



## October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order at 7:03 pm

**Accept Minutes** from 9/20/23 Amanda Hoy and Sam Marx

### Membership Report

193 families  
44 staff members  
237 total

### Treasurer Report

- Fiscal Report
  - Purchases: balloons for safety patrol, snack for SMS homework club, costco for back to school night
  - Total funds available \$29,908
- Fund Requests- no fund requests
- Fundraisers
  - Gertrude Hawk fundraiser information went out. It is due 11/3 with an online option due on 11/8
  - Dine to Donate: 12/12 at Blaze Pizza
  - 1/24 Chipotle

### Ongoing Business

- Trunk or Treat- Randa Ryzdy
  - set for 10/28 4:00-6:00 with set up time 3:30 and first ½ hour being sensory friendly.
  - monster candy boxes are at VVD & SMS
  - reached out to VDV and SMS for volunteers
  
- SMS Book Fair- Amy Sumoski
  - 11/6-11/8
  - letter going home next week and sign up genius for volunteers
  - proceeds go to the library
  - preview day for staff is 11/3. Teachers will also have an ewallet to set up their store for donations.
  - Checking to see if we can get a digital message for SMS on this and other future information
  
- Holiday Shop- Melinda Julian
  - set for 12/9 from 9-1 with the first ½ hour sensory friendly
  - Gertrude Hawk pick up
  - will be looking for volunteers shortly
  
- Spirit Wear
  - order was placed and hoping for it to be in sometime next week
  - Amanda will reach out to Ms. Feveret on how to coordinate getting it to students

## **Committee Updates**

- Cultural Diversity- Randa Ryzdy
  - 5/16 5:30-7:00
  - live museum presentation style
  - will check with SMS committee to see if we can work together
  - on 11/1 at VDV there is a Latino Family Night
  
- Playground- Amanda Hoy
  - on hold for now, waiting for a possible grant application
  - only upper playground now needs the funds
  
- Day of Service- Alyssa Short
  - January- in talks to come up with new ideas
  - have VDV Student Government and SMS Student Council get involved

## **Updates from the Schools**

- VDV- Ms. Frevert
  - Lead U: hosted by social workers to kick off the Week of Respect and the importance of listening and being kind. The Principals also did a read aloud from the roof
  - Safety Patrollers have been sworn in and started their shifts around the school.
  - Chorus held a field trip to NYC for 5th grade students to see the opera
  - Fire Prevention week had the Somerville Fire Department visit the kindergartners. They learned about prevention and fire safety
  - First coffee with the principals was held. The next one will be after the November PTO meeting
  - Picture Day is Friday 10/20
  - 10/23-10/27 is Red Ribbon Week
  - The Student Government elections for this year will be starting soon. Students in grades 3-5 are able to run to represent their homeroom. Election Day will be 11/7
  - Fun with Pumpkins will be 10/26 for grades PK-2 from 6:00-7:15
  - Halloween Parade is 10/31 at 9am
  - PreK and K will be going on field trips to the farm in the next couple of weeks
  
- SMS
  - Week of Respect had a “be kind” theme
  - SMS 1st therapy dog, Jackson Morash had his first visit on 9/28
  - Picture Day was held on 9/29
  - The STEM robotics showcase was held at Bridgewater mall on 9/30. They will have their first Lego League scrimmage in November
  - The Somerset County Vo-Tech came to speak to 8th graders

- 7th graders went on a field trip to Fairview Lakes YMCA
- The Picatinny Arsenal came to visit the modeling class and share how the military uses rapid prototyping and 3D printing
- Halloween Dance is 10/21 from 7-9

**New Business/Open for Discussion**

SEPAG has their first meeting on 10/24 and a workshop in November

**Close of Meeting at 7:50pm**

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**PTO Executive Board**

Amanda Hoy, President	Alyssa Short, Co-Membership
Melinda Julian, Vice President	Sam Marx, Co-Membership
Janet Moody, Secretary	Megan Britton, Co-Communications
Randa Rydzy, Treasurer (Financial)	Korine Szot, Co-Communications
Ashley Finlayson, Treasurer (Fundraising)	

Meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month @ 7pm: 11/15, 1/17, 2/21, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15

**Organización de Padres y Maestros PTO de Somerville  
NJ Kinder-8 Grado  
Agenda de la reunión del 18 de Octubre de 2023**

<b>Llama para ordenar</b>	Amanda Hoy
<b>Aceptar Minutos</b>	Janet Moody
<b>Informe de Membresía</b>	Alyssa Short y Sam Marx
<b>Informe del Tesorero</b>	
● Informe Fiscal	Randa Rydzy (Amanda)
● Solicitudes de Fondos	Randa Rydzy (Amanda)
● Recaudadores de Fondos	Ashley Finlayson (Amanda)
<b>Negocios en Curso</b>	
● Trunk or Treat	Randa Rydzy y Korine Szot
● Feria del libro SMS	Amy Sumoski y Erica Stepper
● Tienda navideña	Melinda Julian
● Ropa escolar	Amanda Hoy
<b>Informes de Comités</b>	
● Diversidad cultural	Randa Rydzy
● El patio de Recreos	Amanda Hoy

- Dia de servicio

Amy Sumoski y Alyssa Short

### **Actualizaciones de las escuelas**

- VDV. Escuela elementaria Van Derveer
- SMS. Escuela Intermediaria de Somerville (Middle School)

### **Nuevo negocio / Abierto para discusión**

### **Cierre de la reunion**

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#### **PTO Junta Ejecutiva**

Amanda Hoy, Presidenta

Melinda Julian, Vice Presidenta

Janet Moody, Secretary

Randa Rydzy, Tesorera (Financiera)

Ashley Finlayson, Tesorera (Recaudación de Fondos)

Alyssa Short, Co-Afiliación

Sam Marx, Co-Afiliación

Megan Britton, Co-Comunicaciones

Korine Szot, Co-Comunicaciones

Las reuniones son el tercer miércoles de cada mes @ 7pm: 11/15, 1/17, 2/21, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15