

# Scarlett Middle School PTSO



## Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024 – 6:30 pm - 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!

Attendance: Karen Hulsebus, Vicki Engling, Stephanie Canada, Daniel Neaton, Celia Williams, Kinda Hunter, Dr Jaye Peterson, Nicole Fregene, Mimoza Ramaxhiku, Adelaide Lancaster

- Welcome & Introductions - Karen Hulsebus, leading in place of Kathy, called meeting to order at 6:33pm.
- Vice President's report – Karen Hulsebus
  - Meeting minutes approval. Celia moves. Dr P seconds. All in favor.
  - PTSO elections. Will be coming up before we know it. May meeting elections. Anyone can run. Nominations.
  - Email Scarlett PTSO email...password and security protocol.
  - Fundraising. Student Council has done a great job. PTSO still needs some additional strategy and follow through. Leo's Coney Island idea.
  - NAAPID - parents who attended enjoyed it but there's no coordination with PTSO and it was a big missed opportunity. It would have also been nice to have parent engagement across the building. The option to attend was there but didn't seem desired. Also it would be great to see fuller representation of the staff involved, not just staff of color. Dr P will bring feedback to the team. Kinda will be happy to share some history of Joe Dulan.
- Principal's report - Gerald Vazquez, Dr. Jaye Peterson in place of Mr Vazquez.
  - UMS Field Trip Update - still waiting to hear about other opportunities. First choice is something else this year. If not, we will go to plan B for each grade.
  - NAAPID update - covered. Around 50-60 people attended.
  - NWEA - wrapping it up. Make up testing phase.
  - 5th grade visit - orientation tomorrow night
  - Mid-Winter break coming up
  - Family Fun Night - Friday, March 1st, 5-7pm
  - The Best Day Ever - marketing starts March 7 - thru end of March.
    - Need parent support organizing the prizes, in next two weeks
- Treasurer's Report - Tiffany Marra
  - Absent, no report for this meeting.

- PTOC report - Celia Williams
  - Absent due to PTOC conflict. There was no Jan meeting. Feb meeting link will be shared.
- By-Laws Sub Committee Update - Adelaide Lancaster
  - Process to date review.
  - Process going forward.
    - Tweaks from committee and non-profit atty parent volunteer.
    - Send to full exec board and admin team for input
    - Share to broader community first week of March in advance of March meeting
    - March meeting - discussion and questions
    - Final draft for vote circulated prior to April meeting
    - April meeting vote
- Discussion re: solutions for gaps in math literacy - Dan Neaton, former AAPS math teacher and parent, <https://www.mynumberdna.com/>
  - Taught at Claugue for 7 years. Has spent retirement partnered with another math educator to develop a program to help fill in gaps and raise score levels. Shared data from different interventions at schools. Concerned about Scarlett's MSTEP scores out of step with the district. Designed to make fast progress and build fast facts math fluency. Shared thoughts on Dreambox, which district has heavily invested in.
  - Dr P shared that after many years of asking the district for more support there is now 1.5 FTE for Math support as well as afternoon tutoring. Admin will connect with Dan.
- Open Discussion / Q & A
  - Spiritwear Question about availability from Kinda. Also, 6th grade shirts, not yet received? Need clarification. Adelaide shared what system are in place now and what is possible with more support and volunteer power. We'd love help on this!
  - Question on messages about no one outside athletes family members attending sporting events. Dr P explain it is a space constraint and we easily go over fire code if friends also come.

Karen H. adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm

**Executive Board:** President: Kathleen Owens, Vice President: Karen Hulsebus, Treasurer #1: Tiffany Marra, Treasurer #2: Sarah Anton, Secretary: Adelaide Lancaster, PTOC Representative: Celia Williams