

SAPTO General Meeting Minutes
1/14/2025 6:30pm, Zoom
Meeting ID: 869 9689 6198| Passcode: SAPTO

1. President Judy Pitsios called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Recording Secretary, Stefanie DePasquale, conducted a roll call of Officers
3. Treasurer, Cara Daniell, noted we have a balance of \$39,975.73 as of today
4. Correspondence Report, Nicole Simonson
 - a. Follow us on social media and on southamboyppto.org.
 - b. Questions? Email us at sapto08879@gmail.com
 - c. Please refrain from calling/texting board members directly
 - d. Also, send us a message on Facebook
5. Report of the Officers
 - a. Judy Pitsios
 - i. March General PTO meeting was moved from March 18th to March 4th (information/ Q & A to be shared directly following our meeting from BOE)
 - ii. Coffee and Conversation on 1/23, 5:30 P, MHS Media Center
 - iii. Referendum meeting for the public on 2/18, 6 PM, MHS cafeteria
 - iv. BOE meeting on 2/24, 7 PM, MHS cafeteria
 - v. Referendum vote is on March 11th
 - b. Cara Daniell
 - i. Recap on Panera Fundraiser
 1. We needed \$150 and only received \$115-we'll try again next year!
 - ii. Five Below Fundraiser
 1. Waiting on final amount as check will be here by April 2025
 - iii. We have earned about \$300 on Box Tops
 1. Kindergarten is still in the lead
 2. Shoprite, Target, Stop n' Shop, and Acme have 5 items = 50 box tops
 - iv. Suggestions on Fundraiser during Spring Break
 1. Urban Air is a possibility (Monique works there)
 - c. Elyse Leavy
 - i. Holiday Shoppe was held Dec. 9-13
 1. \$1500 raised
 2. Thank you to all the volunteers
 - ii. Read Across America Book Fair will be held Feb. 24-28
 1. Volunteers will be needed

2. Thursday the 27th and Friday the 28th are half days

- d. Marie Holovacko
 - i. NJ Devils vs. Red Wings Fundraiser will be held on April 16th at 7:30 PM.
 - 1. Thank you to Elyse for organizing and setting it up
 - 2. More details to come
 - ii. Free samples of Olly Melatonin Gummies available at the meeting and donated by PTO
 - e. Danny Rodriguez
 - i. Flapjack Breakfast was held on Saturday, 11/23, at Applebee's in Woodbridge from 8-10 AM
 - 1. Looking to do it again!
 - ii. Winter Popcorn Sale Jan. 21 - Feb. 4, 2025
 - 1. Great prizes the students can win including PS5
 - f. Teresa Soto
 - i. Monthly birthday celebrations at the ES are going well!
 - 1. Let us know about allergies
 - g. Nicole Simonson
 - i. Father/Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 7
 - ii. Tickets are on sale via CheddarUp (we do sell out so get your tickets now)!
 - iii. Mother/Son Dance will be held on Friday, March 7
 - iv. We have all of our contracts with caterers set
 - h. Stefanie DePasquale
 - i. Shared the remaining SAPTO General Meeting dates remaining for this school year including the date switch from March 18th to March 4th and the last meeting on May 13th.
 - i. Old Business
 - i. Stefanie thanked Alyssa for her suggestions about funding uniforms and communicated this with Mr. Dunn
 - ii. We agreed to pay for buses for the 4th/5th grade tubing trip on 1/30 and are awaiting a quote.
 - j. New Business
 - i. We'll be opening up nominations for SAPTO Executive Board for the 2025-2026 school year at the March 4th meeting. Elections to be held on May 13th.
6. Membership Comments
- a. Judy reminded everyone we would love to hear ideas on how to spend money while supporting the students/teachers.
 - b. Teachers can submit a funding request online via the request form.

- c. Judy shared the MHS Class of 2030 Texas RoadHouse Fundraiser which is held tonight, 1/14.

3 Door prizes were raffled off!

Meeting was adjourned by President Judy Pitsios at 7:07 PM.

Other Notes:

- Refreshments were provided; we had ~18 present in person and ~5 via Zoom.

TL/DR 😊

- Our meeting was held on Tuesday, January 14th at the MHS Cafeteria and on Zoom.
- Refreshments were provided; we had ~18 present in person and ~5 virtual.
- Our Treasurer Cara noted we had a balance of \$46,530.22
- Corresponding Secretary Nicole reminded members to follow our website and social media—and to email us or message via Facebook with any questions.
- Judy updated us on the Referendum vote on March 11th and the important dates of upcoming meetings including: BOE on 1/27, Coffee and Conversation on 1/23, Referendum meeting on 2/18, and BOE meeting on 2/24. She also discussed the change of our March General PTO meeting from March 18th to March 4th—an info session on referendum will be directly following our meeting.
- Cara recapped the Panera Bread/Five Below Fundraisers. We didn't quite meet our goal for Panera and are waiting for the final amount from Five Below. She encouraged members to download Box Tops as there are incentives from Target, ShopRite, Acme and Stop n' Shop. Kindergarten is still in the lead.
- Elyse gave a Holiday Shoppe recap; we raised \$1500 and thank you to the volunteers. She also shared Read Across America Book Fair at the SAES the week of February 24th-28th.
- Danny spoke about Flapjack Fundraiser on Nov. 23 and the great turnout. He announced the upcoming winter Popcorn Sale Jan. 21 - Feb. 4 and there are great prizes available for students to earn.
- Teresa said the monthly birthday celebrations at the ES are running smoothly.
- Nicole announced that the SAES Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances are scheduled for Friday, February 7th and Friday, March 7th. You can purchase Father/Daughter tickets now via CheddarUp—we do sell out so get your tickets soon.
- Membership Comments
 - Judy asked members to send us ideas for how we can spend money on our schools. Teachers were encouraged to fill out a PTO request form for funding ideas too.
 - Judy reminded everyone of the MHS class of 2030 Texas Roadhouse fundraiser on 1/14.
- 3 Door prizes were raffled off
- Judy adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.