

# SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO



## Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020 – 6:30 pm to 8:00 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, Jaye Peterson, Nicky Geyer, Victoria Engling, John Franks, Jill Pritts, Melahat Canter, Mimoza Ramaxhiku, Sarah Russman, Heather Finnie, Stephanie Riegle, Wanda Perez, Beth Morgan.
- **Approve October meeting minutes:** Mr. Vazquez motioned to approve October's meeting minutes, John Franks seconded, and all approved.

### Principal's Report - Mr. Vazquez and Dr. Peterson

- First Quarter is over. Schoology is a one stop shop to see grades and assignments. Mr. V sent another message to parents encouraging them to make a parent Schoology account. Teachers have until Wednesday to submit final grades, and by Friday, parents can also see grades on Powerschool.
- Students finished NWEA testing. 98% of the Scarlett student body successfully tested.
- Dr. Peterson said that we have the go ahead to start virtual clubs. Parents have volunteered to lead some of the clubs. Contact Dr. Peterson with any questions.

### President's Report – Nicky Geyer

- Nicky is working on the Spirit Wear inventory and would like to update the website so that families can order online.
- This is the time of year that we usually start planning for the yearly Carnival. We usually ask for donations for the auction at this time, but Nicky suggested that we not attempt to prepare for the carnival as we usually do and made a motion to delay planning. Mr. Vazquez seconded. All approved.
- Holiday Giving:
  - The district is planning to give families in need gift cards to cover holiday food expenses.
  - Scarlett families can also donate gift cards or donate on the PTSO website to further help families: <https://www.a2schools.org/Page/10887>. Note that the donation is for holiday giving.
- Nicky is going to look into the previous Disney tickets from the Carnival. We need

to auction them before they expire. We can also add other items donated to last year's canceled carnival.

- We are going to wait on the Little Caesars Fundraiser.

### **Treasurer's Report - Mimoza Ramaxhiku**

- The October income was \$1,010.38 and we spent around \$780.89. The checking account balance is \$10,706.00 and the saving's account balance is \$23,062.

### **PTOC Update - Jill Pritts**

- The next PTOC meeting is Monday, November 16th from 7 to 8:30 pm. The district PTOs and participants will be discussing challenges with online learning - what's working and what's not.

### **Restaurant Nights - Heather Finnie**

- Our restaurant night at Wicked Mary's brought in \$400.00. It was so popular that they ran out of chicken.
- Olga's on Washtenaw is set up for November 13th. Heather is also setting up a Restaurant Night with Curry On on Plymouth Rd. who will donate 25% of sales to Scarlett.
- Heather is still looking for suggestions for other Scarlett family owned businesses or local businesses to host restaurant nights.

### **Open Discussion**

- Beth noted that there is uneven participation regarding camera use at school. Is there a way to give incentive to use cameras at school? Kids don't want to turn their cameras on if no one else will have their camera on. Dr. Peterson responded that many students don't want to share their home life with their peers and teachers, and currently, zoom backgrounds are not an option on the chrome books. She said that the best incentives would come from home instead of from school.

Beth proposed that the meeting adjourn at 7:27pm. Heather seconded. **Meeting Adjourned.**

### **Looking Ahead:**

- The next PTSO meeting is on 12/14/2020.
- Winter Break - No school December 21st to January 1st. Classes resume January 4th.