

# Seminole Middle School PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 14, 2024

Seminole Middle School PTSA General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday May 14, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Room:** Cafeteria

Attendees: 18 Attendees present

**Quorum Established**

**I. Call Meeting to Order** - at 5:29 pm by PTSA President McCabe

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

a. Approval of Mon. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, General Meeting minutes – Secretary Grantham motioned for approval. The minutes are posted on the SMS website: <https://seminolemiddleschoolpta.org/calendar---news.php> Leigh Kendall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor - Yes. Accepted as presented.

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

**a. Updates** - Treasurer Hartmann.

- Reviewed the April 2024 Treasury Report. Reviewed incoming funds & expenses for April.
  - Incoming funds included: The Chick Fil A Spirit Wheel, Flag Football Concessions.
  - Expenses included: Dr O's Snack Cart, Ice Cream Party, Golden Ticket Purchases.

**b. Summer Budget** - Treasurer Hartmann

Last summer 2023 was a challenge for the PTSA without a summer budget.

For this summer 2024 we want to ensure to have enough funds for the website, for the banners & for spirit attire, etc.

One of the summer expenses will be for the Spirit Hawk Lounge.

Last year the PTSA allotted \$5K for Teacher Grants, but most Teachers did not apply for a grant. We don't know why the Teachers did not use the opportunity to earn grant money. Were they intimidated by filling out a form? Next year maybe will shift the funds to the Spirit Hawk Lounge.

Treasurer motioned to approve the Interim Summer Budget. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**c. Audit** - Treasurer Hartmann

For the Audit we will need 3 members for a time estimate of 2 hours. Crystal Colbert, Tammy Falls & Pamela Binegear signed up for the Audit.

**IV. Principal Updates** – Principal Dr. Ovalle

**a. Assessments** – Today was the last day for PM3 Testing. For the most part we are done with FAST Testing. Pleased with results: Trending approx. 12% higher than last year. Discussed goals – exceeding goals. Science is still pending.

Exceeding scores, kids were so excited about their assessments. Scholars are really buying into the importance of scores. There is "High fiving & You've got this!" before the tests. \$800 for chips & more of the positive experiences is a big motivator for kids. For the Field Day there were 25 throws per grade level. 15 pies in the face. Headphones, drones etc. If we get an "A" grade as a school rating next year then Dr Ovalle will do something drastic. 8<sup>th</sup> graders can maybe come back to visit to celebrate also. There is a very good chance of Seminole Middle getting an "A" grade next year. Dr Ovalle reviewed the ELA School Data with the PTSA Team.

Leigh Kendall said: "I can tell you the kids never talked about their scores before, and this information was never really shared before."

**b. Thoughts for PTSA Meetings next school year:**

- Bring the kids to PTSA – we want to hear what the students say. If students attend a PTSA meeting, maybe they can earn a prize or get a ticket to the Hawk Lounge etc.
- Maybe have Zoom calls

## **V. Year in Review** - Principal Dr. Ovalle & President McCabe

President McCabe reviewed her Overview of this 2023 - 2024 SMS PTSA Year in Review.

Possibilities for next year could include::

- Plan for next year is to hold a Bingo Night in early September 2024.
- Dr O thanked the PTSA for always working hard to implement his crazy ideas.
- How to get the 750 families more involved in SMS.
- Perhaps more use of QR codes
- Maybe the Homeroom with the most membership wins a party or PBIS points
- Need a really strong Chair of Membership next year.
- There is the suggestion of possibly morning meetings.

## **VI. Nomination Committee** – Secretary & Nominating Committee Chair Grantham

Board elections – The Nominating Committee Chair & Secretary Grantham read the bylaws, ARTICLE VI: Officers & their Election and then read the Report of the Nominating Committee. President McCabe re-read the Report of the Nominating Committee.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations:

For President... Tara McCabe

For Vice-President... Tiffany Commander

For Treasurer... Michael Hartmann

For Secretary... Julie Grantham

President McCabe asked if there are any further nominations for any of these offices?

There being no further nominations, the Chair declares the nominations closed.

## **VII. Discuss Summer Happenings** – Principal Dr. Ovalle & President McCabe

**a.** Hawk Lounge - Dr. Ovalle has plans to create a new “Hawk Lounge Room” for Students & Teachers next year. This summer we can design & decorate the new lounge hangout. Perhaps this lounge can be a PBIS point prize for students, or Teachers can take their classes there as a reward. This lounge will be a more casual room students can enjoy with supervision. Some fun games will be present like Jenga, Wii, Saga with flat screen TVs to have mounted on the wall – put a staff member there. There will be a cool vibe with LED lights & neon lights where students can relax. Crystal said the room is huge, one side is darker, we could put a mural there.

**b.** Introduce an Academic Hall of Fame every year starting this year. Perfect score – their name will be there in the future for all to see. This year we have about 10 kids who scored a perfect score on the FAST tests.

**c.** Fundraising/Banners – President McCabe will put the plan for banners together. The larger banners will be \$500 and the smaller banners will be \$300.

## **VIII. Open Discussion**

- In a Seminole Happenings online discussion group it has been noted that with Dr. O things are really changing for the better. Dr O said, “Thank you, it’s easy when you have great help. I have a vested interest. I went here, my kids went here. There are students here that people just don’t say ‘Hello’ to all day sometimes. I like to connect with all of the students.”
- It’s Not Teacher appreciation week, it’s Staff appreciation week.
- PTSA would like apparel student feedback on the T shirt design. We are going to keep our current T-shirt supplier.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance meeting 5/20 at 5:30 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 5/24 from 6 - 9 pm
- Crystal received more donations and brought them to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Office.

Note: That Seminole High School usually has their PTSA meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month – same day as Seminole Middle.

**Adjournment** – by President McCabe at 6:42 pm

- 2024 – 2025 School year classes begin on Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- The next General PTSA Meeting will be scheduled for **3rd Tuesday of the month? September 17th, 2024, at 5:30pm?**

Respectfully submitted by: Julie Grantham – SMS PTSA Secretary

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