



# Sartartia Middle School PTO Minutes

December 11, 2024

## Call to Order at 5:55pm

**Attendees:** Sonia Tummala, Ishika W., Mariko Brayley, Meryl Lobo, Lauren Ayers, Wing Ho, Nancy Blair, Ms. Bullion, Ms. Ogelsby, Lauren Blanks, Gabriela Desai, Urmila Sriniveran

### 1. Announcements:

- **Next Meeting – January 15<sup>th</sup> at SMS Library at 5:45pm**
- Reminder to report off campus volunteer hours (google doc link is on our PTO website).
- Reminder to complete background check.

### 2. Sponsors:

- **Platinum:** Lemke Orthodontics, Texan Smile Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, Konnect Fuel, Game Plan Academy, Orthodontique, Katy STEM Academy
- **Gold:** Olympic Dental
- **Silver:** Rite Smile Dentistry
- **Bronze:** Lukin Family Dentistry, Next Level Urgent Care, Todd Harmon Orthodontics, NetSec Solutions LLC

Website link and logo included for Platinum sponsors in the weekly newsletter and mentioned on marquee. Check out SMS PTO website for all sponsors.

*If you or anyone you know owns a business, we would love to have them as a business sponsor.*

### 3. Upcoming Events:

- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Career Day
- December 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Final Exams
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Break; **students return on Thursday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### 4. Meeting Minutes Review and Approval (November 2024) 1<sup>st</sup> – Ishika W.; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mariko

### 5. Treasure and Financial Reports: Semester raised = \$17,500

### 6. Committee Reports:

- a. **6, 7, 8:** End of the year parties will resume planning in January – stay tuned.
- b. **Hospitality:** Thanks to the parents for the pies; Spudtacular lunch on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> was great; Yogurt and coffee bar in January for the teachers/staff.
- c. **Merchandise:** New journals available on the merchandise site for \$10.
- d. **Fundraising**
  - i. **APEX:** raised a net profit of \$15,810.53; Planning for new mural in the small gym and flex seating in the PODs – quotes in progress from Ms. O.
  - ii. **Cash Drive**
  - iii. **Spirit Nights:**
    1. Haraz Coffee = \$50 profit
    2. Ramble Creek – waiting for our check
    3. Next spirit night – January 14<sup>th</sup> at Black Bear Diner in Telfair – All Day



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- e. **Jag Dads**
- f. **Shared Dreams:** Thank you to the parents for donating gifts and money. Raised over \$300. Mariko wrapped the gifts and delivered them on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 7. Teacher Remarks – Ms. Boullion

- a. Thank you for the pies during Thanksgiving and thanks for the potato bar too.
- b. Author visits – Monday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> (in person) and in January (virtual) – AVID classes will meet the authors
- c. Bound Books – wish list created to support our library
- d. District approved Beanstack as a vendor for improving reading. Beanstack has a fundraising component – Readathon – 75% of proceeds will go back to us. The cost is \$1047/year for the program.

### 8. Principal Report – Ms. Oglesby

- a. Congratulations to our counselors for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row – Crest award! Through TX Lonestar counseling – excellence in counseling
- b. December 6<sup>th</sup> – Roar Rally – honored 729 students who met the 4 criteria (PR3 grades, no discipline issues, fewer than 3 tardies and fewer than 4 absences)
- c. Two teachers received the Secondary World Language of the Year nominees – Ms. Bainbridge (Spanish) and Ms. Judy Wang (ESL). They'll be honored in April 2025.
- d. Teacher of the Year – we have 3 finalists that'll be decided by December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Spelling Bee is Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Holiday Concerts – week of December 9<sup>th</sup> at school.
- g. Career Day – Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Thank you to the Career Day Committee.
- h. Toys for Tots – Boxes in front lobby
- i. SMS is 100% staffed & 2 teachers are on FMLA
- j. January 14<sup>th</sup> is Course Selection night for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We will combine Spring Open House this year. Mark your calendars.
- k. March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm - In place of normal Spring Open House in March, we will do a Heritage Day – cultural booths, parade, food, performances, activities. Need committee to be formed. Ms. LaPaige (7<sup>th</sup> grade counselor) is the leader for this event.
- l. Students without final exams – there'll be extra practice on Math, Science and ELA to prepare students for MAP testing in the Spring.
- m. Week of December 16<sup>th</sup> is dress up week
- n. Students who do 13+ lessons over break - Dreambox and Donuts
- o. Students who show progress/growth in testing scores – Popsicles for Progress party



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### 9. New Business: 2024-2025 School Year

- a. PTO Approved Grants for December – Mr. Curry (Art) & Ms. Wilcox (Counselor)

**Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm**