

Scarlett Middle School PTSO



Meeting Minutes May 13, 2024 – 6:30pm, Scarlett Library

The purpose of this Organization shall be:

1. To promote the intellectual, physical, and emotional health of Scarlett students in the school and community at large.
2. To provide forums and opportunities for communication and cooperation among parents, teachers, school building administration, school district administration and the community at large.
3. To engage in fundraising activities, to generate funds, to offer/provide for diverse and educational enrichment support/programs for students and staff.

Attendance:

Karen Hulsebus, Gerald Vazquez, Kinda Hunter, Sarah Anton, Adelaide Lancaster, Celia Williams, Vicki Engling, Kevin Jeffrey, Jennifer Jensen

Welcome and President's Report - Karen Hulsebus (VP) leading for Kathy Owens (absent)

Karen Hulsebus calls meeting to order 6:36

Gerald Vazquez motions to approve minutes; Celia Williams seconds. All in favor.

Principal Report: Mr V

Day of Awesomeness - Jeff, the new fundraiser person, and Dr P are working on event lay out. School might need 3-4 volunteers. Water station and nurse. They will let us know.

8th Grade Trip -

Low signs up. Assembly that morning to try to boost sign ups. Some students are unhappy about the choice of trip activity and are aware of other schools doing different things. We are balancing equitable access for all our students and many of those trips are unattainable for Scarlett community. Mr V and Dr P are firm that a class trip is only a class trip if everyone can attend. Still kids have been advocating for change of venue. Not possible for this year but perhaps there will be a different approach for next year. Class size - 216 total /150 needed to go /only around half are signed up at this time (108). If not enough kids, it will be canceled and refunded.

Next fall: Can there be a survey /poll about options for the 8th grade trip that students get to decide?

Greater clarity for PTSO funding available so we can bring down costs of the trip?

Also to consider: fundraising over a longer course of time, examples provided of other schools that begin student fundraising in 7th grade.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Anton (Tiffany Marra absent)

8th grade trip - we budgeted a larger number for the 8th grade trip because transportation was so expensive last year. This year is significantly less and additional funds are going to sponsor students who may not be able to attend for financial reasons.

This summer we will focus on clarifying our expenditures/needs and ideas for fundraising. What are the PTSO priorities.

Teacher Appreciation: Celia Williams

Pilar's - great, maybe a little more next year.

Chalk the Walk - let's keep it! Bummed the weather didn't cooperate this year.

Chair Massages - people loved it again, keep it. Adelaide notes to include gratuity for therapists in the budget for next year.

Candy and cups - 65 in total, would have been great to give one to everyone, including all staff.

Breakfast - awesome. No suggestions.

PTOC Report: Celia Williams

Board of Education mtg heavy

PTOC fundraiser, \$12,665k so far, matched by PTO Thrift

AAEA - Another Rally 6:30 before the Board Mtg. @ Huron. Parent Friendly Space.

Signing the open letter. Understand the points from the Union. Board commentary.

Teacher Appreciation round up

Trails for SEL curriculum

24-25 Proposed Slate

- 2024-2025 PTSO Executive Board election
 - Proposed slate:
 - President: Karen Hulsebus
 - Vice President: Kevin Jeffrey
 - Treasurer #1: Sarah Anton
 - Treasurer #2: open
 - Recording Secretary: Christina Marie Spiller
 - Corresponding Secretary: Vicki Engling

- PTOC Rep: Celia Williams

Gerald Vazquez motions to approve the proposed slate for the exec board, Adelaide Lancaster seconds. All in favor.

- 2024-2025 Appointed PTSO Board positions, self nominations
 - Fundraising chair(s): OPEN
 - PTO Thrift Shop Rep: Vicki Engling
 - Student Council Liaison: Celia Williams
- 2024-2025 Additional Appointed Volunteer Non-Officer roles, self nominations
 - Hospitality appointee: Leslie Baugh
 - Scarlett Spirit Wear appointee(s): Kinda Hunter (lead) supporters: Christina Marie Spiller, Adelaide Lancaster

Karen Hulsebus motions to approve Vicki Engling, Celia Williams, and Kinda Hunter in the appointed roles listed above, Adelaide Lancaster seconds. All in favor.

Gerald Vazquez requests we hold on hospitality appointee nomination, desires to have Ms Gibson also included. Tabled for now.

Open Discussion / Q&A

Celia Williams: Shares that Ms. Baugh won the \$1,000 "Roots in Education" grant from Lake Michigan Credit Union for being an awesome educator. Celia nominated her for all her great work. Yay! Congrats, Ms Baugh.

Guest attendee - Jennifer Jensen - Society of Women Engineers. Doing educational outreach.

Karen Hulsebus: THANK YOU KATHY OWENS (outgoing Pres) AND TIFFANY MARRA (outgoing Treasurer) for your service this year!

7:42 pm adjourn.