

# Scarlett Middle School PTSO



## Meeting Minutes November 13th, 2023 – 6:30pm, Scarlett Cafeteria

**Attendance:** Rachel Brichta, Stephanie Canada, Sarah Anton, Karen Hulsebus, Mr Vazquez, Mr. Barrientes, Celia Williams, Ms. Baugh, Kinda Hunter, Adelaide Lancaster

### WELCOME

**6:34 Karen Hulsebus brings meeting to order** [Happy Birthday, Kathy! In absentia]

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Karen Hulsebus, VP, standing in for Kathy Owens

- Approve October minutes - **Mr Vazquez moves, Sarah Anton seconds, All in favor.**
- Revisit - Dec / Jan Meeting status.
  - Busyness of the Dec helps tip against Dec. per Admin team.
    - **Sarah motions to drop Dec and June PTSO Meetings, Mr Vazquez seconds. All in favor.**
  - Discussion about whether January meeting be virtual as it is the first day back after Winter break and traditionally has low attendance and chance of foul weather.
    - **Mr Vazquez moves make Jan meeting virtual. Sarah Anton seconds. All in favor.**

### STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Ms. Baugh

#### Friday's Family Fun Night

- Went off without a hitch. No major fusses. 332 people attended.
- DJ crew had great vibe.
- Sold out of everything.
- Need more for parents to do. Considering parent dance lessons, taught by Celia.
- Maybe we should move to a pay what you can model. Or do more raffles - suggestions for more money raising from Celia.
- Student Council did an AMAZING job! It's a lot of work.

#### Future Projects:

- Dine to Donate. Wednesday 11/15. Texas Roadhouse. Anxious to see if people will go to the other side of town. 50/50 draw. 15% back. And can solicit restaurant goers.
- Turkey Trot. Finalizing timing and logistics. Students will dip out of class for a short time.
- Food Drive. Big push for food drive. Behind giving levels for last year. Food goes to Scarlett families in need. Will share alternate ways of giving too.

Also, bonus report: Scarlett Robotics Team! First year! At the Robotics Competition last Saturday. Went great. Learned a lot. Excited for the future for the team!

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mr Vazquez**

- End of Term 1 is upon us. Year is moving fast. Good time to check grades.
- Trying to move emphasis off of grades – what's important is discipline of organizing, preparation, learning to ask for help and advocate for themselves.
- A big IB benefit is that letter grades aren't as emphasized. And our orientation to the 1-8 mastery system is still growing.
- As we head into Term 2, we continue to work on Title 1 interventions for students who need it.
- Scarlett is on a state target list (from COVID) for attendance, EL student progress in Lang & Lit, and Special Ed students in Math.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Sarah Anton, co-treasurer, in place of Tiffany Marra**

Updating bank records: There is lots of work being done to update bank accounts with signers and be in compliance with bylaws and fiduciary regulations. In order to accomplish this, treasurers are making 6 motions.

1. I motion to remove all individuals who are not listed in LARA as a member of the Scarlett PTSO board to be removed from all Scarlett PTSO bank accounts held at Comerica Bank. This includes accounts ending in 9947 (Savings), 8188 (checking) and 5978 (checking-memorial funds). This also includes the CD ending in 4769.  
**a. Sarah Anton Motions. Mr. Vazquez seconds. All in favor.**
2. I motion that once all individuals are removed from the CD ending in 4769, Tiffany Marra be added as an authorized signer.  
**a. Sarah Anton Motions. Mr. Vazquez seconds. All in favor.**
3. I motion that once Tiffany Marra is added as an authorized signer, the CD ending in 4769 should be closed and the funds transferred to the checking account ending in 8188.  
**a. Sarah Anton Motions. Mr. Vazquez seconds. All in favor.**
4. I motion that three active board members should be authorized signers on accounts 9947 (savings) and 8188 (checking).  
**a. Sarah Anton Motions. Mr. Vazquez seconds. All in favor.**
5. I motion that Tiffany Marra should be added as an authorized signer for account 5978 (checking-memorial funds).  
**a. Sarah Anton Motions. Mr. Vazquez seconds. All in favor.**
6. I motion that by February 2024, Gerald Vasquez should be added as an authorized signer for account 5978 (checking-memorial funds)  
**a. Sarah Anton Motions. Celia Williams seconds. All in favor.**

Memorial Fund plans under way for spring 2024. Basketball court. Remainder will go into Athletic line item.

Decision to slate needed Teacher Grants Conversation for January meeting.

### **Fundraising Committee Report - Stephanie Canada and Adelaide Lancaster**

Spiritwear - need to find a new provider who can do pop sales orders. (Adelaide)

Stephanie is going to connect with Terra about a parent's night. Many parents at Family Fun night agreed with the idea.

### **PTOC Report - Celia Williams**

Dine Out Calendar.

Allergy presentation - other prizes besides candy. Advertising in advance.

20 for 30k campaign. How did we use the funds? Was it helpful?

#### **TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

- Scarlett applied for the transportation grant

#### **CENTRAL DINE OUT CALENDAR**

- The PTOC has a central Dine-Out Fundraiser calendar. We can add out events there and see what other schools we can support.

#### **MY FUTURE FUND - [myfuturefund.org](http://myfuturefund.org)**

- Students in grades 2 - 6 are eligible for these funds. Students receive a \$25 initial deposit to get the account started and, if families require based on income, are eligible for an additional \$475. Funds are eligible to be used for college or trade school. Funds can be accessed from the date of high school graduation until a student's 26 birthday.

#### **EQUITY TOPIC - Reducing barriers with food allergies**

- We had a presentation on ways to boost consideration during social activities for students and families with allergies. Some ideas included having non-food prizes, labeling and advance notification of food purchases, and even taking into account the material of serving utensils.

#### **EQUITY COMMITTEE**

- We had a report by Susana Keller. She said that their \$20 for 30K campaign was very successful. They were able to provide donations at all AA elementary schools and Scarlett Middle. The Thrift fund matched the donation. The committee is interested in knowing

- how were the funds used
- was there an impact from the school's receipt of the funds
- would they want the funds again

- The EC is working to develop an Equity Toolkit accessible by all schools.

#### **ANNUAL DUES**

- Annual dues for the 2023-2024 school year of \$50 are due. A check can be made to Arbor PTO Council, P.O. Box 7874, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

#### RESOURCES

- The next PTOC meeting is scheduled for 11/20/23. This will focus on community resources. If the committee has any resources we can share, please let me know.

#### **AAPAC Report - Adelaide Lancaster on behalf of Kelly Pfeifer**

"The last AAPAC meeting was on Monday, November 6th. Dr. Suzi Naguib and Nicole Gegas from the Sunfield Center gave a presentation called "When Do We Talk About the Birds and Bees?" The presentation was general enough that I think it would be helpful to ALL parents, but they did throw in some specific advice for parents of neurodivergent children. The presentation should be posted on the AAPAC website but as of today, it is not yet there." [Adelaide will update with a link when available.]

#### **Q&A / Open Forum**

Mr. Barrientes - Update on revamping of the athletic season. Moved from 5 seasons, to 4 seasons. 7weeks to 9weeks. And maximum facilities....fall and spring, gyms are open so get volleyball going, etc. HS athletics enthusiastic about the switch. Websites are up at the district level. And usable!

Sarah Anton to talk to Mr V. about International Night potential and codes and liability.