Scarlett Middle School PTSO

Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024 – 6:30pm, Scarlett Library

The purpose of this Organization shall be:

1. To promote the intellectual, physical, and emotional health of Scarlett students in the school and community at large.
2. To provide forums and opportunities for communication and cooperation among parents, teachers, school building administration, school district administration and the community at large.
3. To engage in fundraising activities, to generate funds, to offer/provide for diverse and educational enrichment support/programs for students and staff.

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Attendance:
Karen Hulsebus, Gerald Vazquez, Sarah Anton, Leslie Baugh, Celia Williams, Vicki Engling, Kevin Jeffrey, Kristen Fraser, Sal Barrientes, Eric Gallippo, Jenn Hudgins, Ryan Quinn, Natalie Turner and Sam Quinn

Welcome and President's Report
Karen Hulsebus calls meeting to order 6:39 pm

New board members

Board is full, Natalie Turner is recording secretary and is Kelly Pfeifer is 2nd treasurer, fundraising chair remains open

Fundraising opportunity

Bandito's owner, Scarlett alum, has offered a fundraiser to Scarlett at 20% profit. Shifted to Ms. Baugh to help select a date. Ms. Baugh suggests planning around after school activities/sports

Spirit wear-Kinda Hunter & Adelaide are placing a large order and will provide an update

Shout out to Vicki on emails and social media-well organized and on top of posting

Karen reached out to counselors around speakers, potential topics cyberbullying, etc., Q & A

Potential topics reach out to Karen

Kevin motions to approve minutes; Jen seconds. All in favor.

Student Council Report-Baugh, Sam, Gabby, Marin, Eliza, Greta
Recapping events and sharing some upcoming events

1. Open House-student council acted as ambassadors
2. School elections-Officers named
3. Pajama Day-$1 on Thursday, October 10, before fall break, proceeds to those in need
4. Socktober-QR code, purchase socks to support a good cause, students can purchase during lunch on Thursdays and Fridays during lunch
5. Pink Out-Wear pink on Wednesdays, collecting spare change to donate
6. Costume Day-October 31, ½ day of school, wear costumes, save leftover candy for November 1st
7. Mitchell's fall fest, November 1, student council will be volunteering
8. Family Fun Night-November 22, List of items needed, admissions and concessions proceeds will be used toward the spring family fun night, asking PTSO to support financially (some plans still in the approval process), Karen asked what amount is being requested, TBD, question asked if there is a budget for family fun night (there is not), further discussion Line item for collaborating with student council activities is $1,500, per the bylaws $1,500 is already approved, more information forthcoming

Principal Report: Mr V

- Parent teacher conference information went out yesterday-great opportunity to connect with teachers and learn more about what's going on with your students, group conferences for those struggling the most

- Fall Break-Friday, October 11 and Monday, October 14, thankful for this long weekend as it was difficult for staff and students to make it from August through November without any time off.

- Academic Society will now be a school day assembly- this is a change from the evening ceremony, pivoting due to poor/decreasing attendance, format staying the same, parents invited? This has not been determined, first one would be in January

- Staffing Updates-teaching staff has experienced some shifts
    -Spanish teacher returned to Huron, teacher displaced to Scarlett for ELA will fill Spanish position
    -ELA vacancy
    -Science vacancy
    -Mr. Sopel, IB Coordinator, has been promoted to AP at Clague

Parents, rightfully so, could feel frustration around staffing shifts into October. Admin is unwilling to settle for staff that may not be a fit.

Discussion

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Anton

- September has been a fairly quiet month. Provided time to review

- Vote to approve the community grant and guidelines, have to vote on it as is, Sarah would like to propose a change, as written it excluded sports and clubs, Sarah shared her thinking for why these items may need to be included in the grant proposal

- Would like to vote, and recommend change of language, and revote tonight

Kevin motions to approve the community grant as proposed during September's meeting, Gerald seconds, all in favor

- Sarah recommends an amendment to add sports and activities to the community grant

Celia motioned and Gerald seconds, all in favor

- PTO Thrift shop-$3000 budgeted, Scarlett received $16,000, more than most other schools

- Question- What is the Memorial account check reissue?, family of student requested check for a graduating student, check was lost and reissued

- Coffee Cart question-Does that come out of staff appreciation line item or hospitality? Comes out of staff appreciation

- Celia raised the concern that we discussed increasing the staff appreciation budget

- Hospitality budget-Baugh raised the idea of providing food for teachers during PTC, future attendance at meetings will determine the amount needed for PTSO meetings, Is homemade food an option (discussion around concerns, but yes, this could be an option and an inexpensive one). Would like to support teachers in this way, if possible. Gerald will have final approval.

8th grade end of the year event/trip discussion

- Past experiences and ideas, differing perspectives about how students and parents felt about those experiences
- Potential of brainstorming new ideas
- How do we provide an equitable opportunity for Scarlett students?
- Forsythe and Slauson are going to Cedar Point and having dance at school

- Clague-overnight to Traverse City to Great Wolf Lodge
- Gerald-providing historical context, dinner/dance done at school years ago, successful
- Historically, PTSO has paid for transportation for 8th grade event at Scarlett
- Dinner/dance plus trip? Chaperones may be an issue, must have the personnel to supervise
- Participation rate of 80% is needed
- Cedar Point has been offered up as a second activity and a dinner/dance at the school
- Admin is open, work with student council and 8th grade teachers to solidify and get communication to families ASAP (by the end of October), must be something sustainable

Questions

1. Are there fundraisers specific to 8th grade for these activities? No
2. How about a restaurant night? Last year, these were student council focused as they put in the work.
3. Potential to fundraise?

Next Steps

- Subcommittee to propose ideas to Gerald, along with student council propose to Gerald by the end of October, communication to follow to parents prior to Thanksgiving break

<u>PTOC Report: Celia Williams</u>
Report- Will push to next meeting due to time

8:03 pm adjourned.

Executive Board: President: Karen Hulsebus, Vice President: Kevin Jeffery, Treasurer #1: Sarah Anton, Treasurer #2: Kelly Pfeifer, Corresponding Secretary: Vicki Engling, Recording Secretary: Natalie Turner, PTOC Representative: Celia Williams