



**St. Michael School  
Parent Association Public Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
St Michael School Gymnasium**

- Welcome
  - Joe Lajoie welcomed attendees at 6:08pm.
- PA Admin Update
  - A Protecting God's Children online course will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> online; as of this meeting there were still spots available. Attendees must stay logged in for the duration of the class to obtain full credit.
  - Teacher Appreciation Week will take place in May. The PA plans to do something each day for teachers and will need parents to help. Ideas are welcome.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Ashley Purington reported that there have been some changes to reallocate restricted funds, such as Friends of SMS.
    - Beach bash event line item will move to be part of the Friends of SMS budget.
  - We are expecting \$90 from Box Tops, and money currently coming in for ice fishing derby and the auction.
  - Read-a-thon raised a total of \$11,050; \$8,840 is the PA's takeaway. PA expenses related to this fundraiser will include the winners' prizes.

- Room Parent Coordinator Update
  - Ashley relayed Jill Haskell's report regarding the classroom auction projects. Each class has a volunteer(s) to coordinate and help create each item. Jill still needs to know what each class is doing so that there isn't any overlap.
- Development Coordinator Update
  - Read-a-thon
    - Devin Dickinson reported that money is still coming in, but we've raised just over \$11,000. The split with the read-a-thon company is 80/20. We raised about \$1,500 more than last year.
    - Announcing the event at the morning assembly definitely helped to propel the event, got kids excited.
    - 123 kids logged minutes; 134 kids registered
    - 1<sup>st</sup> grade class won for minutes read and amount raised; 4<sup>th</sup> grade was 2<sup>nd</sup> place for both. 1<sup>st</sup> has opted for an ice-skating party at the Ice Vault and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will join them.
    - The Board discussed using a leaderboard at school for next year; we are especially looking for suggestions for engaging older kids.
      - Brittany Lajoie suggested that middle school teachers allow their students time to log their minutes at the end of each school day.
  - Friends of SMS
    - The Christmas Concert video came out great and is posted online in the Friends website. Travis Wesley reminded everyone that the video should not be shared on social media.
    - 7 classes have taken advantage of Friends grant funding so far
      - P4-Kinger – puppet show; Children's Museum
      - 1<sup>st</sup> – Chewonki experience
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – Botanical Gardens
      - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Lost on a Mountain in Maine at the Strand Theater
    - Because we reached our goal, each student will receive a Friends of SMS t-shirt, which have been ordered and should be in next week.

Students also won a pizza party which is happening this Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Thank you's will be going out to Friends campaign donors; shooting for a Valentine's Day mail date
- The Board will be updating the Friends budget sheet to show allocations; encourage some classes to use up their funds.
- Harlem Globetrotters will be coming to school on February 11<sup>th</sup> courtesy of Friends of SMS.
- Planetarium shows at the school for all grades are being planned.
- The Board is looking for suggestions for additional high-impact experiences that the full school can enjoy.

o Ice Fishing Derby (2/8; 5am-4pm)

- We need lots of volunteers to help with this event, which includes the Winter Carnival inside the Community Center.
- Encourage early registration; there is typically a big last minute push (80% of attendees registered the day before/day of last year). We would like to see more advanced registrations this year.
- We are offering an extra \$2,000 prize for breaking the record for pike.
- Lots of local support has encouraged the growth of this event; it was suggested last year to open it up to all Belgrade Lakes, so we are hoping for an even larger turnout this year.
- Over 40 raffle items – tickets are sold online.
- Red Barn food truck will be there with a portion of proceeds donated to SMS.
- There will be text communications throughout the day.
- Winter carnival will run from 10am-3pm at no cost to attendees. Will include games and bounce houses.
  - Hot cocoa bar and cookie decorating station – need donations; Jenn Sparda has asked the Apple Shed for assistance as well.

o Auction (3/29)

- We will need volunteers for setup and breakdown – more details to come later, after the ice fishing derby has passed.
- Chelsea Moeller proposed an idea to incorporate the students into the evening somehow.
  - Interviews with kids, create videos to make ask for those who can't attend.
  - Maybe middle schoolers can assist with video skills!
- Other Business
  - Lunch is being provided to all staff tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, courtesy of Gosline's Insurance.