Academies at SMS, improving communication, PBIS and character education, and curriculum updates.

Review of the SMS school grade of B, with targets set to receive an A. Goals are established that will lead us to an A school.

Mid-Year data for Social Studies and Mathematics are above district average. Science and Language Arts are both doing well. Reading growth is the highest in district for pure growth.

Discipline data – the number of suspensions is significantly down.

Our Leadership Academy is growing. There will be 3 teachers in each grade for leadership next year. Parents will sign an agreement similar to fundamental expectations for academics and behavior. This is an official academy and a unique community for our students. Information is posted on the school website.

STEM and Innovation Academy to begin next year with 35 seats in the program. This program guarantees 6-8th graders two electives for STEM based classes.

Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet school would like the opportunity for their students to have access to SMS through special attendance request into this program. STEM magnet invite partnership from elementary magnet. Starting with 6th grade – 35 students eventually expanding to 70 students per grade level.

The Performing Arts Application for magnet was not approved. In house academy for chorus, band and orchestra, giving students more opportunity with a tighter involvement with high school.

Seminole Middle School's vision is to have 3 robust academies.

Family Involvement at SMS continues to strive – the number of school business partners has increased. SMS has received the Golden State Award, Five Star School Award, and has been nominated as a Florida Middle School of Character.

Dr. Moss encourages all to view our school's website and official Facebook page to find more information on programs, academies. Key upcoming dates will be posted on the website.

- Treasurer's Report: Alison Mazzei
January Treasurers report was distributed for all to review. No questions were asked.

VII. Meeting Adjourned – 6:50 pm Motion by Karl Wiemer 1st, Marci Edmiston 2nd, all in favor

Minutes Prepared by: Susan Kurek – Secretary