

Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Monday, January 13th, 9:00am
Virtual Zoom PTO Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: Ranjini Shankar at 9:00am
Approval of December 2024 Minutes – No corrections, stand as approved.

Presidents Report:

Ranjini Shankar, PTO President

Legislative Report:

Katie Lutz, Legislative

Updated board reports are needed from all PTO Committees that have completed their roles this year. Current board reports as well as the template can be found on [the PTO website](#). An email will be sent to all committee members Tuesday, January 14th with a template as well.

Even if you have held the position for more than a year, please review the board report and make updates. Email completed board reports to kj.lutz@gmail.com

Treasurer Report:

Annie Hendricks, Treasurer

- Slides presented are available [here](#)
- Tax return is officially filed for last year
- Currently preparing the budget for next year. Feedback from this year on current roles and committees is helpful in creating an accurate budget for the upcoming year.
- Please submit your reimbursements ASAP, they can be completed via Zelle.

Community Update:

Chief Mike Hutensky

- Northfield Police Department Officers will be wearing body cameras as mandated by a relatively new legal requirement.
- Uptick in stolen vehicles and cars being broken into overnight. None have been locked and the vehicles taken had keys left in them. Please lock your cars and make sure the keys are not left inside.

Administration Reports:

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

- The school board has been working with Dr. Linda Yonke from School Exec Connect on preparing for the superintendent retirement. Her current focus is to set up focus groups and will be using the Parent Connection meetings for this purpose. The next one will be on Wednesday, January 22nd at 9AM and possibly at the February Parent connections meeting as well.

- Request for a little peace and decorum in the parking lot – be patient and please stay in your car. If there is an issue, contact the school or police but don't get involved.

Jennifer Kiedaisch, Middlefork Principal

- January events:
 - Kindergarten and 1st grade Winter Sing will be on Thursday, January 30th at 6:30pm.
 - Kindergarten Registrations Wednesday, January 22nd

Dr. Ivy Sukenik, Sunset Ridge Principal

- 8th graders at Sunset Ridge and Glencoe participated in a successful career fair last Friday at Central school.
- Sunset Ridge school-wide spelling bee is this Friday, January 17th
- Basketball season is coming to a close and SRS is hosting one of the tournaments.
- Please remind your kids to wear coats and long pants as they will be outside if it feels like anything higher than 15 degrees.
- Randall Sanders has created videos supporting the PTO and encouraging people to participate in the benefit, please watch them as they are posted on both the school and PTO social media.

School Board Report

Abigayil Joseph

- Dr. Stange has kindly given the board time to plan for his successor. The board has been putting together a search timeline and a plan to ensure community involvement.
- Linda Yonke from School Exec Connect will be leading the search and will be at our board meeting 7PM Tuesday, January 14th to present the timeline and high-level overview of the process.
- The Finance committee will meet at 5:30 PM on Tuesday January 14th, prior to the general meeting and Middlefork Capital Improvement will be discussed.

Committee Reports:

Sixth Grade Social Dance, Gretchen Swank

- Our first dance is Friday, January 31st and there will be 4 total dances this winter. Parents of 6th graders should have received communication asking for volunteers and RSVPs for the events.
- Dinner will be organized for the kids before the fun to extend the fun and give the kids some time together before they start to dance.
- Please reach out to Gretchen Swank if you need additional information gretchen.swank@gmail.com

Winter Benefit, Jocelyn Dinkel, Megan Reed

- Invites will be going out in the next week via Paperless Post with ticket purchasing occurring through GiveButter.
- Benefit team is still looking for travel experiences, local gift cards, sports game tickets, some ideas for birthday parties for kids
- The team is continuing to look for both family and corporate sponsors.

International Night, Carolyn Kelley

- International Night will be on April 30th at Sunset Ridge-
- There are currently 24 families signed up for country booths, 22 different countries.
- Deadline to sign up is this Friday, January 17th to sign up.

Nominating Chair, Sandy Norbot

- Slating process for next academic year is kicking off and the Nominating team is gathering names of volunteers who would be interested in joining a committee or the executive team.
- For information on the different roles, please visit the [PTO website](#) where descriptions and board reports are listed for each role.
- Please reach out to Sandy at sandynorbot@yahoo.com if you have interest or more questions.

Virtual Zoom Meeting Adjourned -9:36am Adjourned by Ranjini Shankar
Minutes compiled by : Emily LeMire, Secretary