

SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO



Meeting Minutes

November 8, 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: Gerald Vazquez, Nicky Geyer, Victoria Engling, Jody Dungey, Mimoza Ramaxhiku, Dr. Peterson, Kym Randall, Harmony Hoekzema.

Guest Speaker - Jody Dungey - Day of Awesomeness

- Jody Dungey is our guest speaker tonight from the Power of Purpose family that hosts the Day of Awesomeness. He spoke to the PTSO previously about the Day of Awesomeness just before the pandemic began.
- The goal of this event is:
 - Fantastic student experience
 - Ease for parents and guardians
 - Ease for school and staff
 - Make the needed money for the school without the challenges of traditional fundraising
- Before the actual Day of Awesomeness Event, Jody will host a kickoff assembly as “Joe Cool.” There are virtual kickoff options if we’d prefer to not do it in person. At the end of the assembly, students will get an information packet to take home.
- Parents and guardians can set up an online student donation page. Students will then send emails to their loved ones asking for donations - they are encouraged to send at least 10 messages. This email can give more information about what we are raising money for at Scarlett. The fundraising website can also be shared on social media. Donors can send messages of encouragement to the student. Scarlett PTSO will have access to the back end of the fundraising page.
- Students will also receive a traditional pledge sheet for those who would prefer not to donate online.
- There are prize sheets in the packet. Prizes are based both on numbers of emails sent and/or amount of money raised.
- There are 3 programs available so that we can adjust the event based on Covid restrictions.
- 80% of the money raised goes back to the school.

- The PTSO would help distribute materials and 10-12 volunteers would be needed on the day of the event. There are inflatable activities, games, etc. at the actual event.
- The planned date for the event is April 20th.

Approve October Meeting Minutes

October meeting minutes were read. Mr. Vazquez motioned to approve the minutes and Nicky Geyer seconded. The October meeting minutes were approved by the group.

Principal's Report - Gerald Vazquez

- Students will be completing the term soon. Parents and guardians are encouraged to look through Schoology with their students.
- There are many families in need this holiday. Mr. V discussed a switch to collecting gift cards instead of doing a food drive due to Covid concerns.
- Construction continues on the building. Second floor teachers will now be able to return to their rooms. The PLTW hallway will be closed off for the next phase of construction. Scarlett will have a new HVAC system, additional classrooms, and new and better lighting.
- Dr. Peterson noted that the water main line work is finally complete and they've paved a portion of the drive line.
- Dr. Peterson also thanked those who filled out IB responses. They picked 12 winners from the raffle from those who filled it out.

President's report - Nicky Geyer

- **Picnic Bench update** - \$1435.00 have been raised for the picnic tables. Nicky did a drawing for the raffle.
- **Holiday Giving** - We'd like to help meet the needs of Scarlett families during the holidays. Nicky plans to follow up with counselors about how they're handling the needs of families.
- **Looking Forward** - Nicky is applying for a new job and going to school for her Master's degree. She would like to start training the new PTSO president. It is a commitment, but rewarding. Please contact her if interested.

Treasurer's Report - Mimoza Ramaxhiku

- The October balance is as follows:
 - The ending Savings Balance was \$11,114.77.
 - The ending Checking Balance was \$23,044.48.
 - The CD Balance was \$6,048.15.

PTOC Update - Harmony Hoekzema

- At the last PTOC meeting, several community support organizations were present and created breakout rooms for those interested in hearing more about their support services.
- PTOC meetings are open to everyone. The next meeting is November 29th at 7pm and they will be pursuing PTO equity and school equity within AAPS. The guest speaker attending this meeting will discuss how their district in Illinois made their PTOs into one umbrella organization. And it works!

Restaurant Nights

Heather Finnie shared an update via email that there have been challenges connecting with restaurants right now. The last Chipotle fundraiser ran poorly due to food and staff shortages. It's going to be difficult to lock in more restaurant nights this year.

Looking Ahead:

- The next meeting is on 12/13/21.

