

# SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO



## Meeting Minutes

January 11, 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:** Gerald Vazquez, Jaye Peterson, Nicky Geyer, Victoria Engling, John Franks, Jill Pritts, Melahat Canter, Beth Morgan, Stephanie Gayle Riegle, Mimoza Ramaxhiku, Amina Peters, Sarah Martin, Sinsery Gardner, Sarah Russman.
- Reminder to type name and email into the Zoom chat for our records.
- **Approve December meeting minutes:** Mr. Vazquez motioned to approve December's meeting minutes, Jill seconded, and all approved.

### Principal's Report - Mr. Vazquez and Dr. Peterson

- The Governor is strongly encouraging school districts to offer some in person learning by March.
  - Mr. V does not yet have any news on this from the district regarding this.
  - Moving forward, schools will probably focus on most at risk populations first.
  - Mr. V wants to be hopeful that hybrid can happen now that the vaccine is being distributed, but he doesn't know any specifics. If hybrid happens, it will likely still be a virtual type setting - students at home can interact with students at school. He will know more after his principal's meeting with Dr. Swift.
- A communication was sent out to families about the incident at the Capital. Mr. V and Dr. Peterson are proud of the teacher's response to this. Students will eventually be the leaders, and it's important to seize teachable moments to encourage parents and students to learn from these events.
- The semester ends in a couple of weeks. Students taking classes for high school credit will be taking exams.
- Semester 2 will begin the 1st week of February. This Wednesday in Professional Development with the teachers, they will transition to Power Teacher Pro. Schoology info will sync with this program. Schoology is helpful, but Powerschool is still needed for some things.

### **President's Report – Nicky Geyer**

- Scarlett families were proud that Mr. Vazquez and Dr. Peterson stepped up and made a statement about the event at the Capital.
- Nicky thanked those who donated to the Holiday Giving fund. Mr. V noted that we still have some gift cards and would like to give those to Scarlett families in need.
- Teachers were very thankful for their holiday gift cards. Thank you to Mimoza for making this happen.

### **Treasurer's Report - Mimoza Ramaxhiku and John Franks**

- The December monthly summary is as follows:
  - There were some expenses for Zoom and the Amazon gift cards.
  - The ending Savings Balance was \$10,776.88.
  - The Ending Checking Balance was \$25,386.97.
  - The CD Balance was \$6, 047.16.
- Some PTO funds usually go toward the 8th Grade trip and dance. What other things can we do for the 8th Graders before they move on to high school? A gift? Ms. Baugh might have ideas. We can start a discussion about an end of year gift.

### **PTOC Report - Jill Pritts**

- The next PTOC (Parent Teacher Organization Council) meeting will be on January 25th from 7pm to 8:30 pm.
- The topics will be Technology and Education as well as a two part series on Equity. The PTOC surveyed all schools in the district. At this meeting, they will go over the results.
- The School District's Equity Council will be speaking at the February meeting.
- Anyone can attend PTOC meetings. The more support we have from the community, the better.

### **Restaurant Nights**

- Restaurant Nights have been very successful. Thank you to everyone for attending these.

### **Open Discussion**

- Mr. Vazquez noted that over the last ten years, the evolution of the PTSO has been remarkable.
- Nicky and Jill mentioned the idea of an online Scavenger Hunt. If anyone would like to plan or host a virtual social event, let the PTSO know.
- Mr. Vazquez can add a link to the School Store to his weekly email. The Spirit Wear is online now, but we will need someone to run the School Store when school opens.

- Sinsery asked if 8th Graders will be able to somehow visit the High School. Mr. Vazquez said that he would have more info on that in a month.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Looking Ahead:**

- The next PTSO meeting is on 2/8/21.