

Scarlett Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023 – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, on 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: Gerald Vazquez, Kathy Owens, Karen Hulsebus, Adelaide Lancaster, Jaye Peterson, Lily Sacks-Hubbard, Lesleigh Vanderbilt-Baugh, Vicki Engling, Deb Schreck, Laura Morning, Jayla Lee, Noor Almohammed, June Ye, Sarah Anton, Kodi-Ann Hall, Stephanie Canada, Jill Pritts, Elizabeth Stoffregen, Mandy Hall

- Welcome
 - Meeting called to order 6:35 pm by Gerald Vazquez
 - Approval of December minutes: Adelaide Lancaster motioned to approve, Gerald Vazquez seconded, all voted in favor
- Librarian Presentation (Deb Schreck)
 - Ms. Schreck came to Scarlett in 2019
 - During Covid lockdown, librarians utilized Sora, an online library of books
 - Project LIT began during 2020-2021 year over Zoom, a club to read and discuss books, write stories, have events
 - 2022-2023- still reading and discussing books, starting a program in kindergarten at Mitchell Elementary
 - Kodi-Ann Hall (student) shared about the group- safe space to hang out with fellow students, learned about new things like refugee camps, LGBTQ+, football illnesses, and more
 - Library Ambassador program for students (June Ye, 7th grader)- involved in lots of projects like decorating the school, marking out old books, sharing books to others, holding a book drive
 - Library construction beginning in March
 - Ways PTSO can partner with Ms. Schreck and the students, help with funding for mural on courtyard wall and other projects
- Student Council presentation about Family Fun Night (Jayla Lee, Student Council president)
 - Event will be March 10th, 5-7pm
 - Important to keep the event student-led. They get to learn valuable skills like handling money, event planning logistics, leadership among volunteer groups
 - Gerald V comments:
 - PTSO's main concern was to address safety (for example, crowded lobby) adults can help while keeping students in charge
 - Potentially presale tickets to lessen crowd waiting by front door waiting to come in
 - If we ask for volunteers, we need to coach them to know what their role is
 - Ms. Baugh comments

- Idea: “RSVP” online so we know how many people to expect and what food they want
 - Will be moving families and activities to cafeteria, and dance to tech hall, lots of other ideas in place
 - o Ms. Morning comments
 - Spirit wear available for sale at next FFN
 - Student Council met and had same feedback that PTSO did, evidence they are on top of issues and are thinking about solutions
 - Changing flow of traffic to be smoother
 - There will be activities for adults
 - Fall FFN was an overwhelming success!
 - o Jaye Peterson- Have different lines at door for FFN, separate for exact change or presales
 - o Jill P - to Jayla- very impressed with how professional and efficient they are at running the event. Thank you!
- Jaye Peterson
 - o April Aca Soc- have spirit wear for sale
 - o Wed, Feb 15th 6-7:30pm, 5th grade night- sell Spirit wear
 - President’s Report (Kathy Owens)
 - o Adelaide put in a spirit wear order to build inventory, but it’s not going to be possible to keep everything 100% stocked all the time for the whole year with the budget we have. What is the long term goal? Need to finesse our plan as we learn what is the normal demand
 - o Amazon Smile program for Scarlett is ending February 20th. They will be sending a three month lump sum
 - o Scarlett awarded grant money for tickets (\$2800) to “Step Africa” UMS performance for all grades and faculty. But there aren't buses available via usual avenues, Only option costs \$7200. Asking for PTSO to consider covering at least \$3600 to offset costs, also ask families for a \$5 transportation fee
 - o Tiffany M- there is money in the budget for this, these are the things we use our funds for- kids having a special experience
 - o Jill P- Can we use money to pay the group to come to the school
 - o Gerald V- doesn’t think it’s logistically possible for the group
 - o Adelaide L- this is the kind of issue PTOC says they are focusing on- equity among AAPS schools, field trips are an inequity with Title One schools
 - o Tiffany M- can we ask for a discount because we are a Title One School, it could be a tax deductible donation
 - o Kathy makes a motion to allocate \$4k in budget that is set aside for field trips to ther Step Africa program transportation and events, Tiffany Marra seconded (all approved). We will look at the budget to see if we can provide more, but we need to look at the budget
 - Treasurer’s Report (Tiffany Marra)

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- Principal's Report (Gerald Vazquez)
 - o Friday is end of interim of Term 2, teachers have til following Wednesday to submit grades
 - o NWEA testing next week
 - o Parent-Teacher conferences sign up started on Sunday, JP- bring the student with you, AL- let us know for the future to schedule when our kids can come, make sure kids tell us teacher names
 - o NAAPID Feb 13th, will announce soon what the plans are, deciding if parents can come in to the school
 - o Day of Awesomeness kickoff March 9th, event June 5th

- Jaye Peterson
 - o 5th Grade Parent/Student Orientation on Wed, Feb 15 6-7:30pm
 - Jazz band playing, student-led tours, visit teachers at tables for each subject, presentation in auditorium. PTSO can have a table and be a part of the presentation (a quick two minute introduction to what PTSO is). Kathy O will be there and can assist. Adelaide L and Tiffany M can help sell Spirit wear

- No budget updates or Open Discussion items

- Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm