



Morris County School of Technology
PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – 7 PM via Zoom

President – Lisa Tubbs

Vice President/Membership Chair – Ameer Chatterjee (absent)

Secretary – Klara Leon

Treasurer – Yeshey Wangchuk

Hospitality Chair – Neha Mehta (absent)

Scholarship Chair – Gioia Degenaars (absent)

Fundraising Chair - Debbie Arntzen

Apparel Chair – Kathy Felch

Call to Order: 7:02 PM Total attendees: 17

Principal Menadier's Message:

- Thank you to PTO for Tutor.com donation.
- Back to school night for full time academies is on Wednesday, September 18 from 6-8 PM at the Denville Campus. Share-time Back to School Night is Thursday, September 26 from 6-8 PM.
- The Student Advocacy Panel will be discussing Artificial Intelligence and its use in education.
- Wednesday, October 9 first WED Day.
- Wednesday, October 23 guest speaker Mykee Fowlin.
- A request for Governor's Educator Award nominations and nominations for MCST VIP will be coming soon.

President's Report (Lisa Tubbs):

- Welcome to new freshman families! Introduction of new board members Ameer Chatterjee, Klara Leon, and Neha Mehta.
- Homecoming Dance on Friday, November 15; 7-10 PM.
- New mcvt.org website; PTO link is prominent on horizontal menu.

Vice President's/Membership Report (Ameer Chatterjee):

- 163 current family memberships as of 9/17.
- 69 families donated \$10, 86 families donated \$ 40, and 8 families donated \$60.
- Back to School Night table will be manned by Debbie Arntzen & Gioia Degenaars. We will have a PTO Member raffle with MCST swag and back to school supplies.

Treasurer's Report (Yeshey Wangchuk):

- Please see 2024-2025 Budget attached.
- Approve budget:
 - o Kathy Felch - first
 - o Debbie Arntzen - second
 - o All Approved

Hospitality Chair Report (Neha Mehta):

- Welcome Back Breakfast was a success. Thank you to all the volunteered and provided items. Food catered by IHOP.
- Upcoming events:
 - o Career Technical Education (CTE) Month event (Valentine's Day).
 - o Teachers and Staff Appreciation Lunch (early May).
 - o Junior Class and Alumni Panel event (early June). College freshman from MCST Class of 2024 come back and participate in a panel discussion answering student questions about college application process and first year of college experiences.

Apparel Chair Report (Kathy Felch):

- Store is open all year and ships directly to your house. Link is on Facebook page.
<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/organizations/morris-county-school-of-technology-mcst-academies>
- Fall flash sale PJ Pants this fall through Friday, October 4. PJ pants are gray and black plaid with Red "MCST" written on one leg. \$35 each. End of October delivery. PTO members will receive \$5 discount per item.

Fundraising Chair Report (Debbie Arntzen):

- Fall Bingo Night is on Friday, December 6. Tickets will go on sale in mid-October. Expecting 25 baskets. Looking for help to solicit donations. Any new items from home can be donated.
- Talent Show date to be determined. Likely in March.

Scholarship Chair Report (Gioia Degenaars):

- Electronic application submission starting this year.
- Earlier due date of Monday, April 14.

Other Items:

- How to volunteer for a committee? Easiest way to convey interest is to use the "Sign Ups" form on mcvts.membershiptoolkit.com.
- When is back to school night for share time students? Share time students back to school night is on September 26.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:26 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7 PM via Zoom.