

**Seminole Middle School PTSA Board
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday January 16, 2024

Seminole Middle School PTSA General Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 16, 2024

Time: 5:30 pm

Room: Media Center

Attendees: 12 Attendees present

Quorum Establish

I. **Call Meeting to Order** - at 5:33 pm by PTSA President Tara McCabe

II. **Approval of General Meeting Minutes** - Secretary Grantham

a. Approval of November 14, 2023, General Meeting minutes – Secretary Grantham motioned for approval. The minutes are posted on the SMS website: <https://seminolemiddleschoolptsa.org/calendar---news.php> Vice President Commander 2nd. All in favor – Yes.

Accepted as presented.

b. Reviewed the PTA Bylaws for review and renew with the group. Secretary Grantham motioned for approval. Tammy Falls 2nd. All in favor – Yes. Accepted as presented.

III. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Hartmann

a. **Updates** -

- Reviewed the Nov. & Dec. 2023 Treasury Report - Primarily focused on obtaining the FAST Testing prizes that the students entered to win. The students loved the Golden Ticket Contest! When students earned a Golden Ticket for a specific growth or a specific proficiency, they were to write on their ticket how they earned it, & placed the ticket in the decorated raffle box. Then over 40 of the Golden Tickets were randomly selected as winners & those students won a prize (example: airpods, a bowling outing, even PBIS pts.)
- PTSA made \$323 with the Chick Fil A Spirit Wheel and just over \$1,000 total for the CFA Spirit month.
- Teacher & Staff Holiday Luncheon - PTSA contributed \$580 & Texas Roadhouse donated \$500 using an in kind trade for the banner.
- Goal is to leave next year's PTSA a healthy balance of \$12,000. If we don't have another fundraiser, we may fall short of that goal.
- PTSA major expenses this year will include the 8th Grade Dance & Teacher Appreciation.
- The money has specific allocations for specific designations. Overall doing pretty well.
- Of note: PTSA assumed several sports concessions this year & netted \$450 in concessions this year so far.

IV. **Principal's Updates** - Dr. Robert Ovalle

a. **Updates** -

- School grades came out in Dec. and SMS earned a "B" for the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations! Seminole Middle can be compared to Osceola & Safety Harbor Middle Schools. We can't really be compared to Madeira b/c they are a Fundamental School. Overall Seminole Middle saw great gains with the FAST Tests especially in the areas of Math, ELA, Civics & Science. Dr. Ovalle thinks as a school we are in good shape to earn that "A" for this school year.
- Dr. Ovalle wanted to get students motivated for the FAST tests with the "Golden Tickets Event." There was a last minute prize to win a Bowling Event. The students are still kids at heart and they enjoy fun events. The kids really enjoyed the experiences, & the prizes didn't need to be airpods. Tried to incentivize growth & proficiency. \$1000 well spent on motivation, growth & proficiency.
- A New Idea was presented from a PTSA member: For next Golden Ticket Event: Perhaps allow the students to choose where their tickets go - ie) one student really wanted to win the bowling event instead of some of the other prizes. Maybe next time there can be specific "buckets" for specific prizes.
- Discussion about Principal's List & Honor Roll - 345 students have earned Principal's List & Honor Roll for this 2nd marking period & Dr. Ovalle wants to celebrate the students' great achievement.
- The students loved the Dodgeball events they had earlier this year. Next the school will be organizing Basketball games - students who make good choices & are on time to classes will get invited to the basketball games & receive popcorn. Students who play on the school's basketball team will play the basketball games possibly w/ SMS Staff.
- Dr. Ovalle asks himself: How can I be a different or better Middle School Principal?
Some ideas from the PTSA Team include:
 - Another cell phone party with selfie stations on the walls for students to take selfies.
 - Put Dr. Ovalle in another costume - the students love that
 - Staff or Dr. Ovalle type of "Water Booth"
 - Pie in the face
 - Bingo Games, Trivia games, Game Night
- Dr. Ovalle advised that we need to celebrate the Principal's List & Honor Roll accomplishments soon b/c report cards go out Friday 1/19. Don't want to plan the event in Enrichment. Instead, plan the fun event in a class one time when everyone is working hard, then specifically the students who earned the award for their grades can attend the fun event.
- Jenn Conlen offered to decorate a wall/area within the next week with selfie stations for the celebration!

V. **Grant Reviews** - Vice President Commander

- Budgeted originally \$5000 granted \$1,500 so far this year, so \$3,500 left to award additional money.
- Discussion: "Mini-mini" grant for Enrichment Classes. One idea: There are 36 Enrichment Clubs. There are 21 Enrichment Teachers who are members of PTSA. VP Commander will email the 21 Teachers of the grant possibility.

VI. **Membership** - PTSA President Tara McCabe spoke on behalf of VP of Membership Mazzei

- a. **Current Membership** – We have 107 total members in PTSA. 48 are SMS Staff. 12 are SMS Students.
PTSA memberships can be purchased here: <https://seminolemiddleschool.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

b. **Givebacks "Shop to Give" program** – President McCabe

This is the software that houses our membership & is a program where parents/families can link a credit card to certain retailers & when purchases are made from these retailers, a percentage is donated to SMS PTSA.

We need someone to lead this program. There is a "Shop to Give" Account Representative that will train the person/people who agree to lead this program. Please let us know if anyone is interested in taking on this important responsibility.

VII. **Spirit Committee** – Vice President Commander

a. **Shirt sales/inventory** - We still have maroon shirts!

b. **New Spirit items** – In process of obtaining new items for the Hawk Spirit Store.

- Got quotes for laptop cases - the quotes were expensive.
- New ideas for Spirit items presented from PTSA members: Pop socket for cell phones with SMS logo, Notebook with SMS logo. 2 recommendations for sticker providers were: Sticker mule & Florida State Graphics

VIII. **Spirit Nights** – Chairperson Kelli Clarke & Chairperson Leigh Kendall

a. **Update on Spirit Nights**

- Looks like we've exceeded revenue w/ the Chick Fil A Spirit Night!
- Going to try to set up another Chick Fil A Spirit Night w/ Spirit Wheel.
New idea was presented from a PTSA member: Schools can battle at Spirit Night at Chick Fil A. Students can wear school colors & battle against another school & see who can bring in the most money!
Next Wendy's Spirit Night - Tues. Jan 23 from 4 pm - 8 pm on Park Blvd.
- Leigh Kendall is going to make a donation of binders to Seminole Middle School.

IX. **PBIS** - Vice President Commander

a. **Update** - Ms. Moore & Ms. Hoag are leading this program.

- The store is "Closed" right now. Ms. Moore is getting a list of needs & wants for the PBIS store.
- Usually parent volunteers are needed on Fridays at lunch to distribute Popcorn.
- A Sign-Up-Genius will be sent out so Volunteers can sign up.

X. **8th Grade Dance** - Vice President Commander

a. **Update** - Kristin Silveira volunteered to Lead the 8th Grade Dance Committee.

- VP Commander reached out to DJ Mellow & secured last Friday in May, 5/24/2024 6 pm - 9 pm
- VP Commander relayed Mrs. Henderson said Leonards can just show up.
- Theme could possibly be "Neon" but Emily Allen facilitated a survey for the 8th grade themes last year. Kristin will reach out to her for a survey for this year.
- Other 6th & 7th grade parent volunteers are needed the night of 5/24/2024 to help set up, so 8th grade parents can get their 8th graders ready for the dance etc.
- Need to provide brief guidelines for parents about how they need to volunteer on the 8th grade dance committee if they want to chaperone the dance.
- 8th Grade Special Events - Dr. Ovalle said the 8th grade students have already been notified of the special 8th grade events: "Gradventure," the 8th Grade Dance, Field day etc. Beginning Feb 1st, the 8th graders have a behavior contract which includes grades, behavior and being "on time." Each scholar has a total balance of 500 points. If students have good behavior, good grades & are on time for classes etc they should be able to keep their 500 points. If points are deducted for poor grades, behavior, or tardiness etc then anyone who goes under 450 points cannot attend the fun 8th Grade Special Events.

XI. **Fundraising** – President McCabe

a. **Banner sponsorships**

- 20 banners sold, 4 are in kind trade - Discussion about maybe Banner sponsorships for next year could be renewed at a reduced rate if the banner is still in good shape - looking into that possibility.
- Spring Fundraiser Ideas were requested. New ideas were presented by PTSA members: Student Fun Activity at Seminole Middle School - students & parents could pay to attend or have a Family BINGO Night - Could charge per bingo card, Valentine Bingo, Look for bingo on computer programs, Trivia Night, Pizza, Soda etc.

XII. **Hospitality** – President McCabe

a. **Holiday Lunch** - The Holiday Lunch for the SMS Teachers & Staff was a great success! Thank you to the parent supporters & generous business partners for celebrating the wonderful SMS Teachers & Staff.

b. **Teacher Mailboxes** - Deliveries for Teachers!

- Bi-monthly treats/goodies are packaged & delivered to Teacher mailboxes by Sandy Rumbaugh & Crystal Colbert!
- A Holiday delivery of laser engraved ornaments was delivered to Teacher mailboxes by Oliver Hartmann!

c. **Dr. O's snack cart** - Would like to do this every other month & surprise Teachers & Staff. Plan is to walk in the classroom, & present the Teachers with snacks etc. We want the students to see that Seminole Middle celebrates their Teachers & Staff. Plan to do this in Jan. Dr. Ovalle please let PTSA know when you want the snack cart ready.

d. **Seminole High School is need of board members for next year:**

Need Positions: President, Vice President Membership, Spirit Wear Merchandise Chairperson & Reflections Chairperson for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

XIII. **Open Discussion**

- Next General PTSA Meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
The PSTA Meetings occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month following.

XIV. **Adjournment** – by President McCabe at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Julie Grantham – SMS PTSA Secretary

Approved as: Read: _____ Corrected: _____ Date: _____