

## **Sarasota Middle School - PTSO MINUTES – September 2, 2021**

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### **Summary of Events**

1. Zoom meeting began at 10:00 am. Suzanne Shkorupa welcomed all. Board and committee members introduced themselves.
2. Minutes approved from May 6, 2021 meeting.
3. Attendance of September 2, 2021 zoom meeting: J. Nzeza, S. Shkorupa, M. Olson, L. Owsianka, D. Moretta, J. Kummer, M. Collier, T. McVay, G. Rogers, S. Toale, R. Feeley, A. Morgan, Y. Carpenter, H. Mista, S. Decoo, C. Greenwell, S. Patel, L. Hynes, M. Wicks, K. Crowley, M. Stencik, D. Dempsey, N. Dempsey.
4. Principal's report was given by Mrs. Nzeza.  
Student population: Student enrollment is up 61 students from projected number. New staff will be hired. ELA and SS teachers have already been hired. Math and Science positions still needed.  
Equity Policies and Procedures: Parents, students, and faculty have all been made aware of the updates. Please see website for more information. Mrs. Lyon, our new Assistant Principal, is the Equity officer at SMS.  
Quarantine: DOH is overwhelmed, and the dashboard is not accurate. Since start of school, nearly 250 students have been contact traced. About 100 students have been covid positive. Zero teachers have tested positive for covid. A Continuity Plan in place. Coordinator will work with families that need to be out of school. There are three staff members attaining stipends to provide 1:1 assistance to students if needed.
5. Treasurer's report was given by L. Owsianka.  
A full report was emailed with zoom link.  
Instructional staff members received \$50. P.E. received \$1300.  
We are halfway to our donation drive goal of \$2,000.
6. Business Partner report was given by M. Collier.  
We have had success with getting new partners, some have also returned from last year.  
\$500 or more will be mentioned on digital sign.  
\$1000 or more will be noted in Principal's newsletter.
7. Pawsitive Behavior Changes:

Mr. Elsey is in charge of Pawsitive behavior and has requested donations.  
Mrs. Nzeza will speak with Mr. Elsey regarding what he needs specifically.  
L. Owsianka stated that there is \$300 in budget for this purpose.

8. Fundraising:

S. Shkorupa explained that with covid it's unsure at this time what will be allowed. Restaurant nights and virtual bingo can still be held.

Parents are not allowed on campus as of now for fundraising.

J. Kummer will plan a Culver's night.

Spirit night chair needed.

9. Spirit Wear:

L. Owsianka reported that over \$2000 was made on sales. \$566.26 profit after replenishment.

10. Teacher Birthdays:

Y. Carpenter will arrange for staff treats. \$600 budget allotted for staff birthdays.

Mrs. Nzeza will email Y. Carpenter a staff birthday list.

11. Renaissance:

K. Crowley will lead this. All A/AB average students at the end of each quarter will be recognized.

12. Clothing Closet:

Mrs. Nzeza reported a strong need for appropriate student clothing.

G. Rogers will lead a clothing drive for new or gently used items.

13. Open Positions:

SMS PTSO is encouraging all interested parents to please get involved. We still have many open committee positions available.

Thank you G. Rogers for expressing interest in Vice President. G. Rogers was nominated by M. Olson. D. Moretta second the nomination. We welcome you G. Rogers!

14. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

15. Send email to [ptsopanthers@gmail.com](mailto:ptsopanthers@gmail.com) to receive SMS PTSO emails.

### **Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities**

1. Coffee cart for faculty.
2. Clothing Drive (See Sign Up Genius).

Get information added to upcoming meeting agenda by contacting Suzanne Shkorupa or Megan Olson at [ptsopanthers@gmail.com](mailto:ptsopanthers@gmail.com).