

**Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Monday, January 8, 2024 9:00am
Virtual Zoom PTO Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order: Sandy Norbot at 9:01am
Approval of December, 2023 Minutes – No corrections, stand as approved.**

President Report:

Sandy Norbot, PTO President

Reflected upon PTO programs for this school year thus far - A number of programs have already concluded, and others are running all year. A handful of programs are coming up during the winter such as sixth grade social dance (all parents will get emails shortly to tally numbers), 8th grade winter dance, coding club and junior great books. The PTO also provides meals during the parent teacher conferences in February. The board members running the spring events have plans underway, so there is lots going on with the PTO.

Fundraising- upcoming campaign –

Next month you will be getting a letter from me in the mail asking for your continued support by making a donation.

Reviewed ways to volunteer for the PTO – board position descriptions and duties can be found on the PTO [website](#) under About the PTO and PTO Board Positions. Current board members should update the board report for their position. Contact Sandy Norbot with any questions.

The nominating process for next year's PTO board will begin soon.

Treasurer Report:

Yena Levinson, Treasurer

Total bank balance of \$102,406.62.

Yena showed the performance to budget, as of December 31st. This is what we have spent to date, as well as what we have taken in. This will be emailed out after the call. Any questions please reach out to Yena.

Sandy: Please submit receipts and expense forms to Yena. Don't forget to use the Tax-exempt form. Many stores already have our information on file.

Community Update:

Bill Lustig, Northfield Chief of Police

Not present.

Administration Reports:

Tiffany Newhauser, Teacher Representative

Thank you to the room parents for their time and energy on the holiday parties before break. Reminder, now that it is 2024 in January, second round of conferences will be in February, Thursday the 15th. A little over a month, so look for that communication and sign up.

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

Reminder to dress the kids appropriately to go outside despite the weather. We follow the weather closely, please make sure you are hooked up via parents square to get info about school closing.

Dr. Ivy Sukenik, SRS Principal (Both schools today)

Junior great books is going to be starting up soon.

Kindergarten registration is January 24th, 2024 at 3:30-6:30pm – signup will go live later. Make sure you spread the word, the more registrations we have the easier it is to determine the size of the incoming class.

The Middlefork lunchroom is going green- they begin the next phase of recycling milk cartons and water bottles, learning how to sort trash. Middlefork is looking for extra volunteers to help teach the kids!

Sunset Ridge: Huge shout out for the Eagles nest volunteers for what we hope was the first annual read-a-palooza. Each homeroom came up with a theme and kids rotated rooms each half hour, reading different themed books in each room.

Musicians, went out into the community to perform before the holidays. They visited one senior center with larger groups and, and one small ensemble went to the senior center in Northfield. If you know of any places that we can take our show on the road, please let us know

All basketball teams will be participating in the local tournament. Sunset Ridge is hosting the 8th grade boys.

Jennifer Kiedaisch, Middlefork Principal (Dr. Sukenik gave the report)

School Board Report

Abigayil Joseph

In the finance meeting this month we will give an update about the Middlefork Capital improvement planning - prioritization of funding and what the most important needs are for the school and educational programs. We will also be talking about the fencing around the school. Calendar may be approved for next year as well, and some updates to various policies.

Committee Reports:

The Monthly Matters PTO newsletter sent out on Friday the 5th is now being sent out as a link to the PTO Website.

Debbie Lofdahl at SRS will still send out the email for the district. Going forward the PTO monthly matters will be on the PTO website.

PTO directory- [directory spot](#). The room parents will use that to get information out to parents about parties, or putting together a teacher gift. Parents also use this info to help set up play dates! If you are not on there, we can get you set up. Catherine Lucas is the head of the directory please reach out if you need contact information updated
catherineannelucas@gmail.com

Virtual Zoom Meeting Adjourned -9:23am Adjourned by Sandy Norbot
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