10/10/2016 Scarlett PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendance 16 people

PTSO Board members in attendance:

Amy Vessels-Sarafin, Amy Pufahl , Jenn Carlson

Jennifer Szmansky, Lisa Jelic, Julie Johnston

**Scarlett Staff**

Gerald Vazques (Principal), Elliot Wills-Begley

**Parents**

Brad Carlson, Allen Foulkes, Samina Barritt, Jana Andringa, Dana Lapointe-O’Sullivan,, Anna Vasquez, Simone McDaniel, Jennifer Szmansky, Michelle Foulkes

Meeting called to order by Jenn Carlson at 6:30 pm

1. Open Positions
   1. Box top coordinator position open collect the box tops from the office and send them in by the deadline
   2. Fund Raising chair
      * 1. Coordinate events/ ticket sales
           1. Zap Zone used as an example – Zap Zone dates scheduled: Dec 14, Feb 16 and April 27
   3. Cyber Safety event at Forsythe
      1. Everyone welcome to attend
   4. UMTRI contest
      1. Toyota getting involved to help – the top 2 school participation will receive $2500 – information is up on the PTSO website
2. Principal Report
   1. Gerald Vazquez
      1. Fire alarm on 10/10 was hit and the panel came off. This caused the alarm to sound. Students and staffed handled the situation well.
      2. Communication opportunity – A family came into the office not receiving any communication from Scarlett. Parent very concerned. This brought to light a need for the Sunday message to be ready in both English and Spanish on Friday. Some families may not have access to a computer to get emails. Mr. Vazquez will have the message available to go home on Fridays with students that may not receive the communication.
      3. Fall round of NWEA
         1. The data will help make determination on which students need services
         2. Intervention services based on Math and ELA scores to help fill in the gaps for students who may need it.
         3. Making Scarlett more accessible
            1. Split parent teacher conferences by alphabet

40% of population at Scarlett attended.

* + - * 1. This is a good opportunity to provide feedback on student learning
      1. Student Council did a great job on social contracts – really focused on the IB learner.
      2. Question – Results from count day?
         1. Answer- no hard numbers yet thinks it will come in around 575
      3. Question – Have you heard any talk of Mitchell families boycotting carnival?
         1. Answer – No this is the first – will reach out to Kevin Karr to discuss this
      4. Question- Any idea if Scarlett will go to NWEA next year and stop MSTEP?
         1. Answer – no concrete information on this. Last year MSTEP testing set the baseline this year Scarlett can tell how much they have grown. Scarlett was selected to test out the NAEP test.

Question – Parents are concerned with the amount of testing – specifically falling behind the high school pace in AC Geometry.

Answer- Understand the concern and the teachers are confident that the students will be able to get back on track.

* + - * 1. Question- School dance – Can we commit to allowing this?

Answer – committed to 2 dances this year

1. Consent Agenda
   1. Moved to approve
      1. Passed
2. Treasures Report
   1. Budget
      1. Savings: $9,462.88
      2. Checking:  $24,981.10
      3. CD:  $6, 042.09
   2. Activity in September:
      1. Expenses $400.00 to Hikone Exchange
      2. Income $2,643.41
      3. PTO Thrift Bonus   $2016.40
      4. Spiritwear : $55.00
      5. Kroger :  $160.09
      6. United Way :  $65.92
      7. Blue Cab:  $250.00
      8. Direct Donation $50.00
      9. Meijer $46.00
      10. Athletics $160.00 Banner
3. PTOC Launch party
   1. October 17 6:30-8:30 Scarlett hosting a launch party – theme is the school board
      1. Meet the candidates – 3 open seats 8 candidates
      2. New topic each month – November topic –grant writing
   2. Link on the website follow PTSO not parents – all information is posted here.
   3. Ideas to get families involved – how to increase attendance in PTSO
   4. Officer training on October 20 – Jen will attend for Scarlett
4. Catalog sales
   1. Little concerned about sales this year – How can we do a last minute push?
      1. Donut party given by Jen Carlson –cca most participation
      2. Pizza party already on the table –cca Most $$
      3. Send Principal message to talk about catalog sales everyday
5. School Dance
   1. Need to get more clarity
      1. Ideally we would like to have 2 in the evening so parents can help
      2. Follow up with Mr. Vazquez
         1. Committed to 2 dance this year. Times and dates need to be reviewed.
6. Winter Carnival
   1. March 10 is the carnival
      1. Help is needed!
7. Open Discussion
   * 1. Noodles and company dine to donate on 10/26
        1. Flyer says 4-6 however you can go all day. Scarlett get 50% back from this event
     2. November 8 election day – provide refreshments – PTSO will provide Coffee and cups
     3. Chicago trip
        1. Final price $542
           1. Trip details are posted
           2. Application are available online
           3. Medication communication will be at parent meetings
   1. Spirit Wear design
      1. Contest
         1. Revisit later

Meeting adjourned at 8:04