Morris County School of Technology

PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 – 7 PM via Zoom

Co- Presidents –Amee Chatterjee & Lisa Tubbs
Vice President/Membership Chair – Will Paul (absent)
Secretary – Gioia Degenaars
Treasurer – Yeshey Wangchuk
Hospitality Chair – Neha Mehta (absent)
Scholarship Chair – Shefali Saraf
Fundraising Chair - VACANT
Apparel Chair – Kathy Felch

Call to Order: 7:03 PM Total attendees: 17

Principal Menadier's Message:

- Today was a great kick off to the WED Day programming. During Session 1 all grades came together with their academy, and the remaining sessions were break-out with student's choice. A Club Fair also took place.
- Homecoming Dance is Friday, 10/16; 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Tickets are now on sale on MySchoolBucks.com. Doors will open at 6:15. Tickets are for MCST FULL-TIME students ONLY. Tickets for $13/each will be on sale from Monday, 9/14 through midnight on Monday, 10/12, unless they sell out beforehand (max. 400 tickets). **No tickets will be sold on the day of the event. Ticket price and processing fee are non-refundable.**
- Watch for an announcement soon re: Yearbook sales, as well as Senior yearbook ads.
- Later this week, the Morris County Prosecutors Office will have a presentation for 9th graders.
- Other upcoming presentations are Dr. Mikie Fallon with anti-bullying message, and also a former MCST Law and Public Safety academy graduate will return to speak to 10th grade.
- The Student Advocate panel for the 2026-2027 has met and is creating its plans for the school year.

Co- President's Report (Lisa Tubbs):

- PTO Meeting Dates: Wed. November 18; Wed. January 20; Wed. March 24; Wed, May 19.
- Wed. March 24 is nominating committee meeting. We will add an April meeting if needed.

- Many senior parents on current Board. The following positions will be available for 2027-2028: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Apparel Chair. This is a great year to shadow current board members to see what we do.
- Back to School Night 50-50 collaboration with Class of 2027, winner received $1,320 and then donated $1,000 back to the PTO! Huge thank you!
- Morris Tech Built Different t-shirt, sold 10 for $150. One L available, XL, 2XL & 3XL.
- Academy application open until Tuesday, November 3.
- PTO Social in-person is being investigated for the fall.

Co- President's Report (Amee Chatterjee):

- Back to School Night- Thank Courtney Clark & Tasha Cooper for volunteering at the table.
- Fall Bingo+ is on Friday, November 20, 2026. Submitted for permits. Tickets will go on sale early October.
- New Bingo format (8 games, larger baskets raffle)
- Currently soliciting businesses for donations. Additional volunteers are welcomed!

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

- 208 current family memberships as of September 16 (234 last year at this same time, 163 as of Sept. 2024).
- 99 families donated $10, 94 families donated $40, 15 families donated $60 for a total of $5,650.
- Additional donations for a total of $310.
- There are significantly fewer 9th grade families in the database this year. At this time last year, 69% of 9th grade families were in the PTO database. This year we are at 31%. This directly ties to the May school-wide gathering and distribution of t-shirts at CTC building by the school itself, rather than asking parents to input shirt sizes to PTO database and the PTO freshmen t-shirt gift.

Treasurer's Report (Yeshey Wangchuk, provided by Lisa Tubbs):

- Please see 2026-2027 Budget attached. This covers 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027.
  - Note: No Athletics Boosters donation for Grad Fest this year. Slight increase in budget to $8,500.
  - Scholarships budget increase due to expected increase in applicants. Currently 38 seniors are eligible to apply.
  - Teacher mini-grants, minimum $5,500. Can increase if fundraisers allow. This line item was way over budget for 2025-2026. Need to monitor this year and adjust based on fundraisers.
- Budget shows a small deficit for current year. Our strong cash position will cover it.
- Budget was approved by the membership.

Hospitality Chair Report (Neha Mehta):

- Welcome Back Breakfast was a success.
- Winter gift planned.
- CTE Month/Valentine's Day (Monday, 2/15)
- Teachers & Staff Appreciation luncheon (early May)

- Junior Alumni Panel event (early June). College freshmen from MCST Class of 2026 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 2026.
- Perpetual store can be found here: https://delivr.com/25tex
- Fall Flash Sale PJ Pants WITH POCKETS. Artwork is pending, but sale is projected to be 2-3 weeks and conclude before Thanksgiving break.
- Assuming if still available, car magnets can be requested from Lisa Tubbs at no charge.

Fundraising Chair Report (provided by Amee Chatterjee):

- Spring fundraiser

Scholarship Chair Report (Shefali Saraf):

- Application will be on the website. Due date usually is mid-April. Coordinated through Guidance Office. Applicant's family must have been a PTO member for all four years at MCST. Expected to have more than 40 students eligible.
- Details will be provided at the November PTO meeting. Cutoff for senior year membership is 2/1.

Other Items: No questions from the membership.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 7PM via Zoom.

MCST PTO Budget
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

	BUDGET (July 2025 to June 2026)	ACTUALS (July 2025 to June 2026)	BUDGET (July 2026 to June 2027)
Revenue			
Membership	$ 2,750	$ 2,830	$ 2,850
KIS Donations	$ 3,600	$ 4,330	$ 4,350
Senior Event Fundraiser (lawn signs)	$ 4,000	$ 3,190	$ 3,200
MCST Spiritwear Sales	$ 3,000	$ 4,324	$ 4,350
Bingo (Fall)	$ 13,350	$ 17,880	$ 18,000
Bingo (spring)	$ 11,700	$ 7,694	$ -
Spring Fundraiser	$ -	$ -	$ 7,700
TOTAL	**$ 38,400**	**$ 40,248**	**$ 40,450**
Expenses			
PTO Operating Expense	$ (2,300)	$ (2,387)	$ (2,600)
Gift to school	$ (2,000)	$ (1,000)	$ (1,000)
Hospitality	$ (5,000)	$ (3,967)	$ (5,000)
Students - Freshmen Welcome	$ (2,142)	$ (2,662)	$ (3,000)
Students - Homecoming Dance	$ (2,200)	$ (1,965)	$ (2,500)
Junior and College Decision Day Event	$ (700)	$ (104)	$ (700)
Alumni Engagement	$ (600)	$ -	$ (600)
Senior Grad Fest	$ (8,000)	$ (7,949)	$ (8,500)
Scholarships	$ (4,000)	$ (4,000)	$ (8,000)
Senior fundraiser expense (lawn signs)	$ (1,900)	$ (1,361)	$ (1,500)
Bingo Expenses (fall)	$ (2,700)	$ (2,613)	$ (2,700)
Bingo Expenses (spring)	$ (2,250)	$ (2,165)	$ -
Spring Fundraiser Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ (2,000)
Teacher Mini Grants	$ (5,500)	$ (8,012)	$ (5,500)
Spiritwear Expense	$ (2,000)	$ (3,369)	$ (3,500)
TOTAL	**$ (41,292)**	**$ (41,554)**	**$ (47,100)**
Current Year Excess (Loss if negative)	**$ (2,892)**	**$ (1,306)**	**$ (6,650)**
Net Cash Balance as of June 30, 2026		**$ 30,517**	
Budgeted cash balance as of June 30, 2027			**$ 23,867**