



**Morris County School of Technology
PTO Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 7 PM via Zoom

President – Lisa Tubbs

Vice President/Membership Chair – Ameer Chatterjee

Secretary – Klara Leon (absent)

Treasurer – Yeshey Wangchuk

Hospitality Chair – Neha Mehta

Scholarship Chair – Gioia Degenaars

Fundraising Chair – Debbie Arntzen

Apparel Chair – Kathy Felch

Call to Order: 7:00 PM Total attendees: 22

Principal's Message (Mr. Menadier):

- Junior/Senior Prom is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025; 6-10 PM at the Meadow Wood in Randolph. Information will be circulated soon to seniors.
- Grad Fest dates are yet to be determined.
- February WED Day will include a presentation by MCST partner Navigate to Success re: setbacks and how to navigate them.
- Standardized testing begins in March.

President's Report (Lisa Tubbs):

- Class of 2025 will be sponsoring "Pitchfork Perfect", a pageant show on Friday, April 4, 2025. As this event is very similar to a talent show, the PTO has canceled the Friday, March 28 Talent Show.
- Debbie Arntzen has agreed to be the Grad Fest 2025 Chair.
- Hackathon will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2025. The PTO has budgeted for a \$1,000 donation/sponsorship.
- MCST is partnering with St. Clare's EMS, Denville Police, Fire and EMS to present "Teddy Bear Clinic & Touch a Truck" on Saturday, May 3; 10AM – 1PM. The event is recommended for children ages 3-9. Ms. Shane, Academy for Education & Learning, is requesting financial support from the PTO. A motion was made by Kathy Felch to approve the funding request for Teddy Bear Clinic & Touch and Truck in the amount of \$300. The motion was seconded by Gioia Degenaars. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice President of Membership Report (Ameer Chatterjee):

- 234 current family memberships as of 1/21/2025, an increase of 5 since the November meeting. Total of \$6,160.
- Email will be sent out next week to all families with a renewed request for membership and a message re: the senior deadline of 2/1 for scholarship eligibility.

Treasurer Report (Yeshey Wangchuk):

- We are within budget and have not exceeded expenses.
- The Mini Grants budget is underutilized, with only \$800 of requests received to date.

Hospitality Chair Report (Neha Mehta):

- Neha discussed the possibility of organizing a Churro or Mini Pancake bar for staff on February 14 to celebrate Career and Technical Education Month, with Mr. Menadier confirming lunchtime as the best time for maximum participation.
- The personalized journals given to staff for a winter gift received much praise from staff as a thoughtful and useful gift.

Apparel Chair Report (Kathy Felch):

- Share-time specific programs have been added to the perpetual store. See the store here: <https://delivr.com/25tex>
- The meeting focused on brainstorming ideas for a limited-time sale of merchandise for the spring. The team discussed previous successful items such as pajama pants and wearable blankets and considered new ideas like bucket hats and portable phone chargers. Please reach out to Kathy with any ideas.

Fundraising Chair Report (Debbie Arntzen):

- 12/6 Fall Bingo Night 205 attendees. Overall net profit \$10,759.02 (Bingo \$7,201, Baskets \$2024.02, 50/50 \$1232, Food \$278)
- 72 toys donated to SGT. TIM ABLINE MEMORIAL Toy Drive
- Spring Bingo Fri. 5/2/25, Fall Bingo Fri. 12/5/25.
- Preeti Pandit will shadow Debbie for the 2025 Bingo licenses submission. Spring Bingo Fri. 5/2/25, Fall Bingo Fri. 12/5/25.

Scholarship Chair Report (Gioia Degenars):

- Senior Scholarship applications will be due Monday, April 28. Applicants are required to have been MCST PTO family members for all four years of MCST. Senior year family membership must be purchased by February 1, 2025.
- PTO members that indicated interested in being on the reading committee receiving a link to a Google Form to complete. Gioia will start choosing Scholarship Committee members by February 3. Five readers and 3 alternates will be selected. Reading and rating of applications will take place between April 29 and May 6.
- MCST PTO Scholarship perpetual plaque was approved by the MCST Business. Office. Cost is \$175 and will be pre-populated with recipient names from 2020-2024.

Other Items:

- The group discussed potential improvements for Bingo nights, including the idea of having different levels of prizes in the baskets to increase revenue. They also considered the possibility of a grand prize but noted the difficulty in securing donations for such a prize. The team also discussed the idea of a "best of basket" featuring gift cards from various towns, which could potentially attract more attendees and increase earnings.

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 7PM via Zoom.