



***Sharon Center School PTO
Meeting Minutes***

Draft to be approved at next regular meeting

Meeting Date: January 8, 2026

Call to order: at 6:03PM with the following persons in attendance via Zoom: Karen Rios (President), Meghan Kenny (Treasurer), Lisa Pedersen (Co-Secretary), Nikki Blass (Co-Secretary), Carol Tomkalski (Principal), Anna Crews-Camphouse, Heather Socci, Meghan Flannagan, Vanessa Bousquet, Krista Kelly, Heather Matthews (Teacher), Terry Vance (BOE), and Cathy Winburn (BOE)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: \$195 was received from the spirit wear sale at the winter concert; \$50 was spent to renew our Tax ID number; no refund was received from Amazon for 6-7 Day materials as there was nothing to return. The current checking account balance is \$4,465.12, and the savings account balance is \$288.10.

Principal's Report:

- The proposed ski club was not able to get up and running for this season due to the late timing and coordination with Mohawk Mountain, however the school is working on organizing a one time ski field trip for students in the upper grades. The school and the PTO will be coordinating with Salisbury Winter Sports Association and Mohawk Mountain to organize a ski club for next year. There is the possibility of teaming up with Salisbury Central School in an effort to reduce the per student cost and help with the chaperone pool.
- The School Climate & Culture Committee has issued a plan being put into place as of the end of December. They are looking to schedule a few "Coffee and..." events to talk

everything over with parents later in the school year. The initial implementation is a work in progress and will need updating and revising as we go.

- Staffing updates include the hiring of a new building manager, and a new middle school social studies teacher. They are still looking for a permanent art teacher. Foreign language classes will not be held for the remainder of the year due to a lack of candidates.
- Student Council was supposed to do a leadership field trip however it was canceled due to weather. The school is currently looking into other options for leadership training activities to participate in in lieu of the missed field trip.

Board of Education Report:

- The next BOE meeting is this coming Monday at 6PM, all parents and community members are invited to join in person or via on-line link found on the website.
- Subcommittees have begun to meet. The Communications Committee would like to include PTO events and updates in their newsletter.
- The first Budget Committee meeting is next week. Similar to the monthly BOE meetings, parents and community members are able to join all committee meetings.

Old Business:

- Spirit Wear sale at the winter concert was successful. A new order of spirit wear will be initiated and will include new design options.
- The gift wrapping event was canceled due to a lack of interest.

New Business:

- Heather Matthews suggested hosting a car wash fundraiser. This had been done in the past as an Eighth Grade fundraiser and had been quite successful as well as fun for the students.
- A Bingo/Game Night idea was suggested as a family fun event. Will look into organizing one for February or March.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 5th at 6:00 PM. A link for virtual access will be sent to all parents prior to the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Pedersen