

MSMHS PTO

Minutes October 2, 2025

- Meeting called to order 6:30pm
- Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2025 – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSED
- **Presidents Report** Welcome (Jennifer King)
 - Shark Nation Fundraiser: We surpassed our goal of \$7,000, raising \$7,220. A huge thank you to the MSMHS Community. There will be no other fundraising for the PTO this year.
 - Jyl suggested incentivizing the students to get donations from parents next year.
 - Teacher grants: We would like to remind teachers of the availability of PTO budget for extra classroom activities and field trip support
 - Jennifer has the Sign-up sheets for committee volunteers and will get them out to the chairs of the committees
- **Treasurer report** (Jyl Warn)
 - Jyl discussed the proposed budget, including Shark Nation, Paypal fees, photo booth, family support, trivia, and fundraising, highlighting that the intention is to only spend what we bring in this year, resulting in a 0 impact to our savings.
 - Move to approve proposed 2025-2026 PTO budget - MOTION APPROVED
- **Officer Elections** (Tara Amatrudo)
 - Nominees:
 - President: Jennifer King
 - Vice President: Kimberly Pina
 - Treasurer: Jyl Warn
 - Co-Secretaries: Beth Greenleaf and Shannon Walsh
 - Nominee introductions
 - Principal Amatrudo led an anonymous vote, counted and announced results. All nominees were elected to their positions for the 2025-2026 academic year
- **Principal's Report** (Tara Amatrudo)
 - Oct 15th is PSAT/SAT day, freshman do not have school
 - The school received this year's allotment of the 5year federal grant that was in limbo. Mr. Kuczenski will return to his position managing it.
 - Grading newsletter sent out and will be posted and updated on the website
 - Discussed changes in midterms (most subjects may not have them) and mid quarter grades, which require that students have all their work turned in to get a snapshot of how each student is doing in each class for students and parents.
 - Discussed need for communication between meetings. A Bi-Weekly Fish Tales "express" was proposed to get the word out in between the regular Fish Tales newsletter

- **Student Council Report:** Abby Faulkner
 - Student Council elections conducted
 - Checking with freshman on class climate
 - Homecoming, Golden Hour theme Oct 24th
 - Midterm discussions

- **Committee reports**
 - Community Events (Karin Frick): Trivia Night date set for Jan 23, 2026. There will be no basket raffles. Staff Appreciation (Jennifer King for Octavia Ashburn): There will be a soup and salad luncheon for the faculty and staff on October 22
 - Fundraising (Jennifer King): Because we reached our Shark Nation fundraising goal, we will not do further fundraising this year.
 - Student Appreciation (Tracey Goodwin): There are not going to be many midterms this year, so the committee will have to think of how to redirect this activity into something that benefits all students. Would like to do a scavenger hunt this year. Will coordinate with administration to plan.
 - Snacks & Wellness (Jennifer King for Dawn Howe): no report

- **New Business**
 - Hybrid meeting virtual/in person option discussed. It was determined that a virtual meeting would be established to allow attendees to listen to the meeting, although it will be difficult without better Polycom availability to have online attendees be active participants.

- Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm