

SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO



Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020 - 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: Mr. Vazquez, Jaye Peterson, Nicky Geyer, Tara Campbell, Victoria Engling, John Franks, Jill Pritts, Melahat Canter, Mimoza Ramaxhiku, Sarah Russman, Torrie Hoffmeyer, Jacquelyn West, Heather Finnie, Stephen Kemp, Kathy Owens, Stephanie Riegle, Venus Depena, Wanda Perez, Kathryn Loomis, Gloria Sendejo, Zac Fosler.

President's Report - Nicky Geyer

- Introduction of Board Members and the Appointed Positions for the 2020/2021 school year.

Position	Candidate
President	Nicky Geyer
VP	Tara Campbell
Treasurer 1	John Franks
Treasurer 2	Mimoza Ramaxhiku
Co-Secretary	Vicki Engling
PTOC Rep	Jill Pritts
Communications	Kathy Owens
Restaurant	Heather Finnie
Hospitality	Gloria Sendejo
PTO Thrift	Sarah Russman
PTO Thrift	Stephanie Riegle
Fundraising Chair	
School Store	Angela Kater
Member at large	Linda Speck
Member at large	Melahat Canter
Carnival	Gloria Sendejo

- Explanation of Robert's Rules of Order. We use it as a guide when conducting our meetings and use the voting procedure when making decisions as a group.
- The PTO approved meeting minutes from June 2020.
- We are still looking for a representative for the Parent Advisory Committee for Special

Education. Venus Depena showed interest in this position. Mr. Vazquez stated that he had more information about this committee that he could share with Venus.

Principal's Report - Mr. Vazquez

- At the June meeting, a parent started planning a Black Lives Matters March. Several members of the Scarlett staff were present at the march to let the Scarlett community know that we stand in unity with our black students, families, and staff. It also brought our Scarlett and feeder schools together. At Scarlett, we celebrate the diversity of our community and want to assure families that there is room at the table for everyone to have a voice and feel like they belong.
- The new school year is off to a unique and hopefully once in a lifetime start. Scarlett and AAPS are trying to do the best that they can. Mr. Vazquez and Dr. Peterson visited 6th Grade classrooms and enjoyed spending time with teachers and students. As we move forward with the curriculum, we are going to learn what works and what doesn't.
- Dr. Peterson added that on September 23rd and 24th, there will be supply and instrument pickup. They noted that faculty are asking how they can purchase spirit wear. Nicky added that we'd like to sell the Spirit Wear that we do have, however, we need to be able to access it and need a way to distribute it. We will need to sell the merchandise on our online store. Dr. Peterson said that there is a screening process to get into the building, but we should be able to access the school store. Mr. V will look into string bags to see if that is an option this year.
- There is a "Click Here to Meet the Scarlett Nation" video on the Scarlett website to get to know the faculty and staff.
- Mr. V wants parents to know that they are being mindful of screen time. A 100 minute block is not 100 minutes of screen time. Students have independent work and/or breaks.

Treasurer's Report & Budgeting - Nicky Geyer

- The budget will be posted to the Scarlett PTSO website.
- The budget is going to be fluid because there are so many unknowns. We plan to have money available to the teachers for any of their needs, and we will review the budget again in January. In the meantime, we still need to fundraise where we can.
- Former treasurer, Nicky, will work with our new treasurers John Franks and Mimoza Ramaxhiku, to get them on the bank account and to help them in their new role.

PTOC Update - Jill Pritts

- The Parent Teacher Organization Council holds general meetings every month and they are open to everyone, not just the PTOC representative. However, if you cannot attend, the PTOC rep. will update us at our regular PTSO meetings.
- The 1st General meeting is on Monday, September 21st and the Superintendent plans to be present. The October meeting will have a guest from the board of education.
- Jill will be giving a talk on privilege at the January meeting. She was an active PTOC member while at Mitchell School and is passionate about challenging the inequity between the Ann Arbor PTOs.

Fundraising - Nicky Geyer

- Sarah Russman and Stephanie Riegle will be sharing the PTO Thrift Shop role. There will not be a PTO Thrift Raffle this year. However, they will still be doing their advertising fundraiser. If we use their flyer in our emails and promotions, they will pay us for that advertising.
- Heather Finnie will be taking on the Restaurant Night/Dine to Donate fundraising position.
 - The first Dine to Donate will be at La Pina Loca, owned by a Scarlett family. She also plans to contact more community owned restaurants.
 - Some of our normal Dine to Donate restaurants require a much higher number of minimum orders in order for us to get a percentage of sales. Heather suggested that planning restaurant nights with feeder schools can help us reach those numbers. Then we can share the profit. Heather noted that Mitchell is interested in doing this. Kathy Owens, a Scarlett and Carpenter parent, noted that Carpenter might also be interested.
 - Nicky shared that the funds from Dine to Donate usually go toward the 8th Grade Trip, but this year, we can revisit the use of those funds if the 8th Grade Trip is canceled.
 - Jacquelyn wondered if Doordash or Grubhub would give a percentage to our school, as a potential fundraiser. Or if we ever have corporate sponsors. Mr. V shared that corporate sponsorships usually go through the district offices. Also, we could offer to advertise for businesses in our emails or promotions.
- Box Tops is still a fundraising option. We can also get a percentage from Busch's and Kroger grocery sales. We can also let families know that they can use Amazon Smile to donate to our school. We also send out a donation letter so that families have the option to donate directly.
- We still have leftover auction items from the Scarlett Carnival that was canceled in the Spring. We might be able to do an online auction because we have Disney Tickets that need to be used. Gloria Sendejo also suggested raffling off gift cards from local restaurants.
- We usually do a Carnival in March. Because planning has to happen so early, it would be a good idea to create a planning committee for the carnival just in case it does happen this year.
- Pizza Kits - Tara Campbell has planned some successful Pizza Kit Fundraisers in the past. That could be an option again this year as long as we have a way to distribute the kits safely to families. Dr. Peterson suggested we could do the distribution drive thru style like the supply and technology pickups.
- Day of Awesomeness - Last year, we had also planned to do a fairly simple fundraiser called the Day of Awesomeness. Instead of raising money for a fun run, students raise money for an American Ninja Warrior style event. We would just need fourteen volunteers for the day of the event.
- Dr. Peterson asked if we could host some sort of video game competition.
- Jacquelyn suggested an Apple Orchard fundraiser. Dr. Peterson's family has an orchard in Ludington and will find out if she has any local connections.

Announcements/Questions

- Many parents shared that they are happy with how organized the AAPS virtual learning has been so far.

Meeting adjourned.

