

Scarlett Middle School
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019 – 6:00 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: Gerald Vazquez, Jaye Peterson, Margarita Barrientes, Sal Barrientes, Victoria Engling, Amy Balzer-Pemberton, Tara Campbell, Leslie Wilkins, Nicky Geyer, Devin Hutchings, Jill Priestley, Jayashree Chavarkar, Jen Duman, Bob Duman, Angelic Tompkin, Eric Tompkin, Kidane Abraha, Arif Canerawala, Sadhika Canerawala, Carolyn Holland, Adrienne Haywood, Yasir K. Faris, Temperance Wilkerson, Serry Gardner, Feleke Haile, Laura Lovasz, Jennifer Bjurman, Lindsey Wolfe, Kathy Owens, Bill Marino.

Bond Presentation

- From the presentation handout:
The Ann Arbor Public Schools is proposing a \$1 Billion Bond issue which is projected to increase the debt millage rate to 1.65 mills over the current millage rate of 2.45 levy for a total of 4.1 mills. These resources will support the AAPS goal of creating sustainable schools across the district. **VISION: To transform the student learning experience with environmentally sustainable schools for every neighborhood; to meet the educational demands, health, safety, and well-being of students.**

President's report - Leslie Wilkins

- Introduction to the mission of the Scarlett PTSO.
- The PTSO is a great way to stay involved in your student's school life - help to plan and organize fun events.
- One of the biggest fundraising events at Scarlett is the Carnival. Planning will begin soon and many volunteers will be needed for the actual event.
- Mr. Vazquez added that field trips are possible through the PTSO. The PTSO also purchased new books for the library, funded the Greek Olympics, provided appreciation luncheons and gifts for the teachers, and supported fun end of the year activities.
- Devin Hutchings added that we encourage new parents to take positions on the board, but it is not necessary to be on the board to participate in the PTSO. Tara added that being a Member at Large gives you a chance to do a little bit of everything.

Approve June's minutes

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report & Budgeting - Nicky Geyer

- Nicky introduced herself and co-treasurer Amy Pemberton.
- Nicky discussed teacher grants and the process for funding field trips. Teachers email Ms. Gibson and she helps us to allocate grant money. We often fund busing for field trips.
- We might be running at a deficit this year, but we are planning more fundraisers. The PTO thrift shop raffle is going on now and makes 100% profit.
- Nicky discussed the tax status of the PTSO. At some point, we lost our non-profit status. In order to get it back, we met with a tax attorney who helped with the forms. We now have an up to date 5013C tax status.
- We've budgeted for new microscopes and walkie talkies this year.
- The PTSO has received many donations to put toward the Theron Brooker-Nolan Memorial Scholarship Fund. Details are still being discussed with Theron's family.

Principal's report - Mr. Vazquez

- Week one was an awesome week.
- We view Scarlett Nation as a community and a family. The faculty and staff care about the work they do and about the students.
- There is a new drop off and pick up process as suggested by last year's student senate.
- Next year, the parking lot is being revamped. There is more traffic now than there was when the school was originally built. They are trying to make the process as efficient as possible.
- In CCA, new and returning Scarlett students have been learning the expectations of being a student.

Student Council Presentation

- Laura Morning facilitates the Student Council along with Leslie Baugh.
- Last year, the student council achieved many of its goals. One accomplishment was Socktober, in which they sold over 500 socks. For every sock sold, a pair of socks went to a homeless person in Ann Arbor. Socktober also sponsors five children to go to school in Uganda.
- The student senate cleaned up the courtyard so that it can be used by students during lunch.
- They started a food share table this year. If you have any uneaten food you don't want, it can be added to the food share table for anyone to take and eat later.
- They started \$1 pajama day.
- Student Council came up with the new pick up and drop off plan - one that would make it safer for students.
- They are currently planning a Halloween dance.
- Students are planning a garden as well as composting and recycling in the lunchroom.
- Mr. Vazquez added that the students set up appointments and bring concerns to him on behalf of their peers. He is very proud of these students.

Fundraising

- The PTO Thrift Raffle has begun. The top prize is \$1000. Each ticket is \$5 and the schools make 100% profit. The PTSO asked parents to please consider buying and/or selling tickets.
- There will be an Airtime trampoline park fundraiser on 9/25/19. \$5 per jumper will go back to Scarlett. It will take place on our first half day.
- Box Tops are going digital this year. Once you have the app, just take a photo of your receipt. Your box tops purchases will go to the school. There was discussion of some sort of reward for the CCA that collects the most box tops. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.
- Jen Duman plans our Restaurant nights. Wednesdays in September are Chili's fundraising nights. 20% of your bill comes back to Scarlett.
- The Carnival is the biggest fundraiser of the year. We'd like to put together a planning committee now. Planning goes more smoothly with a bigger committee, and the event is more successful. We need organized and creative people to help (you don't necessarily have to be both)!
- Amy Pemberton runs the School Store. The store sells Spirit Wear, water bottles, Scarlett pop sockets, mints, school supplies, etc. There will be four parents helping with the school store this year! An order form for Spirit Wear will be sent out soon.
- Looking ahead: we're looking at a Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser, Spring Fun Run, Zap Zone, Skating Station and cookie dough kits. The PTSO asked parents when would be a good time to sell cookie dough. It was decided that more would sell if families could sell it over Thanksgiving break.

Open Discussion

- On Tuesdays this year, Scarlett will host a mentoring program/club for students called Roadrunner Ready. Tutors will be available to support Scarlett students. Circle K and UofM students help.
- There is interest in bringing Science Olympiad to the school.
- We currently have the Academic Games at Scarlett. One 6th Grader competed in Orlando last year.
- Dr. Peterson introduced herself, advocating meeting other parents and teachers through the PTSO.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm

Looking ahead

- Next meeting is Monday, October 14th from 6:30-8:00pm.