SCARLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO

Meeting Minutes
March 9th, 2026 – 6:30 pm to 7:20 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

- Kelly Pfeifer (President), Gerald Vazquez (Principal), Vicki Engling (Corresponding Secretary), Mercedes Mejia, Ashley Vaduva, Tim Vaduva, Shannon Considine-Dunn (Co-treasurer), Sarah Anton (Co-treasurer), Lisa Walkenbach, Ryan Quinn, Samantha Quinn, Raquel Parker (PTOC representative), Ryland Trahan, Ashley Tellez (Recording Secretary),
- Jackie & Peter, Omar Sowe (Vice-President), and Dr. Peterson via Zoom

Principal Report–Principal Vazquez

- Students will be selecting electives. Some students are being selected for intervention.
- 8th graders are doing a lot of testing right. The last full day of class for 8th graders is Tuesday, June 2nd, and the cruise day trip is Wednesday, June 3rd.
- Current 8th grade PSAT prep is not district wide but is utilizing Title 1 status/funds. It is an opportunity for students to become acquainted with standardized testing for future opportunities.
- Field trips: grade level trips planned, 6th graders have one next week–going to Toledo (science based trip). Has seen a lot of generosity from 6th grade families in covering the costs for other 6th grade families who cannot afford field trip fees. Field trips are tailored to curriculum and learning objectives.
- Field day may not be an option for fundraising incentive due to teachers working without a contract per Dr. Peterson

Approval of February Minutes
Will approve at the next meeting.

President's Report Kelly Pfiefer

- Board recruitment efforts
    - Forming a committee to recruit new board members. The President and Vice President will be on the committee. Raquel and Mercedes also volunteer to be on the committee.
    - We are sending out notifications soon, and the April meeting will be an opportunity for new candidates. Board elections are at the May meeting where attendants of the meeting are voters.
    - Discussion of succession for president positions; benefit of support and

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preparation, limitation of requiring longer a commitment.

Treasurer's Report & Budgeting - Sarah Anton & Shannon Considine (Co-treasurers)

- Our budget is healthy. We have reimbursed for teacher/staff appreciation, staffing supplies. We have received funds from the PTO thrift store.
- This would be a good year to take a risk in starting our own fundraising initiative.
- Issue with recruiting Fundraising chair: idea to lean into idea of committee vs lead, having orientation from other fundraising chairs available.
- The family donation account has been set up.

PTOC–Raquel Parker & Kelly Pfiefer

- No update from PTOC meeting.
- On April 23rd Scarlett PTSO will co-host an event presenting equity related data across the district.
- PTOC has launched their annual equity fundraiser. Funds raised will be distributed to Title 1 elementary schools and matched by PTO thrift. Scarlett is the only middle school that gets a "match" of the funds as the only Title 1 middle school–was about $7,000 in the previous fundraiser.

Spirit wear— Kelly and meeting attendants

- We do not have full inventory of spirit wear, not enough to do a true sale.
- The goal is to have website based sales and have options ready to go for the start of the school year.
- There was not much interest from the Student Council to have student-designed shirts when proposed earlier in the winter. May try again in the fall of next year.
- There is still interest in "retro" t-shirt design.

Open Discussion

- Possible speakers for a boy students group. A workshop is planned for 7th and 8th grade boy students per Principal Vazquez. The school has historically done similar programming but was cut with budget issues a couple of years ago. Hope is to match the level of programming that is available for girl students. Raquel has a potential speaker.
- Possible pot luck discussion for next time.

Meeting adjourned