Scarlett Middle School PTSO

Meeting Minutes
November 11, 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, Leslie Baugh, Laura Morning, Celia Williams, Kelly Pfeifer, Erika Wahsburn, Muneer Khalid, Ryan Quinn, Natalie Turner and Sam Quinn

Welcome and President's Report
Karen Hulsebus calls meeting to order 6:35 pm

Karen thanked Ryan and Sam for the meal. They have also offered to provide more.

Introductions made for those present (in person).

No meeting in December. Not much to talk about, perhaps debriefing Family Fun Night, etc. Next meeting in January which will be virtual. February-May will be in person, barring any inclement weather.

Spirit wear snafu-The form was supposed to make the process go more smoothly. That did not occur. Not many orders placed, but high interest. Complicated process may have impacted. Company agreed to extend the deadline so ordering now extended through 11/15/24. Orders to be received before the holiday. Lots of variety available, colors, styles etc. There will be another opportunity to order in the future. Discussion- concerns adding personal payment information using the link, however, the company is reputable and some have experience with the company and have experienced success.

Thank you to Student Council for the sign up sheet for parent volunteers for Family Fun night.The link was included in the email communication today, will also add to the Facebook page. Discussion about additional ways to communicate.

Vicki brought up concern with updates to the AAPS website, which has caused some issues with losing information and the website reverting back to old information. Dr. Peterson will put Vicki in touch with the district person working on the website updates.

Fun Update: ASL class were invited to sign during the national anthem of the Michigan basketball game. Karen's daughter will sing the national anthem. Ms. Gapa has tried to work on this for a while working with the high school ASL classes and it hasn't worked out. The game is December 22nd. Karen will reach out to Ms. Gapa to see if there is a limit on tickets or if we are able to promote more widely.

Approval of minutes from the October meeting moved to the January meeting

Student Council Report-Baugh, Grace, Madden, Madison, Khylin
Recapping events and sharing some upcoming events

1. Holiday drive-asking students to bring in non-perishable items (canned goods, baby formula, diapers, wipes, hygiene items, hats, gloves), collecting through 12/13, The first 25 students to bring 3 bags will receive a t-shirt (now 23 left). Not much has been collected thus far. Items go directly to Scarlett families. PTSO will help promote this drive.
2. Family Fun Night is 11 days away.
3. Spirit week is 11/18-11/22. 11/18-Dress to Impress vs Hot Mess, 11/19-Jersey Day, 11/20-Rhyme without reason, 11/21-For the LOVE of Music, 11/22-Alien or Neon Green
4. Results of the candy collection-Over 75 pounds candy collected, grand prize winner (Amire) brought in over 16 pounds of candy.
5. Socktober profits were over $250.
6. In December, we will collect new/unopened toys for children up to age 10. They can be dropped to room 145, where the Student Council members will wrap and deliver to the Secret Santa Society of Washtenaw County.

Principal Report: Dr. P

- Fun things planned for Family Fun Night for the students and parents, parents can mingle with students or participate in adult only activities
- After school tutoring available, math and reading, individual invites went out, however, those who are interested may reach out to admin
- One teacher vacancy remains, one going on maternity leave, finally getting squared away with staffing
- Ms. Vaughn has transitioned into the IB Coordinator role
- New 7th grade Lang & Lit teacher hired and was present at today's meeting

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Pfeifer

Sarah and Kelly met and she is beginning to master the spreadsheet and is ready for her first report out.

$9600 brought in thus far, largely from the Thrift Shop, small expenses (Family Fun Night, meals for teachers)

Funded 3 grants to teachers (about $1400)

Approved an expense this week for $4000-to get a motivational speaker (Dion Butler, 4 visits, topics include literacy struggles, grit, student athlete), has been involved in the work at the state level for the new dyslexia legislation, will also speak to parents (TBD)-this was a grant request from one of the counselors

PTOC Report: Celia Williams
October meeting-School board candidates came to share their platforms, millage information shared

September meeting-33 PTOC reps, most schools discussed teacher grants and were grateful for supplies, etc.

Shout out to Ms. Baugh-2nd year robotics, had to build 2 robots, 7 am-6 pm, great parent support with snacks, etc., phenomenal event, Ms. Baugh was EVERYWHERE.

Equity report-In the past, Scarlett has received funds from PTOC. Recently, they have discussed elementary schools. Celia to check if Scarlett will receive funds this year.

PTOC Community Resource Fair from 6-7:30 at the Pittsfield Brand of the AADL, We have over 16 community organizations confirmed to attend and share about their services with our community (Safe House, Ozone House, Neutral Zone, My Future Fund, Packard Health, Food Gatherers, AASPIRE, AAPAC, End the Cycle and more.) Celia will attend.

Open Discussion

- 8th Grade trip idea-Celia has Cedar Point information $56/ticket inclusive of a full meal, Dr. P added Detroit Princess is $80-transportation, food, dessert, prizes, Discussion previous was possibly Cedar Point and Dance at the school, District restriction still on out of state-overnight for middle schools, Natalie will follow up with admin.

- Academic Society field trip BIG (Best in Games), $33/person unlimited wristband for all 1st floor attractions, unlimited pizza, salad and soda, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, 1st and 2nd trimesters, Student brought to attention of admin 2 years back, Celia is passionate about achievers, Usually between 200-250 students, discussion around how students selected, recognition of students, what about those who will never attain? Concern raised around students being celebrated for behavior (outings, gift cards) over those who are

consistently doing the right things, important for students to be recognized for hard work. No current budget for this. Celia will follow up with admin.

- Question around grade level field trips-historically whole school trips have occurred (for example U of M Music), none planned this year

- Transportation usually a barrier, cost and/or availability

- Ties/relationships to ACS camp near Kalamazoo, entire schools, leadership camp, trust building, willing to talk to the board

Thankful for the discussion.

7:48 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