



Sartartia Middle School PTO Minutes

November 12, 2025

Attendees: Sonia Tummala, Meryl Lobo, Charles Samuel, Cholly Oglesby, Courtney Border, Ishika Wijeyesakera, Lauren Ayers, Gabriela Desai, Reanne Dougherty, Shannon Williams, Nancy Behzain

Call to Order at 6:07pm

1. Announcements:

- **Next Meeting – December 10th at 6pm in SMS Library**
- **Nov 22nd Arc of Fort Bend Gala Basket** – Christmas-themed – Created by parents and will be delivered to school on Friday, Nov 14th.
- **Diversity Day** – End of March 2026 – Sonia is working with Ms. Byrd to lay rules / requirements.
- Reminder to report off campus volunteer hours (google doc link is on our PTO website).
- Reminder to complete background check – earlier in the school year, the better.

2. Sponsors:

- **Platinum:** Katy STEM Academy, Olympic Dental, The Game Plan Academy, Orthodontique, Bettermind Academy, Viking Chimney Solutions, Ravi Murjani at Encore Fine Properties
- **Silver:** Lemke Orthodontics, G.A.P. Learning
- **Bronze:** Sunaina (Su) Ratwani at Apex Realtors, Southern Orthodontic Partners

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:

- November 24th to 28th – Thanksgiving Break!

4. Meeting Minutes Review and Approval (October 2025) – Gabriela D. (1st); Charles S. (2nd)

5. Treasure and Financial Reports

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **6th grade** – Day of Service – May 18th
- b. **7th grade** – Field Trip – May 18th
- c. **8th grade**
 - i. **Career Day** – Searching for Key Note Speaker. Devin Padavil (prior superintendent) and Bret Bittler (Owner of KidsRKids) are prospects. Principals/AP need to reach out and ask. District may have paid for Ricky Blair; SMS did not pay for speakers prior years.
 - ii. **8th grade party (Gabby)** – May 18th; Main Event. Will reserve the venue and then start the parent committee.
- d. **Hospitality (Gabby)**
 - i. **Halloween Take Home Meals (Oct)** – Teachers/staff loved them



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- ii. **Pies for Parents (Nov)** – SignUp Genius circulating groups. Collection on Thursday, Nov 20th and Friday, Nov 21st mornings at school.
- iii. **BBQ (Dec)** – Will reach out to Rudy's for meat.

e. Merchandise

- i. Hoodies, journals, t-shirts are all Christmas gift worthy
- ii. Lanyards – we are working with the supplier to get them fixed (misspelled)

f. Fundraising

- i. **Fun Run** (Nancy B.) – Around school; Mr. Brans (cross country coach) is interested in helping. Proposed date is March 28th
- ii. **Sale of Roses** – Mrs.O is awaiting response from Ms. Wallace (head of Fine Arts). If approved, then 1st winter concert is Choir on Dec 5th. Nancy reached out to Whole Foods, Sam's Club and Trader Joes for donations of flowers or a discount.
- iii. **Spirit Nights** (Lauren) – Lopez (Nov) – waiting for the check to know our portion. Friday, Dec 5th – Las Brasas (99/90).
- iv. **Parking Spot Auction** (Nancy B.)

g. Jag Dads

7. Teacher Remarks – Ms. Boullion

8. Principal Report – Ms. Oglesby

- a. Student leaders participated in the Josten's leadership conference in Katy to help make SMS better.
- b. 3 teachers were nominated and awarded a leadership retreat in October in Austin.
- c. ParentU – Bike Safety – only 12 parents attended. Must find a way for more parents to attend.
- d. Nov 13th – World Kindness Day – each locker has a positive note.
- e. Upcoming donations needed from parents: PALS – Fort Bend Family Promise; Fort Bend Blessing Baskets (Thanksgiving); Shared Dreams (VIPS); Santa's Sleigh – adoption of families in FBISD. A SignUp Genius will be created with all of these items.
- f. GoGuardian will be pushed out to the entire district. If laptop isn't working correctly, most likely illegal VPNs have been downloaded.
- g. Nov 14th – Staff/Student volleyball – tickets for sale at lunches on Thursday and Friday – Cash \$5.
- h. Fall dance was great! Great fundraiser for school / PBIS store.
- i. Attendance challenge – 7th grade won the ice cream party – Nov 21st.
- j. New attendance challenge is between 1st period classes – bracket challenge – 3 classes will win a pizza party.
- k. SB12 parent consent forms must be signed annually for the student to join a club(s).
- l. Nov 14th – Board Game Friday will begin during lunches
- m. Nov 21st – Picture Retakes



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- n. Dec 5th – Roar Rally
- o. 8th grade parents – January is course information night. Now, it's just course selection, but it's not set in stone yet.

9. PTO Grants – Awarded October 2025

- a. Athletics – 12 footballs
- b. ELA – Novels (30)

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm