



# Sherwood

MIDDLE SCHOOL

## SMS PSO Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

In Attendance:

**Board Members:**

Tiffany Yandt - President  
Nicole Tannler - Vice President  
Carli Weckerly - Secretary  
Danielle Bailey - Co-Hospitality  
Morgan Luccio - Communications  
Farrah Burke - Student Store

**Staff:**

Andy Van Fleet  
Brittany Morales  
Kyle Virding  
Stacy Holloway

**Parents:**

Megan Thornton

Meeting called to order 2:02pm

**Admin Report - Andy, Brittany, & Kyle**

Current enrollment: 1118 students

We have had a great start to the new year. Smooth transition with staff and students. Cell phone policy roll out has been very smooth. It is really nice to see more engagement with each other at lunch. Less bumping in to each other in hallways. Less distractions, more interactions. Fire drill ran very smoothly, best one yet!

In the event that a student needs to contact a parent / guardian, they will need to go to the office as in the past. In rare situations, a student may be allowed to use their phone to contact parents.

Chromebooks out during lunch have not been addressed in this new policy. The plan is to wait to see if there are problems and determine if guidelines need to be implemented. For now, we are monitoring.

Game room - Kyle and Tiffany worked very hard to make this game room happen. It is up and running, kids are excited about it.

New Foursquare courts and pickle ball courts are here. The plan is to give kids more options and activities at lunch since phones are not allowed.

Opening assembly was successful. All grade levels were attentive.

Staff from the district office will be dropping into classrooms to get a pulse on instruction and increase engagement. This will be about 1-2 hours / month moving forward.

SIP Continuous improvement plans. Grade level teacher teams working together for more engagement strategies. Being intentional is a big focus.

We are working on improving recognition for positive behaviors. Student of the month will continue. Will send out more information.

Student of the Month themes are based on SSD graduate profile. What skills attributes, and character traits are important for these students to acquire before they graduate?

Back to School night - this Wednesday night at 5:45pm.

An admin will be present at every lunch. This will prevent problems before they happen and it's also fun to connect with the kids.

Dressing down for PE - a parent asked for more clarification since dress down has not been as needed in previous years. Non-slip, closed toe, athletic shoes and athletic clothes are required. More privacy is desired for some students. There has also been some problems with not having enough time to dress back up and get to the next class on time. Andy will discuss with the PE Team.

### **President's Report - Tiffany**

Nicole motions to approve June minutes, Morgan seconds, all approved. Motion passed.

### **Hospitality - Danielle**

We provided filled apples and lots of coffee to welcome back the teachers.

Freaky Friday Carnival is six weeks away! Planning is in full swing and going well. It is Friday October 18.

Monster Dash is the Pledgestar fundraiser and will be on Tuesday October 15.. PE teachers will collect envelopes. PE gets 15% of earnings up to \$4000. This is in lieu of the hoop run.

We would like to have an assembly of some kind to promote these events and stir up excitement about fund raising. This could piggy back on the Homecoming parade assembly October 4. Andy will check into this.

We also would like to create incentives to turn in envelopes and raise money. Last year, only a small portion of the students participated in raising funds. How do we get more kids involved? Raffle prizes that don't cost anything. Sliming the Principal? Shaving his head at an assembly?

### **Students Store - Farrah**

We love the new cell phone policy, however this poses a problem for the student store. Apple Pay and phones were the biggest source of payments ~90%. Kids could still use a smart watch. Cash, debit / credit cards will work, but we are not expected to have as many sales.

The main goal of the store is to create opportunities for parents to come into the school and see the kids during lunch. It is fun and rewarding time for them. There are other volunteer opportunities that could reach this same goal such as the game room and equipment check out.

We are very limited on the food that can be sold, “smart snacks”. These same foods are sold through Nutrition Services. Last year, all profit went to Nutrition Services to help their debt.

Carli (previous SMS Treasurer) recalled not being allowed to use the Student Store as a fundraiser. The bank account was separate and a profit could not be shown. This should be looked into further if this is considered to be an income source.

Farrah will talk to Gia and the new Superintendent on what they are requiring. Another idea is to partner with entrepreneur students and get them involved.

Next Meeting October 7, 2:00pm.

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