

SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO



Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022 – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, via Zoom

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!

Attendees: Kathy Owens, Gerald Vazquez, Jaye Peterson, Adelaide Lancaster, Vicki Engling, Tiffany Marra, Harmony Hoekzema, John Franks, Sarah Anton, Karen Hulsebus, Kendra LaToya Brown, George Cook-Kellogg, Lily Sacks-Hubbard, Stephanie Ganada, Jenn Hudgins, Kristen Fraser, Mandy Hall, Lisa Gapa, Kerry Jahn, Noor Almohammad, Lauren Gloger, Devin Hutchings

- Welcome and President's report (Kathy Owens)
 - There will be a mix of in-person and Zoom PTSO meetings this year
 - September meeting minutes approval (Gerald Vazquez motioned, Harmony Hoekzema seconded, all approved, no nays/abstentions)
 - Grant approved for Laser Show to coincide with 6th grade science unit about light
 - Secretary Position filled by Karen Hulsebus (Gerald Vazquez motioned, Harmony Hoekzema seconded, all approved, no nays/abstentions)
 - Lisa Gapa has taken in two children after a family tragedy, and the Scarlett community stepped in to provide resources to support them, Lisa thanked everyone for their help
- Treasurer's Report (Tiffany Marra)
 - Spirit wear is bringing in funds (details below via Adelaide Lancaster)
 - Funds were given to Lisa Gapa to help with family needs
- Principal's report (Gerald Vazquez)
 - Students are finishing NWEA make ups
 - Spring 2022 MSTEP results will be mailed out, remember it is a snapshot and not indicative of overall academic status
 - Grade level assemblies were held to reiterate expectations regarding tardiness, respectfulness in halls and lunch lines, and general behavior, and there will be consequences when necessary. Reminders that everyone belongs and there will be strengths, weaknesses, and differences.
 - We're not back to normal, but rather in a new normal. Opportunities are returning for field trips, events, and activities
 - Masks are still encouraged due to continuing sickness
- General Updates (Jaye Peterson)
 - Spirit Week is 11/14-11/18, with a Family Fun Night on 11/18

- o Student Council planned Spirit Week themes
 - o Halloween is not officially celebrated, but students and faculty may wear costumes that are appropriate, guidelines will be sent home
- Threat to Scarlett that resulted in school closure (Gerald Vazquez)
 - o A Scarlett student notified family who contacted police about threat via Snapchat
 - o Ann Arbor law enforcement swiftly identified the perpetrator (a non-AAPS student) and determined the threat wasn't viable and was just intended to scare
 - o School was canceled to ensure safety
 - o Mr. Vazquez conducted a Zoom meeting during CCA to inform students about the situation
 - o Communicated to students that social media threats are very serious and dangerous and impact the entire community, and there are legal repercussions
- PTOC Update (Harmony Hoekzema)
 - o PTOC is an organization that supports and advocates for the PTSO's of all AAPS
 - o 9/19 PTOC meeting introduced the board and detailed what a PTOC rep does
 - o 10/17, 7-8:30pm meeting will be held via Zoom, the school board candidates will each be presenting, and it will be recorded
- Fundraisers
 - o Spirit Wear presentation (Adelaide Lancaster)
 - The value of spirit wear is the connection between our community, school pride at events, and a source of PTSO funds
 - 2022-2023 fundraising goal is \$3,000, we are almost there so we can now keep the prices very affordable, not intending to turn a profit but just make it accessible to all
 - Emphasis on equity in pricing and sizing, and consistency in availability
 - Difficult to determine expense/profit due to old inventory and no records
 - 2022-2023 budget is \$1,000
 - Proposal: use \$1K to have basic shirts in stock, and have occasional "pop up shops"
 - o Spirit Wear comments
 - Sarah Anton suggests order forms to lessen inventory, as they do at Huron
 - Dr. Peterson is pro order form option, there are a lot of new staff
 - Harmony Hoekzema inquired about using Threadless site or local business
 - Adelaide Lancaster wants to establish a pattern of what is normal before shifting to Threadless or other avenues
 - o Other fundraising ideas (Kathy Owens)
 - Dine to donate- no current leads or volunteer to pull off
 - Pizza Kits- John Franks can get supplies
 - Lily Sacks-Hubbard suggested putting the PTSO Venmo information at the end of emails for people who want to simply donate, Kathy agreed
- Open Discussion / Q & A

- o John Franks: witnessed buses driving too fast in lot, asked Mr. Vazquez to contact bus company
 - o Kerry Jahn: Is the parent/teacher conferences tiered model a new standard?
 - Mr. Vazquez: It's not possible for teachers to have conferences for all students because of quantity, so prioritizing those with academic, social, or emotional struggles is the best option, it's a new decision they are trying out
 - Dr. Peterson: Used to do it via CCA teacher but it was a huge undertaking to get up to speed on a student's entire schedule
 - Mr. Vazquez: Families are always welcome to inquire about student's progress, teacher will respond within 24-48 hours
 - Kathy Owens: Scarlett teachers are excellent with quick communication
 - Dr. Peterson: Best way to stay up to date on student's progress is have them show you their Schoology account and talk you through it
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- Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm (Kathy Owens motioned, Mr. Vazquez seconded)
 - Next meeting is 11/14 at 6:30pm