

Friends of SMS/SHS Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Location: Flex Space

Members Present

- Justine Kolev
- Kara O'Connor

Board Members Present

- Creela Hamlin
- Brad Lundvick
- Birdie Holley
- Rebecca Andexler
- Nicole Graves

Special Attendee

- Mark Neidlinger
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Meeting Updates

Board Member Elections

All candidates ran unopposed. Newly elected and renewed board members are:

- Kara O'Connor – Secretary
- Birdie Holley – President
- Creela Hamlin – At Large

Krista Schrottenboer submitted her resignation as Vice President, effective immediately. The board voted unanimously to appoint Justine Kolev to the VP role thru the end of Krista's term in 2027.

Treasury Review

Provided by Nicole Graves.

- Funds have been moved into the Money Market account as documented in the financial report.
- There was some fraudulent activity on Justine's drama club debit card, we have reported it. Funds will be replaced and card was cancelled, and a new one is on the way.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (April 29–30)

Update provided by Rebecca Andexler.

- Happystance to provide meal on one of the days
- A SignUpGenius was created for parent volunteers to bring in food the second day.
- Mr. Smit's NJHS students are expected to help with cleanup on one or both days. Timing and details are still to be determined.

5th/6th Grade Fun Night Recap

Provided by Creela Hamlin.

- Event went well overall.
- Students remained in the gym for most activities.
- 5th grade parent volunteers were invited this year, helping build involvement for next year.
- The Little Store generously donated pizzas for the event. Students signed a thank-you card in appreciation.

Drama Club

Provided by Justine Kolev.

- No updates at this time.

Spring Field Trip Updates

Provided by Birdie Holley.

- Roller Rink Trip: May 8, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- "Amazing Race": May 20 in the afternoon (Potential Rain date: May 29)

For the 2025–2026 school year, the current plan is to proceed with the Amazing Race event only. The ODC has been asked to propose additional programming ideas by July 2026 to support planning.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Update provided by Birdie Holley, Kara O'Connor, Rebecca Andexler, and Brad Lundvick (Meaghan absent).

Meals will be provided Monday through Friday by:

- Uncommon Roasters
- Pumpernickles
- Duck Alley
- Spectators
- Bigby Coffee
- Farmhouse

A grazing table will also be provided by Lisa Diaz and Rebecca Andexler.

Brad has created the Google Form for Teacher Superlative Awards.

Superintendent Update: Sinking Fund

Provided by Mark Neidlinger.

Information regarding the sinking fund will be shared in the Commercial Record and on social media.

Funds would support needed improvements across multiple areas and are separate from bond funds.

Community members are encouraged to stay informed ahead of in-person voting on May 5. Absentee ballots are also available.

Fall Fundraiser: Serve-A-Thon

- Kickoff: September 11
- Three-week duration
- Final Celebration: October 2

Current leadership roles:

- Day of Celebration Lead: Rebecca Andexler
- Donations Lead: Ingrid Bensen

Open roles:

- School Prize/Giveaway Lead
- Marketing Lead

- Business Donations Lead
- Kick off Celebration Lead

Discussion was held regarding moving the fundraiser to an every-other-year schedule. No decisions have been made. Ultimately more people need to step up to help to make this happen.

Anne Frank Exhibit & Community Night

Provided by Brad Lundvick.

- 18 students have signed up to serve as exhibit docents.
- Community Night: May 15, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- BOE Meeting / Public Exhibit Viewing: May 18, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Next Meeting

The proposed May 21 meeting was canceled due to member availability.

Next scheduled meeting: TBD in June. To review fiscal year prior to close.