

**Socastee Middle School PTO February 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday February 6, 2024 9:00am-11:00am at SMS**

**Attending:**

Rhona Williams, President  
Cori Lamb, Vice President  
Anna Quilter, Treasurer  
Ashley Stathos, Secretary  
Lisa Melchione, Principal  
Tiffany Roderick  
Juliet Midkiff  
Melody Spencer  
Stacye Herriott  
Josh Williams

Meeting called to order at 9:10am

- Principal/ Administration Report
  - A date has been set for vaping info night March 26 at 6:00, Mrs. Melchione's intern is taking on the project
  - 2/13 dance, no school 2/19 and 2/20
  - NAEP testing 2/27 - 8th (random 50 students will take the test)
  - Math Counts got 3rd place and will compete in Columbia
  - Spelling bee was last night
  - Awards assemblies will be by grade level
  - Nominations committee plan — a form has been put together that is very basic. A call for nominations will be in newsletter this week and next week (until 2/25). Mrs Melchione will appoint teachers and nominating committee members and will have one from each grade level, teacher of year last year and this year (Kern and Coach Nacc). We cannot vote by google form because of inability to check for multiple votes. A link will be put in newsletter to print and fill out and send or bring in and people can vote in office. Nominations will run through the next meeting. Nominations will be published in the Friday newsletter following meeting. Voting will run from publish date of nominations until 3/22. New board will be announced 4/8 after spring break before meeting 4/9. Nominating committee will meet 3/5 to go over nominations at 3:45. Confirmation emails will be sent out to nominees to confirm and fill out qualifications
  - Draft 2024-25 HCS calendar was presented
- President/ Vice President Report: (Rhona/Cori)
  - Current members on email list: 130
  - Introduce PTO Bylaw Change (authors: Anna/ Ashley)

- [Document with suggested changes provided here.](#)
- [Amended PTO Bylaws for reference provided here.](#) Amendment to section 4b has been changed as indicated in notes below in the document linked above.
- Anna — Should be broad and adjustable, give suggestions to nomination committee to things we think are important; needs to be easy to understand (Lisa); Anna remarked and others agreed that treasurer needs financial background and is known/trustworthy; amending bylaws to allow board members to be on board or run for office after being an officer for two years
- Ashley to amend section 4b - change to “more than two consecutive years in the same Officer position” — Anna moved, Stacye seconded, change passes unanimously
- Lisa suggests a rubric for the nomination committee to evaluate candidates - treasurer (look at qualifications specific to money) and president (serve as chair or officer for at least a year) rubric can be added to minutes later
- Updates from old business: (Follow up from Mr. Macheski/ Ms. Melchione)
  - Will not plan for a spring community event due to the busy spring season.
  - Math Counts shirts delivered. Sweet tees invoiced for \$158.00 which was lower.
  - MAP Testing Rewards: planned for 04/12/24
    - [Two quotes provided by Kona Ice and Pelican's SnoBalls.](#) - both offer same things, Pelican's offers free for faculty/staff but is \$2.75 vs \$2 for 9 oz with Kona; projections around 200 kids reaching both goals so we will go with Kona
  - Mr. Kern would like PTO to keep Diamond Dell in the budget for 6th Grade.
  - 5th Grade Parent/Student Night: TBD, Ms. Rhodes will provide a date as we move closer to that time. PTO will plan to sell spirit wear and provide info.
  - 8th Grade Dance: Date TBD, Admin is waiting for the spring sports schedule. Maybe end of April/beginning of May, probably a Friday
- Fundraising:
  - [Goodwill Fill the Truck Day](#): 02/24/24 confirmed 10:00am-1:00pm at SMS.
    - SMS is not a polling site on this date.

- Fundraiser held by Student Council with PTO. Will split half of profits. Goodwill will donate \$75.00/ dorio (blue bin) or \$900 per truck load.
    - Smoothie King confirmed to bring the truck during collection time for 25% back. Will split with the Student Council. Smoothie King is also helping to promote the event.
    - Flyer provided with details.
  - Braves for Others Raffle Tickets:
    - [Flyer with info provided to push sales.](#)
    - PTO will receive \$3 back/ticket sold from PTO.
    - Next drawing: SHS Winter Sports Awards 02/27/24 for \$500.00.
- Treasurer Report: (Provided by Anna)
  - [February Financial Report](#)
  - [Current Operating Budget provided here.](#)
  - Still operating at a bit of a deficit, depends on how we do on our fundraisers or clubs actually using their money; could have \$5800 going into next year
- Secretary Report: (Provided by Ashley)
  - Review of [Minutes](#) from January meeting.
  - Call for discussion and vote. - Juliet first, Anna second, minutes are approved
- Pretzel Committee Report: (Provided by Juliet and Lyndsay)
  - [Pretzel Sales Calendar to date.](#)
  - [Pretzel Punch Card Sales to date.](#)
  - February dates: 7, 14, 28
  - March dates: 6, 13, 20, 27
  - Plan to discontinue 10 punch card on 03/01/24 from Cheddar Up, will go down to 5 punch card
  - Last sales date will be 04/24/24.
  - \$80 so far this month for punch cards
  - Last week 110, had 19 left over
- Concessions Committee Report: (Provided by Melody)
  - [Concessions Updated Report Here.](#)
  - B-team Basketball season wrap up:
    - Total Gross Sales for Basketball Season: \$4,299.85
    - 01/24/24 game: \$887.00 total
    - 01/30/24 playoff game: \$408.00 (boys game only)



- Teacher Reps:
  - No report provided for agenda.
- New business:
  - 03/14/24 Pi Day for Math Department - budget is \$140 for moon pies and oatmeal cream pies; one/student
  - SHSAA 1st Annual Oyster Roast Fundraiser/ info attached

10:54 am adjourned

**Next PTO Meeting: Monday 03/04/2024 5:30pm-7:30pm at SMS, last day to receive nominations for ballot.**

**Unapproved Minutes and Agenda Items/ Reports due by end of day 02/23/24**