

# SCMS PTSO General Membership Meeting

February 25, 2026 @ 6pm

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### Presenters

- Jenny Payne | Director Student Services | South County Middle School
- Samantha Roberts – President
- Shannon Slayer – 7th Grade VP
- Ramya Burgess – 8th Grade VP
- Louisa Wahala – Secretary
- Felicia West – Treasurer

### Welcome and Introductions

The General Membership Meeting was called to order by Samantha Roberts (President). Jenny Payne who attended on behalf of the principal, Justin Simmons, opened with a welcome and school update. Meeting attendance included in-person participants only.

### Principal's Report – Jenny Payne

- The 2nd quarter reflection included the following topic areas:
  - **Student Membership & Academic Success:** There has been a significant increase in enrollment this quarter, with total school enrollment up to 966 students. Of those, over 700 students are on the honor roll.
  - **Academic Advising Resources:** The academic advising initiative was discussed which allows time and resources for counselors to help students register for 2026-2027 courses.
  - **Staffing:** The school is awaiting staffing decisions from the country and are preparing for potential budget cuts, however there is strong staff retention for 2026-2027 year.
  - **Weapons Detection System:** The implementation has gone smoothly, low wait time and students are becoming accustomed to the standards
- Upcoming events were discussed, including quarterly pep rallies led by the middle school leadership team, the month of the military student in April, the Military Connected Student Breakfast (April 15th), Stress Less Week to promote healthy mental health activities, counselor appreciation week, testing and the upcoming Seussical Theater performance (Feb 20-22).

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## Board Member Reports

### President's Report - Samantha Roberts

- **Completed Events:** Back-to-School Night, Mustang Roundup, Bingo Night, and community festival tables.
- **Upcoming Events:** Basketball, Mustang Mixer, Volleyball, TGIT, General Membership Meeting, 8th Grade Dance
- **Fundraising Update:** Pampered chef raised \$175, Kokee Tea Restaurant night earned \$150
- **Dine Out:** Led by Laura Cole: Next scheduled Dine Out; Fuse Box and possibly Kokee Tea

### 8th Grade VP's Report - Ramya Burgess

- Student vs. Staff Volleyball Game - April 25, 2026
  - There was discussion regarding liability and staff/student interaction. For the game to continue as planned with staff vs. students, students will have to sign a liability form and have a documented sports physical.
- 8th Grade Dance – June 5, 2026,
  - The theme is “Night in Paris”. The budget is \$1,500, there will be French themed snacks, no full meal or concessions.
  - The DJ is booked
  - The dance planning committee has been formed, additional parent volunteers are needed (for set up and clean up).
  - Jenny confirmed the school will provide chaperones and the number will be determined by the school and number of attendees.
  - **ACTION:** Sign up Genius to be created for volunteering and committee to create flyer (timeline TBD).
  - **ACTION:** SCMS Student Government Association (SGA) will be asked to make decorations, posters and put up flyers.

### 7th Grade VP's Report - Shannon Slayer

- The report included discussion on the upcoming 7th vs. 8th grade basketball game - February 27, 2026. In-school tryouts were held and tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. Concession will also be sold.

### Secretary's Report – Louisa Wahala

- **Meeting Minutes:** Quarterly general membership meeting minutes to be posted on PTSO website; <https://www.mustangptso.org/>
- **Next meetings:** May 20, 2026

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- **Volunteer sign-ups:** Available on the the FCPS portal;  
[https://fcps.samaritan.com/custom/501/organization\\_details/710](https://fcps.samaritan.com/custom/501/organization_details/710)
- The PTSO positions open for 2026-2027 school year are 7th grade VP and Secretary. Informational night will be held on March 10th at 7:30pm at Fuse Box in Lorton.

## Treasurer's Report – Felicia West

The treasurer's report for the period of October 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026 was distributed to the PTSO members in-person. Highlights of the report including the following;

- 2025-2026 Beginning Balance: \$15,636.52
- Current Balance as of February 28, 2026: \$17,442.38
- For the period of October 2025 - January 2026
  - Income: \$4,047.44
  - Expended: \$4,987.20
- The PTSO is exploring interest-earning accounts for PTSO funds with Apple Federal Credit Union. In addition, still in the process of switching banks from Truist to Capitol One.

## Funding Requests

The PTSO provides grants to teachers and staff to cover student activities and program needs. There is a budget of \$2,000 allocated for grants for the 2025-2026 school year. The PTSO discussed and voted on the following requests;

Request	Description	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Notes
Orchestra Camp for 2 Students	Funds to support two Middle School Orchestra students to attend a week-long string camp	\$335 x 2	\$670	Approved
Portrait of a Graduate Presentation Learning Showcase	Funds to support 100 students presenting their digital portfolios on June 4, 2026. The funds will go toward supplies, software and	\$1,000	\$500	Approved

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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,387</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	

### Open Discussion & Meeting Chat Comments

PTSO Membership Update: Currently 109 staff and parent memberships have been purchased.

The board nominating committee will host an informational night at Fuse Box, March 10th at 7:30pm to help fill the open positions on the board for 2026-2027 (7th Grade VP and Secretary).

Reminder to follow the PTSO on Facebook and Instagram.

A parent attendee noted that Kokee Tea restaurant fundraising is available for additional months. They also offered free drink vouchers available to the teachers (~120 needed).

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting:** May 20, 2026, 6:00 PM (In-person & Zoom)