Seaholm PTSA Meeting Agenda

May 12, 2026

Call to Order: 19:02

Welcome: Doug Arceo, Outgoing PTSA President

Introduction: Kristina Cunningham 2026 -2027 Incoming President

Lisa Young – incoming Vice President

Meeting Minutes/Motions: Alaina Pardonnet, Secretary

- Any changes to the April minutes - none
    - Votes/eVotes since last meeting - none

President's Report: Doug Arceo, Outgoing PTSA President

- 2026 Slate has been posted for 30 days:
    - President: Kristina Cunningham
    - Vice President: Lisa Young
    - Secretary: Alaina Pardonnet
    - Treasurer: Stacey Lusky
    - Media & Marketing: Andee Gorbatoff
    - Grants: Open
    - Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Murray
    - Legislative: Katie Pearce
- Motion to approve the 2026 -2027 slate
    - Motion my Doug
    - Second by Lisa

Principal's Report: Mike Wicker

- Looking forward to the end of the year
    - 7 days left for Seniors
    - Next Thursday is clap out then lunch on the football field
    - After Seniors leave, sophomores are allowed to drive to school
    - 22 more full days for the rest of the students
- It's been a great year!
- Undergraduate awards, Senior awards, and several music concerts over the next few weeks
- Thursday, May 28th – Activities Fair
    - A great opportunity to learn about the many clubs and activities at Seaholm
    - Kids are encouraged to sign up for more than 1
- Make Me a Maple for incoming freshman will be this summer

Student Congress Report: Kate Goetz

Incoming Freshman Parent Presentation:

- Join the PTSA Facebook group as well as the Facebook group for you class.
    - A great place for information and an easy way to ask questions
- Attend the Freshman events just before and just after school starts, like the Freshman canoe trip.
- Attend the activities fair – **Thursday, May 28th from 5:30-7:00 PM** (AUX GYM)
    - Come say Hi to the PTSA!
    - Encourage your child to come – signing up does not mean they have to do the club
    - Student should sign up with their email and cell, and your info
    - Join a team or club!
    - For parents- join the PTSA or a booster club to meet other parents
    - Many teams start meetings and trainings over the summer
    - Link to activities: https://seaholm.birmingham.k12.mi.us/student-life
- Encourage your kids to check email and Schoology daily
    - Write down their logins and passwords
    - They will use email for the rest of their life, so this is a good habit to form
- Create a group chat with at least 2-3 kids in each class
    - This way, they can ask about due dates or questions on homework when teachers are not available
- Encourage students to talk to teachers
    - Advisory Hour 2x/week on Tuesday and Thursday
    - Some teachers have office hours
    - Helps build the relationship between student and teacher
    - Eventually, when they are Seniors, the students will need recommendation letters from staff
- Join the Seaholm main PTSA Facebook group and your grade-level group
    - Signup will be open for next year in July
    - Generally a quick, easy way to get answers or feedback
    - There is a PTSA Class of 2030 group to join
- Sign up for the Weekly eNews
    - Sign up on the website, but . . .
    - If you're already getting eNews from Derby, you'll automatically switch to getting Seaholm's
    - Link for eNews: https://seaholm.birmingham.k12.mi.us/our-school/weekly-enews
- Start a list of High School accomplishments
    - Build this through their HS career for easier building of college and scholarship applications later
    - Include clubs, awards, volunteer hours
- Make Me a Maple Mentors
    - Before registration, Freshman will have an orientation with the Make Me a Maple Team
    - They will contact you or the student
    - This person can answer their questions throughout the year
    - Orientation will be the week of August 24th
- Prepare for last minute emergencies:
    - Buy the poster board now

    - Just buy a couple and put them in your closet – at some point, your child will realize they need this late at night.
    - Get them in the habit of knowing, at all times, where their devices and chargers are
    - Keep an extra water bottle
    - Themed football games: keep shirts of various colors/styles – white, maroon, red/white/blue, neon, Hawaiian, etc
- Important Dates:
    - May 28th activities fair
    - Aug 18 Freshman registration in the afternoon; parent night that evening
    - Week of Aug 24th – freshman orientation
    - Aug 28th – Freshman Canoe Trip
    - Sept 10th – Freshman Tailgate
- **Additional Freshman Q & A or misc tips (not covered in the meeting):**
    - How do parents get the emails from the school that are not eNews? This is the same sign up as eNews.
    - There will be text alerts as well, so be sure to enter your cell # during the RSVP process.
    - Please join the PTSA – sign up for the directory
    - Come in and walk-around the school with your kid – help them get to know the building
    - School start/end time will be 7:50 AM- 2:50 PM
        - The details about buses have not yet been released.
        - How do Freshman pay for lunch?
            - Same system as the Middle School – Meal Magic Family Portal Birmingham Public Schools
            - Students can also pay in cash
        - Have not heard anything definitive from the State regarding the free lunch program
        - Open lunch is only for Juniors and Seniors who have parental permission
    - When you sign up for registration, there will be opportunities to pay for a variety of things via eFunds (**Highly advise you do it all up front**):
        - PTSA signup
        - Field Day t-shirt
        - Athletic passes, one of which gets you access to all the games
        - Year Book
        - Lock for their locker
    - Field Day is a big deal – the kids need a t-shirt to participate
        - Each class comes up with a theme
        - There are leadership opportunities
        - The kids will develop a dance, participate in games, design banners, participate in community service (usually a food drive), etc
        - Field Day + Hoco game
        - Homecoming Dance:
    - Need 5-6 parents to serve as Class Parents for the Class of 2030
    - Information for new families:

        - Expect to start receiving information for next year in June.
            - the district doesn't want to send too soon and overwhelm anyone
    - Volunteering:
        - Sign up to volunteer for at least 1 thing
        - This is how you will meet other parents and connect to the community
        - Sports and Clubs Recommend just trying anything!
    - There are also arts/theater and many band-groups that start in the fall

Thank you:

- It was a great year. Thanks to all exec board, committee chairs and volunteers!
- You are so appreciated!

Motion to adjourn: Lisa
Second: Alaina
Meeting adjourned: 19:25

Meeting schedule

Time: 7 P.M.
Location: Seaholm Media Center/ Teams

June 9th: Tentative - 2026-2027 Executive Board meeting