



Morris County School of Technology

PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 7 PM via Zoom

Co- Presidents –Amee Chatterjee (absent) & Lisa Tubbs

Vice President/Membership Chair – VACANT

Secretary – Gioia Degenaars (absent)

Treasurer – Yeshey Wangchuk

Hospitality Chair – Neha Mehta (absent)

Scholarship Chair – Shefali Saraf

Fundraising Chair - VACANT

Apparel Chair – Kathy Felch

Call to Order: 7:01 PM Total attendees: 26

Principal Menadier's Message:

- Full-Time Denville Back to School Night is Thursday, September 18; 6-8PM.
- Share-Time Denville Back to School Night is Wednesday, October 1; 6-8PM.
- Save the date! The 2025 Homecoming Dance will be Friday, November 14; 7-10PM.
- Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring 10/8 WED Day speaker Tim Shoemaker who will talk about digital citizenship with Grades 9 & 10. The speaker for Grade 11 is Matt Bellace who will be exploring the concept of building resilience in teens through stress management (e.g. meditation, reframing emotional pain) and seeking out an empathetic support network.
- Thank you to parents for helping to enforce the MCST Dress Code that includes NO crop tops. Students have largely been compliant with the policy.
- MCST will be utilizing the LinkIt tool, an assessment management and data analytics solution for formative assessments, data analytics, and intervention support. Many students have exposure to LinkIt while at middle school. Feedback from students and teachers has been positive.

President's Report (Lisa Tubbs):

- We are looking for a volunteer to serve as VP- Membership for a two-year term. Please contact Lisa Tubbs if interested at lisaitubbs@gmail.com.
- PSAT's for 11th grade (no sign up required) will take place on Monday, October 20th in school
- Picture retake day for underclassmen is Monday, October 27.
- The Academy Application is open now through Monday, November 17.
- See the Events calendar via the "Activity Scheduler" APP for your smartphone or on the website here: <https://www.nwjerseyac.com/public/genie/235/school/19/>

Vice President's/Membership Report (provided by Lisa Tubbs):

- 234 current family memberships as of September 16 (163 last year at this same time).
- 116 families donated \$10, 109 families donated \$40, 9 families donated \$60 for a total of \$6,060.
- Back to School Night table will be coordinated by Gioia Degenaars. Please stop by!

Treasurer's Report (Yeshey Wangchuk):

- Please see 2025-2026 Budget attached.
 - o Note: No Athletics Boosters donation for Grad Fest this year (previous year's donation was \$3,000). As a result, Grad Fest expense has been reduced to \$8,000.
 - o Note: No Talent Show (Junior & Senior class will run "Pitchfork Perfect")
 - o Budget shows a small deficit for current year. Our strong cash position will cover it.
- 2025-2026 Budget Approved:
 - o First motion by Christina Astorino,
 - o Seconded by Kathy Felch,
 - o Approved by all.

Hospitality Chair Report (Neha Mehta via Lisa Tubbs):

- Welcome Back Breakfast at the new Career Training Center building at CCM was a success.
- Upcoming events:
 - o Winter Break Staff Surprise gift (prior to winter break)
 - o CTE Month/Valentine's Day (Fri. February 13)
 - o Teachers & Staff Appreciation luncheon (early May)
 - o Junior 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):

- Squad Locker check received for fiscal year end June 2025.
- Squad Locker sale is on-going. Link can be found on the PTO's page on the website: <https://www.mcvts.org/pto/devils-apparel-store> Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.
- Fall Flash Sale PJ Pants WITH pockets and MCST Devils logo Bucket hats. Artwork is pending, but sale is projected to conclude before Thanksgiving break.
- MCST Girls Volleyball Pink Out game is Tuesday, October 7, at 4:00 PM against Parsippany High School. Please consider contributing to the T-shirt sale [2025 Kill Cancer - For Lisa Custom Ink Fundraising](#). Half the funds will go to Susan G Komen Foundation, and the other half will go to The Lisa Bonin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Fundraising Chair Report (provided by Lisa Tubbs):

- Amee Chatterjee is organizing a group of parents interested in volunteering to lead the bingo event, and we believe that we have co-chairs ready to go pending the first organization meeting.
- Fall Bingo+ 2025 Date: Friday, December 5, 2025. Tickets will go on sale early October. Sold out for the past 4 years.
- Save the Date for Spring Bingo+: Friday, April 24, 2026.

Scholarship Chair Report (Shefali Saraf):

- Application will be on the website. Due date usually is end of April. Coordinated through Guidance Office. Applicant's family must have been a PTO member for all four years at MCST.
- Details will be provided at the November 18 PTO meeting.

Other Items:

- Additional details about the format of the PTO bingo event were discussed: 12 bingo games with cash prizes, 50/50, baskets raffle (approx. 25 baskets). Open to the community. Fall bingo has sold out for past four years.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM.

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

MCST PTO Budget
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

	BUDGET (July 2024 to June 2025)	ACTUALS (July 2024 to June 2025)	BUDGET (July 2025 to June 2026)
Revenue			
Membership	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,740	\$ 2,750
KIS Donations	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,530	\$ 3,600
Senior Event Fundraiser (lawn signs)	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,925	\$ 4,000
Athletic Booster Club donation for Grad Fest	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
MCST Spiritwear Sales	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,990	\$ 3,000
Bingo (Fall)	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,303	\$ 13,350
Bingo Fundraiser (spring)	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,642	\$ 11,700
Talent Show Income	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 44,300	\$ 41,130	\$ 38,400
Expenses			
PTO Operating Expense	\$ (2,500)	\$ (2,258)	\$ (2,300)
Gift to school	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,000)	\$ (2,000)
Hospitality	\$ (3,910)	\$ (4,422)	\$ (5,000)
Students - Freshmen Welcome	\$ (2,300)	\$ (2,333)	\$ (2,142)
Students - Homecoming Dance	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,136)	\$ (2,200)
Junior and College Decision Day Event	\$ (800)	\$ (654)	\$ (700)
Alumni Engagement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (600)
Senior Grad Fest	\$ (11,000)	\$ (10,442)	\$ (8,000)
Scholarships	\$ (4,850)	\$ (3,175)	\$ (4,000)
Senior fundraiser expense (lawn signs)	\$ (2,000)	\$ (1,808)	\$ (1,900)
Bingo Expenses (fall)	\$ (2,200)	\$ (2,668)	\$ (2,700)
Bingo Expenses (spring)	\$ (2,200)	\$ (2,203)	\$ (2,250)
Teacher Mini Grants	\$ (6,000)	\$ (5,353)	\$ (5,500)
Spiritwear Expense	\$ (3,750)	\$ (1,984)	\$ (2,000)
Talent Show Expense	\$ (400)	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ (45,410)	\$ (40,434)	\$ (41,292)
Current Year Excess (Loss if negative)	\$ (1,110)	\$ 696	\$ (2,892)
Net Cash Balance as of June 30, 2025		\$ 32,273	
Budgeted cash balance as of June 30, 2026			\$ 29,381