

# Seminole Middle School PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 19, 2024

## Seminole Middle School PTSA General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, November 19th

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Room:** Media Center

**Attendees:** 15 Attendees present

**Quorum Established**

### I. Call Meeting to Order - at 5:36 pm by PTSA President McCabe

**II. Approval of General Meeting Minutes - Secretary Grantham.** Approval of Tues. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 General Meeting minutes. Secretary Grantham distributed the minutes & motioned for approval of the minutes. The minutes are posted on the SMS website: <https://seminolemiddleschoolpta.org/calendar---news.php> VP Commander 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor - Yes. Accepted as presented.

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

a. **October Treasury Report** – Distributed & reviewed

b. **YTD Budget Review**

YTD Expense Highlights - \$14K

\$3K Print Banners and Hardware

\$5K Spirit Wear

\$1K Concession items (still have inventory)

\$1.5K Staff Hospitality (breakfast, 2 lunches, plant ops lunch)

\$1.2K Staff Appreciation (swag bags, grill for school, mailboxes, teacher lounge drinks/snacks)

\$1K Administrative & Insurance

\$800 Student Programs (Hawk Lounge décor, Hawk Store inventory)

### IV. Principal Updates – Principal Dr. Ovalle

a. **Assessments** - PM 2 testing in Dec. 2024 – Dr. Ovalle tells the Teachers they own this round of testing. 33% of the school year is complete. This is a litmus test for our overall school grade. We don't want a level 3 student to score a 1 or 2 b/c it skews the data.

b. **Golden Tickets** - Dr. Ovalle said the PTSA has been kind enough to help purchase things on Black Friday for the Golden Ticket celebrations. Students really enjoy the experiences, not just things. Fun things they remember got to go to the movies w/ Dr. Ovalle. We need to discuss. The experiences will be very well received and even budget friendly. If students can "jump a bucket" they can earn a Golden Ticket. Students can get up to 4 Golden Tickets.

### V. Membership - President McCabe

a. **Current Membership - 80 Total Members, 33 Parents/Guardians, 39 Staff, 8 Students**

If President McCabe can give a list of Teachers who are on PTSA then Dr. Ovalle will put their names in his newsletter as a "Thank you! for joining the PTSA. Dr. Ovalle already celebrates Teachers who give students PBIS points and will also celebrate Teachers who join the PTSA for only \$5 also.

President McCabe asked if Teachers could issue mass points at one time? Dr. Ovalle said Yes.

President McCabe explained to the entire group how Dr. Ovalle provides 25 points for students whose parents/guardians attend PTSA & SAC meetings.

b. **Shop to Give – NEED HELP!!!**

Need 1 or 2 Individuals to help promote & train others on easy setup for "Shop to Give."

Important Note: We have a "Shop to Give" contact that will be able to help these volunteers. Please let us know if you can help with this one task which can easily raise so much money for the students & the school!

\$453.73 has been raised so far. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 this year.

### VI. Spirit Committee - Vice President Commander

a. **Shirt sales/inventory/new & reordered spirit items** – Last year we had 3 t-shirts that were available. This year we brought on a new shirt. We have cinch bags & crew neck sweatshirts. We have a lot of inventory. Crystal said we need more Command hooks for the clothes hanging in the front office.

## VII. Spirit Nights - Leigh Kendall

- a. **Discuss events** - Chick-Fil-A Charitable Code, Vampire Penguin, Rita's, Sugar Wing, Sky Zone, Wendy's  
Chick Fil A nights might be scheduled for Dec 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – we are waiting on Chick Fil A to confirm.  
Wendy's – they do ALL sales on their Spirit Nights (not just if you say you are with Seminole Middle)

## VIII. PBIS - Vice President Commander

- a. **Hawk Lounge - NEED HELP!!!** This will soon be a brand new space/place for the students to earn time to go to the Hawk Lounge where students can relax, chill out, hang out with friends, and play games. We need furniture, older TVs, gaming systems, game boards. Adirondack chairs. Coloring books and other ideas are welcome. There shouldn't be more than 25 students in the Hawk Lounge at a time.  
PTSA provided inventory for Hawk Lounge (Amazon trinket items, snacks, drinks, candy)
- b. **Popcorn at Lunches w/ Miss Moore**  
Students can trade their PBIS Points for flavored popcorn at lunch! Miss Moore will soon need help with volunteers to help handout popcorn during the lunches. Usually, PTSA will send a Sign-Up Genius so parents/guardians can sign up for specific lunch times or volunteer time.

## IX. Fundraising/Business Sponsorships - President McCabe

- a. **Banner sponsorships** – Banners helped greatly with Fundraising!!!  
Sold a total of 27 banners - \$9,749 (\$6,765) NET, 5 IN-KIND TRADES  
TRADES: Chicken Salad Chick, Sugar Wing, DOD Coffee, Hungry Howie's, Rita's will trade \$300 in ice. 3 large 5 gallons
- b. **Fall Fundraiser** - Will be rescheduled to February 2025 due to the devastation due to Hurricanes.  
One idea is for Valentine's Day "Have a Heart" send a donation
- c. **Bingo Night** - Discuss Reschedule Date. Usually on a Friday night. Perhaps in January 2025.

## X. Hospitality / Staff Appreciation - President McCabe

- a. **Staff Holiday Lunch** – Need date & Menu Idea for Holiday Lunch. Possibly Frankies.
- b. **Teacher Mailboxes** – Sandy & Crystal – Last time gave erasable pens w/ i-Pad touch screen tool on the other end.  
Sandy & Crystal will coordinate a mailbox gift for Teachers in December!

## XI. Need 2025 – 2026 Board Members - NEED HELP!!!

- a. We need a President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary for next year.  
This is everyone's last year on the SMS PSTA Board. We need 2025 – 2026 New PTSA Board Members. Please know we will ALL be available next year for support & training. If you or someone you know may be interested, let's get connected soon!

## XII. Open Discussion –

- a. **All Pro Dads** – Father of a 6th Grader, Brian Field spoke about a program that he and his daughter really enjoy together. All Pro Dads was a Tony Dungy initiative geared toward increasing the bonds with kids and parents/guardians. Sometimes kids don't know how much their Dads love them, sometimes b/c the Dads are working/busy etc. So, in this meeting the Dads can pass around the microphone and say something the Dad is proud of regarding their student. Brian and his daughter participated in this program at Oakhurst Elementary. Brian bought signage and we could put a QR code near the SMS drop off circle drive, so SMS parents can become informed and hopefully involved. Can bring new or used books for the students to choose. We can speak with Jeff, the SMS Family Community Liaison. Goal is to grow to at least 10 parents/guardians in a couple months. Request for financial support for this program.
  - Meetings could be Wed mornings at 8:30 am but also open to change the day and time.
  - Also any attendance is welcome such as Moms Grandmoms, Granddads Guardians etc.
  - Please reach out to Jeff, the SMS Family Community Liaison in the SMS Front Office

XII. Adjournment – by President McCabe at 6:26 pm

- The next General PSTA Meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Julie Grantham – SMS PSTA Secretary

Approved as: Read: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_