

# SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO



## Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021 – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**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!

### Welcome and Introductions

- **Attending:** Nicky Geyer, Victoria Engling, Mimoza Ramaxhiku, Dr. Peterson, Mr. Vazquez, Kathy Owens, Laura Morning, Julie Winningham, Tiffany Marra, Heather Finnie, Harmony Hoekzema, Laura Schaffer, Chris Thomas, Norman Hum, Temperance Wilkerson, Arianne Slay, Shannon Dunn, Mx. Avery, Kym Randall, Kathryn Loomis.
- Nicky reviewed the meeting rules, Robert's Rules, explaining proposals and how they are approved.
- **Approve June meeting minutes:** June meeting minutes were read. Mr. Vazquez motioned to approve the minutes and Heather Finnie seconded. The June meeting minutes were approved by the group.

### Picnic Bench Proposal - Chris Thomas

- Chris Thomas is a Scarlett teacher and parent and would like to create an outdoor space for lunch and for learning. Chris has been working with Mr. Wimberly to plan this.
- There are currently only 4 large picnic tables in the lunch courtyard and he would like to better utilize the space.
- Chris would like to plan a fundraiser for wooden picnic tables that Student Council would help assemble and the Art Department would help to decorate.
- The tables are available at Lowes for \$150.00 each.
- Mr. Vazquez mentioned that we might be able to scale back in hopes that the construction crew can help to make a usable outdoor space.
- It was suggested that we could start with fewer picnic tables.
- Nicky proposed that the PTSO fronts the money for the tables, and the costs can be offset by fundraising. The proposal was seconded and all approved.
- The Student Council would like to help with fundraising.
- Heather suggested an outdoor food truck fundraiser in which we could also

sell spirit wear. Mr. Vazquez said that he will look into this possibility.

- Relating to the schools needs during this time, Tiffany asked what is the best way for the PTSO to serve the school, Mr. Vazquez and Dr. Peterson. Mr. Vazquez noted that he wanted to PTSO to help create experiences for the students, and to support their needs.

### **Principal's Report - Gerald Vazquez**

- Mr. Vazquez is so thankful that kids are back in school. He, Dr. Peterson, and the faculty are all happy to be back in person with the kids.
- Dr Peterson noted that there will be an early release day on 9/22/21 with a dismissal at 12:33pm. There will be NWEA testing that morning, as well as on 9/30 and 10/7.
- Conferences will be in October: 10/7 and 10/14. There will be a phone and zoom option. CCA teachers will have notes from all of the student's teachers. If there are any concerns, parents can connect with those teachers directly.
- This is an IB evaluation year. Scarlett has to get authorized as an IB school every 5 years. They will seek input from parents during their evaluations.

### **Treasurer's Report / Explain Budget - Mimoza Ramaxhiku**

- Mimoza did a quick review of this year's budget.
- The July balance is as follows:
  - The ending Savings Balance was \$13,185.28.
  - The ending Checking Balance was \$22,784.20.
  - The CD Balance was \$6,047.85.

### **PTOC Update - Harmony Hoekzema**

- Harmony will be our PTOC Representative.
- The PTOC is an umbrella organization for all of the AAPS PTOs. There is a representative from each school.
- September 20th is their first meeting.
- Equity amongst the PTOs is a major topic this year for the PTOC.

### **Fundraisers**

- **PTO Thrift store/Raffle** - Stephanie Riegle is the PTO Thrift Liaison this year. We advertise for the PTO Thrift Shop in the emails we send out, and Stephanie forwards them proof of the advertisement. Then, they give us money for advertising.
- **Restaurant Nights** - Heather Finnie noted that our September restaurant night has been canceled due to staffing problems. She has November,

December and January booked. In the past, this money has been used for the 8th Grade Trip. Instead, the money is budgeted for the general fund this year.

- **Fun Run (Day of Awesomeness)** - Nicky Geyer explained that the Day of Awesomeness is a fundraiser that is planned and executed by an outside organization and we only need to provide volunteers the day of. She will reach out to the organizer to see if that is a possibility this year.
- Laura Morning noted that the Student Council would like to do their annual Turkey Trot fundraiser and possibly a food truck fundraiser.
- **Online Options** - Nicky Geyer mentioned that Scarlett still receives money from Amazon, Box Tops, and Grocery cards.
- **Spirit Wear - future plans?**
  - The Spirit Wear has not all been moved back into the PTSO closet yet. Nicky would like to get it into the school to reorganize. She will let us know when she is planning to do that.
  - All of the stock with correct inventory are listed on our site and can be sold online.
  - The School Store will not be open right now. It is being discouraged because it is indoors. We also would need more help/volunteers to make it run. It is best to have two adults there at a time. Dr. Peterson noted that it would be nice if we sold water bottles this year. It would lessen the use of water cups. A light color would be better so that names can be written on them with Sharpie.
- **Carnival**
  - Our annual Carnival is usually held indoors in March. Should we look at something outdoors in May instead? Mr. Vazquez said that the district might not let us. He will have to look into it.
  - Arianne noted that she would be happy to help with an online Silent Auction.
  - Nicky proposed that the Carnival be moved to May. Harmony seconded and all approved.
- **Pizza Kits** - This fundraiser can be done online. We will still distribute the pizzas, so winter would be a good time to keep the kits cold.

#### **Open Discussion / Q & A:**

- Nicky thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

- The next meeting is on 10/11/21