



January 21, 2026 Meeting

Call to Order @ 7:02pm

Approved November meeting minutes- 14 yes

Membership Report: no new members

Treasurer Report

- Fiscal Report: Opening Balance \$31,586.37
Income \$5,566.90
Expenses -\$5,878.42
Ending Balance \$31,274.85
- Fund Requests:
 - Lifesavers for SMS in December

Fundraising Report

- Fundraisers:
 - Gretuade Hawk made approximately \$6,000
 - Honey Grow 1/20 from 10:30am-10pm
 - Chipotle 2/18 from 5-9
 - Blaze Pizza 3/19 from 5-9
 - Hersey Park tickets will go on sale in March sometime and we are still looking at pricing
 - Talking to Blue Sheep about doing an ice cream fundraiser
- Spirit Wear: Made \$791 at the Holiday Shop and \$1,508 since the last meeting in November

Old Business

- Holiday Shop Recap: Everything went great. Huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly
- Teacher Holiday Treat Bar: Thank you from the teachers, they really appreciate the treats. Everything went well.

Ongoing Business

- Day of Service: Asked VDV if they would like the donation from PTO like last year. VDV is still deciding what they are going to do and will let us know.
- Comfort Closets: sign up genius is still open for anyone who would like to donate items to the nurses

New Business

- Valentine Grams: forms will be going on the last week of January and will be due by 2/4. All vday grams will be put in teachers mailboxes on 2/12 to be sent home before Valentines Day

- VDV Book Fair: The theme is The Carnival. There will be a preview day on 2/27 for teachers and the fair will run from 3/2-3/6 with a late night on March 5
 - Need to set up a committee and the sign up genius will be in the next school newsletter on 2/6
 - **Share the Fair**- coin drive to help support any student who cannot afford to buy a book. Flyers will go out to families and teachers will more information and the collection will be from 2/17-2/23

Updates from the Schools & School Organizations

- VDV:

Mrs. Gabruk has been such an extremely smooth transition

Iready diagnostics are taking place last week and this week. Ms. Robson and Mrs.

Melesurgo shared about some diagnostic skills to use while testing. The nurses today

spoke about the power of yet based upon our Schoolwide Read Aloud based upon The Magical Yet...power of yet...

Check the newsletter please for upcoming events-

Connecting Day of Service to Winter Olympics more information to follow (check the newsletter)

Chorus and band had a successful concert

Kindergarten Concert was wonderful thank you those who donated mittens, gloves, scarves

Preschool winter concert is this Friday

Thank you for the sweet treat bar

Spelling Bee- want to congratulate those who want to participate and those who won for their class--planned to be on Monday but with impending weather it could be Tuesday

DARE has begun for our 5th grade students

Carnival theme in March for RAA and we will have a Family Night on that Thursday

4th and 5th grade Variety Show information will be coming up

Science Fair will also be coming up

Holiday Hop was a success and took place in the gym. Thank you to Mrs. Iannella and Ms. Breeman.

2nd and 4th grade students had the High School students came down that talked to them about positive self talk

- SMS:

1. On Wednesday, November 24th SMS was visited by representatives from the Brain Injury Alliance to discuss dangers of the road when using an ebike or electric scooter. The presentation included topics such as: Crosswalk safety and the importance of staying alert as a pedestrian

2. On Wednesday, November 26th SMS showed its spirit during its annual Pep Rally. The event featured the student teacher basketball game and the Pie in the Face Fundraiser for the Robotics team.
3. On November 24th, SHS choral and band students visited SMS for a presentation about the opportunities that will be available for the incoming 9th grade students. The students were treated to an outstanding performance led by Mr. Noa and Mr. Ferguson.
4. On November 24th, Mr. Hudson visited SMS to review and discuss the SALA and SMSA programming available to our students when they enter SHS. This is an important step to ensure that our students can make informed choices when they enter SHS.
5. SMS had 9 students officially earn their Girl Scout Bronze Award for an environmental impact project that was completed in town this past spring and throughout the summer.
6. SHS Peer Leaders visited SMS and led our students through interactive skits depicting everyday issues middle school students may encounter. The experience promoted meaningful discussion, reflection, and positive decision-making while strengthening the connection between SMS and SHS.
7. The SMS Boys Basketball team has secured the number one seed in the playoffs and remains undefeated.
8. Our morning Writing Lab has officially launched along with the various other intervention labs.
9. During Physical Education classes, students participated in a nutrition and wellness presentation facilitated by NJ4S. In addition, NJ4S provided all students with a drawstring bag and healthy snack.
10. The Valentines dance is scheduled for February 6th from 7-9pm. Drop off and pick up information will be forthcoming.
11. The spring musical will take place on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14th.

- Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG): There will be a brunch on 1/24, on 1/29 there is a High School transition meeting, 2/17 there is a homework resource help meeting. SEPAG is also putting together a directory with resources from parents.

Close of Meeting @ 7:33pm

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Meetings are 3rd Wed of every other month @ 7pm: 3/18, 5/20