



**SMS Parent Faculty Club General Meeting Minutes,  
November 9, 2021 6:00 PM  
Via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Daralyn Christensen, Jen Kohl, Hope Tompkins, Audrey Nagle, Teri Stevens, Marta Mouriski, Irlanda Campos (translator), David T. Gracia, Maria (iPhone)

- Call to Order: Daralyn Christensen @ 6:04 p.m. (a Spanish translator was present for those needing translation services)
- Approval of October Minutes: Marta motioned to approve; Teri seconded.
- President's Report ~ Daralyn Christensen
  - The PFC just launched a direct give donation campaign targeted toward SMS families. To date we've generated \$5,140. This is a great outcome, as we had budgeted a total of \$8,000 for the year, so we're more than half way there. A donation request targeted to businesses will be mailed out within a week, enabling us to reach, if not exceed our goal. It's great that the SMS community is supporting our school. In terms of housekeeping, we'll need to follow up on a few of the donation pledges (most are paid), check to see that we have banners for those who donated within that category and if not, we'll need to order them. Lastly, because the majority of the funds are collected through Pay Pal, we incur a 2% fee.
  - Allegría hosted a Dine and Donate in October 19. Rather than give a percentage back, owner Baris Yildiz donated a portion of the day's revenue, resulting in SMS receiving \$800. Daralyn will send a thank you note on behalf of the PFC and school. Marta has reached out to Habit Burger to inquire about an early December Dine and Donate.
  - Looking forward to next year, there may be a Jog-A-Thon in March and we will keep in eye on how the year progresses in terms of Covid safety to see if the PFC could host a small silent auction fundraising event in the spring.
  - Lastly, there are still two open PFC Board positions, Dine and Donate and Fundraising. At this time, Board members are pitching in to facilitate

events and fundraising efforts, so currently it's not necessary to make a push to fill the open positions.

- Principal's Report ~ Jen Kohl

- Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> was a tough day in that a fight between two 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls, which started off campus on social media, escalated during school hours resulting in one of the girls getting into an altercation with a police officer who happened to be on site. Unfortunately, students who filmed the incident and shared it on social media, paired with the officer's involvement, triggered interest in the situation. After the event, SMS students and staff were very supportive, offering hugs and meditations to help calm the situation. Additionally, the district was called and responded in minutes with additional help. Jen stressed the need for our middle school kids not to be on social media and mentioned that the two days following the altercation were great, with no incidents.
- Maria, a concerned parent attending the Zoom meeting thanked Jen and SMS teachers for the job they do everyday and asked how we can help kids who are being bullied. She wondered how would we know there is a problem if the kids aren't reporting bullying. Furthermore, how can we let them know it's okay for them to speak up.
- Jen reported that during the first week of October, students had a safety lesson on 411, where kids can anonymously report bullying. Additionally, there is a good system in place where Google monitors student's email messages with questionable messages being forwarded to teachers and Jen. The staff met on Monday, following the altercation to readdress how to handle bullying. That information will be communicated in a Sunday SMS newsletter.
- Conference week finished on Friday, November 5. Report cards were mailed out on November 5 as well. Jen hopes that next year conferences will be held in person, but this year's half-day schedule enabled teachers to meet with parents/students via Zoom for those students who benefited from teacher involvement during their conference.

- Treasurer's Report ~ Audrey Nagle

- Audrey reported the current PFC balance is \$47,832.
- As mentioned in the President's Report above, the direct give campaign brought in \$5,100, more than half the projected budget for the 2021-2022 school year.
- An unexpected and generous donation of \$7,500 from Last Bottle in October will be earmarked for supporting teachers, per Last Bottle's request. A portion of the funds may be used to revamp the dated teacher and staff lounge.

- A separate donation by a SMS family grateful for our staff and school specified that the funds be used to support the art department. Mrs. Zmed is thankful for the support.
  - Audrey mentioned that the Dine and Donate budget for the year is \$800, so with Allegria's generous donation, we've exceeded the yearly goal. Lastly, revenue numbers from the Amazon Smiles and Farm Fresh to You partnerships should be received soon.
  - Expenses – Mrs. Leamer, the school librarian, added some mental health books to the shelves, purchased through Napa Bookmine, to help students navigate mental health issues stemming from the pandemic.
  - A \$270 tax bill was received. Payment of the bill will carry us through the summer.
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- Miscellaneous ~ Jen reported that SMS had experienced rain leaks for many years, however due to Measure H, SMS has a new roof, as well as new cement at the office entrance. The majority of the leaks have been fixed, with two minor reminding leaks, one in a classroom that isn't being used.
  - Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm
  - Next Meeting: PFC Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, December 7, 2021