

SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO



Meeting Minutes October 11, 2021 – 6:30 pm

Our Mission: To facilitate close cooperation among parents, teachers, and students in order to raise funds for a variety of enrichment opportunities and foster a strong learning community!

Welcome and Introductions

- **Attending:** Nicky Geyer, Victoria Engling, Mimoza Ramaxhiku, Dr. Peterson, Mr. Vazquez, Tiffany Marra, Felicia Scott, John Franks, Sarah Martin, Arianne Slay.
- **Approve September meeting minutes:** September meeting minutes were read. Mr. Vazquez motioned to approve the minutes and Tiffany Marra seconded. The September meeting minutes were approved by the group.

Principal's Report

- Students have completed NWEA testing. Pre-assessment and Post-assessment of these is valuable for measuring student growth. NWEA retakes take place this week.
- Parent/Teacher conferences took place last week. We will have more next week as well. For these, parents meet with the CCA teacher to get a summary of student progress and to let them know which teachers they should meet with individually.
- The new picnic benches are serving us well - giving students the opportunity to sit outside to eat. Students in the cafeteria are encouraged to mask up when they are finished eating.
- Dr. Peterson noted that it has been a good start to the year. Covid protocols are in place and included in the weekly emails. If a student is vaccinated and a close contact, they are not requiring that the student quarantine. If the student is not vaccinated, they have to be quarantined. Dr. P asked that the PTSO please share the protocols to help parents understand, and to help make it more clear and accessible.
- Scarlett has a clinic partnership with RAHS, but it does not give the COVID vaccine. The clinic is usually on site, but is closed this year due to construction and has a new temporary location. Felicia mentioned that the Packard Health Clinic might partner with us to help make testing and vaccination more accessible. Mr. V will look into it.
- October 20th is an early release day.

- This is an IB evaluation year. Scarlett has to get authorized as an IB school every 5 years. A survey link has been sent out for parents to fill out. There will be a raffle for those families who complete the survey - \$20 VISA gift cards.

Treasurer's Report - Mimoza Ramaxhiku

- The September balance is as follows:
 - The ending Savings Balance was \$10,778.25.
 - The ending Checking Balance was \$23,299.25.
 - The CD Balance was \$6,048.05.
- We had a deposit of \$699.78 in September and \$2,615.89 in expenses.
- Tiffany Marra is taking over signing power and is on Theron's memorial account.
- We are looking at changing the CD, but we will need to find all of our old treasurers to remove them from the account.

PTOC Update - John Franks

- Harmony was not able to make the meeting tonight.
- The PTOC is an umbrella organization for all of the AAPS PTOs. There is a representative from each school.
- September 20th was their first meeting, and John noted that Dr. Swift was present at the meeting and that each school introduced their PTOC Representative. Each Rep. described their PTO so that the PTOC could get an idea of how they differ within the district. They also went over the list of agendas for future meetings.

Fundraisers

- **Restaurant Nights** - Heather Finnie is looking at Wicked Mary's and Olga's for October and November restaurant nights.
- **Fun Run (Day of Awesomeness)** - Nicky Geyer explained that the Day of Awesomeness is a fundraiser that is planned and executed by an outside organization and we only need to provide volunteers the day of. She will reach out to the organizer to see if that is a possibility this year. Fun Run could still happen - but more likely in the Spring if we do. Mr. V noted that Carpenter Elementary was able to raise \$27,000 for their Fun Run with different incentives.
- **Picnic Table Fundraiser** - We raised \$805 in Picnic table donations. Theron's family is interested in helping with more permanent tables for the space that will be robust and last. The tables would display a small memorial plate for Theron.

- **Spirit Wear** - The Spirit Wear is back in the building and in our PTO closet. There is a special now on pink spiritwear - 25% off. All of the stock with correct inventory are listed on our site and can be sold online.

Open Discussion / Q & A:

- Looking ahead - we'd like to get ideas of what teachers would like for Teacher Appreciation. Mr. V will get ideas.
- Arianne mentioned the idea of doing a service project in which the students work with Food Gathers or do a Shoe Fundraiser. There is an organization that takes second hand shoes and repurposes them and sends them to Africa. Nicky noted that this might be a great thing to talk with Student Council about. Mr. V noted that we do have a holiday season food drive for our Scarlett families, which is great to get involved in.
- Arianne also mentioned that she works for the city of Ann Arbor and that they have a program that helps family members to get their criminal records expunged. Mr. V said that he will include this in his weekly message because this service could really help families who are having difficulty finding jobs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Looking Ahead:

- The next meeting is on 11/8/21.