



**SMS Parent Faculty Club General Meeting Minutes,
September 14, 2021 6:00 PM
Via Zoom**

Attendees: Daralyn Christensen, Jen Kohl, Hope Tompkins, Audrey Nagle, Teri Stevens, Marta Mouriski, Graciela Hernandez (translator), Laura, David T. Gracia, Maria Cantera, Jacklyn Van Housen, Vickie Nielsen, Dean, Eliding Garcia, Andrea, Maria

- Call to Order: Daralyn Christensen @ 6:07 p.m. (a Spanish translator was present for those needing translation services)
- Approval of August Minutes: Teri motioned to approve; Audrey seconded.
- President's Report
 - Currently there are two open positions the PFC Board hopes to fill with SMS parents to spearhead; Fundraising and Dine & Donate. The open positions are due to previous parent organizers students aging out of middle school. The two roles generate funds throughout the year to help our teachers and students succeed. Whoever is interested in filling the positions would have the help of a supportive PFC board.
- Principal's Report
 - The school year is off to a great start with approximately 700 kids on campus.
 - The Middle School Redesign Task Force continues to meet with folks from across the district to get a sense of purpose regarding upcoming plans.
 - Star Assessments have been completed. The tests provide information about where students are currently with reading and math skills. The results are sent to parents via Parent Square.
 - In terms of mask safety, students are getting an A from Jen. They are doing a good job wearing them and being safe. The only negative; some kids have small faces and are coming to school with masks that don't fit. She encouraged parents to send their child to school with a mask that fits, as well as an extra one.
 - Jen reported that unfortunately, vandalism of school property has increased due to Tik Tok social media influences encouraging students to vandalize school property and then post their antics. Jen recommends no

social media for students during middle school years. Recent events of vandalism have resulted in the school keeping only one female and one male bathroom open so they can be easily monitored. The kids are participating not out of meanness, but as a way to connect. All students should be encouraged not to participate.

- Jen met with Leadership students Sebastian and Eli Ewig about what they envision for the students this year and the two have some really fun things planned.
- Back-to-School night is Tuesday, September 21, 6 p.m. via Zoom. A live webinar will kick off the meeting, followed by recorded teacher videos for parents to watch.

- Treasurer's Report
 - Audrey reported the current PFC balance is \$38,149.12.
 - In looking at Profit & Loss Detail, there have been a few expenses, including motivational posters for school hallways, as well as goodies purchased to honor students who are Dynamic Dons.
 - Audrey was pleased to report some departments, specifically social studies and art, are using funds available to them more than last year.
 - The budget recently received a \$65 Amazon Smiles distribution. In addition, a generous family donated \$610 to be earmarked specifically for art. Audrey created a new category to ensure their request is met.
 - Budget vs Actual numbers reflect that the Scrip category, projected at \$1,000 for the fiscal year, is already at 22%. Additionally, \$500 was generated via the BottleRock ticket donation and online silent auction.
 - Lastly, Audrey reported that our PayPal account is a business account, so there is no need to change it. Previously we thought it was a personal account and needed to be changed.

- Fundraising
 - Daralyn reported the PFC is looking for a parent or two to spearhead a strategy/committee for implementing fundraising programs for the upcoming school year. If we are unable to fill the position, the PFC Board can initiate a direct give, asking parents to donate funds to the school, as well as a Business Sponsorship ask. These have been successful in the past, and would be in lieu of asking kids to sell items individually, such as cookie dough and wrapping paper. Currently, Business Sponsorship banners have been taken down, so the program would start fresh this school year.
 - The PFC is gearing up to get back to normal in terms of fundraising like in past years, however it's hard to determine how that will look.

- Ongoing programs which generate funds monthly include Amazon Smiles, where a percentage of participant purchases go to SMS and the E Script program, where SMS receives a percentage back from various companies who participate via the purchase of gift cards.
 - A new fundraising campaign kicks off at the end of September, subscriptions to Farm Fresh to You, where 10% of proceeds are donated to SMS when families sign up and use the promo code DONS. Jen will get the word out via Parent Square.
 - The first Dine and Donate of the year will be at Allegria on Tuesday, October 19. Thank you Hope for lining it up!
 - Open fundraising positions should be added to the PFC site.
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- Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

 - Next Meeting: PFC Executive Board Meeting, October 12, 2021