

SES PTA Board

January Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2026

Board Members Attended: Pierre Smallwood, Alexa Hesse, Gentry Kozub, Chelsea Metros, Gentry Kozub, Telleen Gegner, Mandi Mitchell

Teacher/Staff Attended: Kristen Muller, Elayne Ongtingco, Heather Depetro

Board Members Absent: Amber Little, Brandee Keiss, Laura Fine, Maggie Williams

Start: 8:04

End: 9:18

Time-Sensitive/Critical Topics

Events	Spirit Nights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1/19- MLK (No School) ● 1/25- JCC Teacher of the Year Luncheon ● 2/ 3-7 National School Counselor Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1/13 Willy's 11AM -10PM ● 1/28 Sparkles 5-8 PM ● 2/4 FruiTea Bubbles

Executive & Committee Member Roles

Secretary: Gentry Kozub

- Call to Order
- Minutes approval for Board December Meetings
 - **VOTE:** Gentry motion to vote to approve December Board meeting minutes, 2nd received, unanimously approved

President: Pierre Smallwood

- All Pro Dads/Smyrna Pops
 - CTLS message went out
 - Doors open to the school at 7 AM only for All-pro Dads
 - Start time: 7:10 AM
 - Hard end time: 7:45 AM
 - Cadence: Last Friday of the month
 - Kids go get breakfast from the cafeteria and then come back to the media center
 - Dad's to escort the kids to the cafeteria to get the food and then everyone come back
 - Program: Have a presentation, a word to inspire, etc.
 - Food set up: over in maker's space similar to Veteran's Day, no food on the Stone rug

- Do not touch the trees/climb on the trees
- Crawford is the point person for Admin
- # of Attendees: TBD
- Shirts: Seemed expensive
- Breakfast: Seemed pricey as well for PTA to be paying for every month
 - Look into dad's getting school breakfast too?
 - Maybe just donuts?
 - Maybe find a sponsor

School Administration: Principal Little and VP Muller

- School Logo
 - PTA has a check to give today which covers Photo Op Spot in the front, something behind the secretaries, and then flags outside of each teacher's door
- 5th Grade Field Trip to Campbell
 - Can PTA pay the \$500?
 - This covers the cost of bus since the field trip would require 2 buses

Teacher Representatives: Ms. Ongtingco and Ms. DePetro

- Beta Club Induction
 - Ms Wilcher emailed some of the needs
 - White Sheet cake, Black table cloth, 100 forks, 100 dessert plates, little water bottles, balloons (Gold and Black)
 - Feb 6th
 - 4th grade parents are invited
 - Location: Cafeteria
 - PTA Person to take it on: Mandi to take it with Telleen
- Ideas for Teachers for future appreciation events
 - Popcorn Bar
 - Movie theatres often donate big things of popcorn
 - Ice Cream Soda Bar
 - Could we do that for Valentine's
- 5th "Moving On" Signs
 - Do NOT use the word Graduation
 - Could this be a fundraiser?
 - Have a conversation with Foundation to see if they would let us do it
- Safety Patrol End of Year Party- May 7th
 - Last Year they walked to the Police Station, took a tour, and then had food at the green space.

Treasurer: Brandee Keiss

- Reimbursements
- Budget Update
- By-laws Amendment Submission

Development Team: Chelsea Metros and Mandi Mitchell

- Bike Night
 - Date Change: March 26th from 6-7
 - Location: Parking Lot
 - Food: Pizza sold, Small Cakes was there, Fruitea Bubbles
 - In the front circle: Spirit wear, DJ, Vendors,
 - First Aid Table: bandaids, minor first aid supplies
 - Cobb Safety: ask them to come, brought bike repair kit and helmets
 - DJ at Sparkles always wants business, Chelsea has contact and Telleen to email
 - All Board members need to plan to be present
 - Other details
 - Use HS Volunteers
 - Can we use All Pro Dads in Vests?
 - Buy: Whistles,
 - Mandatory to wear a helmet
 - In the closet are 2 bins of bike night stuff (glow stuff, stickers,) Mandi to go through
 - Schedule a dedicated Bike Night Planning Meeting
- Rising Star Signs for Kinder Orientation
 - Purchasing them and giving them away at Kinder Orientation for free
 - Need to talk to Foundation as this was a previous Foundation initiative

Involvement Committee: Maggie Williams and Laura Fine

- Dates/Cadence of Birthday Celebrations
 - Next: Feb 9th ?
 - Can we do Coke Floats instead of Stock The Fridge?
 - To be discussed next meeting
- Room Parents
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 - DePetro to ask teachers how they want to use Room Parents
 - To be discussed at EOY Meeting and to send out a survey

Communications Team: Telleen Gegner and Alexa Hesse

- Yearbook Update
 - Sales: 92
 - Update price and communications to be sent out to CTLS to update pricing
 - Sponsors to be added at the end (Chelsea to confirm the number, thinks 11)
 - Free year books: Library, Admin
- PTA Branding/Logo Update
 - Our PTA logo needs to match the school's
 - Don't think you can change what is there but can add on... Muller to think

- Biking to School Event/Bike Bus
 - LaWana Streger is the lead
 - Portable Backpack with speakers in it
 - Will the PTA approve it?
 - Officer Marshall wants to participate (Smyrna Police wants to be involved)

Secretary: Gentry Kozub

- Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck Feedback
 - Thank you to Muller for her effort for the schedule
 - Travelin' Tom's put it on their national page
 - Same Date for next year
 - Ongtingco thanks for watching the 3,4,5th grade so the teachers could go out
- Staff Appreciation Celebration Document
 - National School Counselors Week : Feb 3-7th 2026
 - Chelsea
 - School Crossing Guard: Feb 12th 2
 - Alexa
 - School Resource Officer Day: Feb 15th (Celebrate the 13th)
 - Gentry
- February Board Meeting Date: Friday February 6th (7:30 start time)
- Jessye Coleman Luncheon-Sunday January 25th
 - Little to ask if our teacher (Kennedy) will be going, if so she also will plan on being there
 - Pierre to go as well