# Seaholm PTA Meeting Minutes
# 11/10/2026 7 pm in person and Teams

**Welcome & President's Report:** Kristina Cunningham, PTSA President

- Welcome Meghan Jones, Birmingham PTA Council President
- Executive Board meeting in October - approved almost $12,000 in Grants
- Budget has been up for almost 30 days - Executive Board will vote on that this weekend.
- Discussing extending invitations for PTSA meetings to middle school.
- Dance Team had their first competition this weekend and won the Pom category.

**Meeting Minutes/Motions:** Alaina Pardonnet, Secretary

- Approve the September PTSA meeting minutes

**Principal's Report:** Michael Wicker

- Girls swim and Boys water polo are still going
- Musical auditions were today
- Fall play will be coming in the Little Theater
- Basketball starts soon.
- Fall is wrapping up and winter sports and activities are getting started.
- Field day went great as did our 75th anniversary
- Still have some Senior Sweatshirts in the main office for pick up
- Looking forward to a little break for Thanksgiving
- Open house: 224 families signed up, which was an increase from last year
    - Also saw an increase in families from private school

**Seaholm Student Congress:** Katie Goetz

- A representative student was supposed to be presenting tonight, but could not come today.
- Stuco did Homecoming this year with a Haunted Halloween theme
    - Next year, they are looking to add more activities to keep people there longer
    - Feedback from the kids was very positive - they loved the decorations and the escape room
- Moving into UMatter week which is next week
    - Working with the Counseling dept.
    - Different UMatter-themed spirit week such as PJs for self-care, Super Heroes for listening, Adam Sandler day for Laugh-together, Kindness day where there will be given kindness tasks every hour over the speakers and a Kindness Bingo game, and Be The Reason Day for Friday (Sophomores and Senior are white, Freshman and Juniors are maroon)
    - Lots of activities sprinkled through the week as well, including a pep assembly, games, Dad jokes, an apple 'nacho' bar, and more.

    - Hosting a Blood Drive on Monday as well! If we have extra slots, the Groves NHS team might bus people over to donate.
- Week before Holiday Break:
    - Reindeer Games for the kids
    - Separate set of events for Teachers
- Prom planning is in progress
    - Probably at M1 with a strolling dinner
    - Looking into activities to include or add-on to the experience
- NHS:
    - Working on building a relationship between Seaholm and Groves
    - Also want to pair up with Derby JHS for a spring event
    - Talking about making it mandatory for NHS students to volunteer at the Open House to try to have one-on-one tours
    - Groves would like to move toward a Spring induction ceremony so that they can start planning over the summer.
- SOS:
    - Working with Next
    - This weekend is leaf raking - 7 houses, with 2-10 kids/house
    - Thinking of doing a spring clean-up as well
    - Want to bring in more sports and other clubs
    - Will be doing Moonbeans for Sweet Dreams
    - Have 5 dates where SOS kids will be working with the ASD students for fun, interactive activities
- Questions:
    - Do we do any work with Gigi's Playhouse? Yes, NHS will be working on that.
    - Toys for Tots: is the Saturday that everyone comes back from multi-cultural retreat; the kids can volunteer, but this is not a school-sponsored event.
    - What is the multi-cultural retreat? This is sponsored by the PTSA. 8-10 adults take 50 students to a camp; typically the students are nominated by other adults in the building (there's a selection process).
        - This year is a Th, F, Sat Dec 3-5 - it's a lot of team-building, talking, and bonding.
        - There are small group experiences and larger group experiences.
        - It changes the culture and climate of the kids - opens them up to other relationships.
        - A great opportunity for students to realize they have much more in common with each other than they do differences and build empathy.
        - Focus on Juniors and Seniors

**<u>Visitor from the Council:</u>** Meghan Jones, PTSA Council President

- The bond passed by 66%
- Projects are already planned, so we should see more activity start soon
- Screenagers presentations - added a new one on AI for parents only

    - Might bring the AI one back for high school students - there are some heavy topics
    - Middle and Elementary still have a Screen-focused presentation coming up
- BEF Bash is coming - earlybird tickets are on sale until December
    - Will be at the Townsend this year
    - February the 6th
- Compliance from all PTAs is due December 1st - most schools are almost there if not there already - this is usually the big topic for November
- MI PTA has a new template
- Purpose of the Council: a gathering of the presidents of all the BPS PTAs
    - Our VP is Andrea Makar
    - Council is a support organization and an opportunity to share best practices.
    - The meetings are not private, but they are not recorded. People are welcome to come. The 2nd Monday of every month.

**Friends of Different Learners Presentation:** Carrie Chapie (not present - presented by Kristina)

- Flyer has been posted to our social media - please see it
- Support organization for caregivers of students with special needs
- Full spectrum of learning differences are covered - not just diagnosed disorders
- Support and resources for issues outside the classroom as well
- Building representative program: goal is to have a parent rep for each school to better reach those that need support; most of BPS schools have a representative currently
- Preschool through adult-age
- Meetings are free and open to all
- friendsofdifferentlearners.com and a Facebook group

**Committee Reports:**

- First Fridays (not present)
- SOS update
    - Started the new Season of Giving initiative
    - Soliciting donations from the community - cash or $25 gift cards to Meijer or Target (only) - so that families can purchase holiday gifts
    - Gift cards can be dropped off at any BPS school through December 4th
    - Schools/Councilors identify families that need support
    - Helped 88 families last year
    - SOS Strides: made almost $60,000 to support families in the district
        - Again, the schools identify families that need support
        - This may be utilities, medical bills, groceries, etc.
    - The families' identities are kept confidential
    - Still trying to spread the word - many families still don't know this exists
    - SOS club will make holiday cards next week

- Conference dinners (not present)
- Volunteer Coordinator update
    - Haven't had any requests to make sign-up geniuses - please reach out to Sarah Muzzin if you need help with this
- Legislative Chair (not present)
- Reflections
    - Deadline was last week
    - Don't think we had any from Seaholm this year
    - Apparently this year's theme wasn't as engaging this year

**Misc:**

- Upcoming Seaholm Events:
    - Musical Auditions tonight through Thursday
    - UMatter Week next week - Blood drive Monday 11/16
    - Thanksgiving Break 11/25-27
    - Multi-Cultural Retreat 12/3-5
    - Hanukkah begins
    - Winter Conferences 12/10
    - Flexmas 12/22
    - Winter break, returning 1/4/27
    - 8th grade Parent Night 1/6/27
- Future PTSA meeting Speakers (see below)
- Join PTSA for 2027-2028 board - many open positions!!
- Follow us on FB, IG and Seaholm e-Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:
Dec. 9: Seaholm PTA meeting 7p (not confirmed) Guest presentation
**Jan. 12:** Seaholm PTA meeting 7 pm - OSTC speaker presentation
Feb 10: Seaholm PTA meeting 7p (not confirmed) Guest presentation
**Mar. 9**: Seaholm PTA meeting 7 pm - Brenda Huddy Career Center College Prep presentation
**Apr. 13:** Seaholm PTA meeting 7 pm-Present 2027-2028 PTSA Slate
**May 11:** Seaholm PTA meeting 7 pm-Incoming Freshman Family Information
**June 8:** Seaholm PTA 2023-2024 Executive Board meeting

Motion to Adjourn: Kristina
Second by: Mike
Meeting closed: 20:09