

September 2021 SCPTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sept 1, 2021, 10:00am via Zoom

Welcome and Call to Order by Sarah Whitten at 10:00 am. A quorum was present.

The financial review was approved as presented.

The bylaws amendments were approved as presented.

The Standing Rules amendments were approved as presented.

The budget was approved as presented.

Superintendent's Report- Dr. Methvin

- Enrollment is up 1,000 students.
- Wilson's Creek Intermediate School was honored by MODESE as a Gold Star School.
- At the conclusion of the first week of school, students, parents, employees, and community members were invited to share their thoughts about what was working and what could be improved. Results shared on SPS website. Another survey will be conducted soon regarding internet access.

Other Reports

The PTA Clothing Bank- Taryn Raidel, VP

The PTA Clothing Bank was open for shoppers Aug 12 and 250 students were served. Most urgent need is for new socks and underwear; drives for new socks and underwear and volunteers are needed and appreciated. Volunteers are needed to sort and hang clothing, keep space organized while shoppers present, help shoppers find clothes, help shoppers check out.

Programs/Reflections – Jessica Rosa, VP

Jessica shared a PTA Clothing Bank video; shared a National PTA Reflections YouTube video; explained the Reflections process including information at mopta.org/reflections.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Toi Allen, Advisor

Toi reported that she will be presenting a workshop at Missouri PTA Convention in October using the theme Listen, Educate, Advocate.

Safety- Sarah Whitten, SGF Crossing Protection Committee Chair/SCPTA President

SGF Yields program has seen an increase in compliance (pedestrian safety/driver awareness) from 24% to 55%. Springfield Crosswalk Committee looking for parents from each high school area to attend our quarterly meetings. Safety representatives should be appointed at each school/PTA and sidewalks should be checked for needed repairs/improvements. Report any sidewalk needs to SCPTA and SCPTA will report to city.

MOPTA- Carla Weise, President (written report)

MOPTA convention will be held in person on October 1st-3rd in Columbia, MO at Hilton Garden Inn; reminder to send membership dues in each month to MOPTA; consider joining JC/DC network as MOPTA is anticipating several bills in the next legislative session that are potentially harmful for schools; if you are interested in being active in the next level of PTA (Springfield Council, MOPTA, or NPTA) please reach out to Donna Petiford who will guide you in that direction.

National PTA – Donna Petiford shared information adapted from Anna King's (National PTA's President) State to State report

To succeed in an increasingly diverse world, nonprofit boards like PTAs need to remain relevant and connected to the communities they serve; please look for ways to get members to join PTA via online systems or website interfaces; fill board positions for health and safety; support membership growth; look to National PTA for resources and support in running your PTA; incorporate virtual options for meetings if you have found success in running meetings this way; look for ideas on social media sites of other PTAs, State PTAs, and National PTA; share National PTA, Missouri PTA, Council PTA information on your local PTA/PTSA social media sites.

Adjourn at 10:55am by Sarah Whitten.

After the meeting a Q&A session was held for local PTA leaders.

Meeting minutes recorded by Donna Petiford