

Morris County School of Technology

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022 - 7pm via Zoom

President – Lisa Tubbs

Vice President/Membership Chair - Jen Vnencak

Secretary – Amy Ghelli

Treasurer – Katia Yousuf

Hospitality Co-Chairs - Anisha Patoir & Natalie Vacca

Scholarship Chair - Kathy Felch

Fundraising Chair - Debbie Arntzen

Apparel Chair - Tracy Granata

Call to Order: 7:00 pm; 66 individuals in attendance

Principal Lynne Jackson's Message:

- Back to School Night (Thurs. 9/29) In person. 6-8pm with teachers. Letter will be sent on Thursday about process for the night. Welcome presentation made by Principal, staff, PTO and Officer.
- Ms. Jackson showed slide from her Welcome Back Staff presentation of the generosity and support of the Students and Staff by the PTO

President's Report:

- Welcome back to Ms. Jackson
- Welcome to Freshman Parents
- We will continue to use Zoom for PTO meetings as it is most accessible.
- PTO Meeting dates given. Next meeting is November 15.
- Reminder about MCST Parents Facebook group- must answer all questions to join the group!
- Winter "Homecoming" Dance- (organized by Mrs. Petrucelli sophomore class advisor- Fri. 11/4 7-10PM). Will be in main gym with overflow in the cafeteria with food and beverages. PTO will keep price down for tickets by paying for DJ and photo booth.

Vice President's Report:

- PTO Membership Report - 228 families are PTO members to date
- Looking for ideas to bring more families in as members
- Reminder: Become a member before September 30 to enter the raffle for MCST swag

Treasurer's Report:

- 2021-2022 Recap
- 2022-2023 Budget
- Shared screen to show proposed budget
- Last year we did well with fundraising and exceeded our goal.
- Two in-person fundraising events – largest fundraisers
- Senior event and scholarships– largest expense
- New credit card payment processor LumaPay
- Need two individuals to perform an audit. Contact Katia Yousuf or Lisa Tubbs to volunteer.

Hospitality Co-Chair Report:

- Summer Institute – 4-day workshop for teachers, PTO purchased food and supplies
- Welcome Back Staff Breakfast – Aug 31, hot breakfast, Breakfast at Tiffany's theme
- Future events – CTE Month goodie bag and Staff Appreciation luncheon

Apparel Chair Report:

- Class of 2026 T-shirts were well-received (210)
- Back to School Night sale (T-shirts, Flannel Pants, magnets). First time offering some "cash & carry" spirit wear at BTS Night
- Membership Toolkit will be used for on-going sales (magnet, remaining umbrellas, leftover spirit wear from BTS Night)
- Fall Apparel Sale (last two weeks of October, delivery week AFTER Thanksgiving)
- Increased quality control measures are in place
- Changing distribution process, partnering with academy teachers to distribute to their students

Fundraising Chair Report:

- Fall Bingo+ Night- Save the Date Fri. 12/2 in the Denville Cafeteria.
- Spring Bingo+ Night Tentative date April 28
- Looking for new items or GC to be donated for the Tricky Tray
- Looking for a fundraising co-chair
- Spring comedy night as a possible third fundraiser

Scholarship Chair Report:

- Can sign up to volunteer for scholarship committee as you sign up for membership
- Three scholarships at \$1000 each are awarded. Eligible students notified by and apply through guidance counselors.
- Family must be a PTO member all four years.
- \$1500 discretionary to be able to give smaller increments to other worthy students beyond the top 3.
- Deadline to apply is May 1, 2023. Announcements to follow.

Open Discussion

- Challenge Success updates
- Support students, families and staff in overall mental health and well being
- Email going out soon. At BTS night there will be a segment about it.

Ms. Jackson added several items:

- Brief description about the district's 5 year strategic plan. Want to tap into parent resources
- Ms. Jackson explained that staff donate \$50 to a benevolent fund in order to participate in Fridays jeans and spirit wear. Included in the \$50 is membership to the MCST PTO.
- New secretary hired for the main office
- Close to hiring a Finance & International business teacher

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49pm

Next Meeting: November 15, 2022 7pm via zoom