

STODDERT PTO MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2020  
PTO MEMO



President's Report

Progress on Priorities

*Growing our Community*

- The Book Fair was a huge hit back in December. The team is wrapping up reconciling results -- in the meantime, huge thanks to our co-chairs, Maiada and Melissa and all the volunteers who helped make this wonderful event happen.
- December was also busy with our 5th Grade play, school-wide Talent Show, which was well-attended and our Specials Teachers who were a wonderful addition to our December PTO Meeting.
- Our Appreciation Team and Room Parents were also very busy back in December ensuring all faculty and staff felt appreciated -- and thanked -- appropriately. We also thank all of you here for your various contributions.
- Most recently, we hosted Family Fun Night, this past Saturday - with a huge crowd of parents, kids and our amazing volunteers - with between 250-300 participants! Auction tickets were sold, books were collected and donated, amidst pizza, moon bounces, face painting and more. Huge thank you goes to Leala for her leadership and seamless organization as always!
- This past Monday, Silver Restaurant opened its doors once more to our community for our second Restaurant Night! Thank you Lena once more for your efforts in managing this..... And as if that weren't enough -- we have....
- Globetrotters Night - Get your tickets! To add to our suite of Restaurant Nights and other fundraising efforts, we have a fun night planned at Capital Center for families to attend a Globetrotters Night. A portion of ticket sales will go back to Stoddert.
- The Welcome Committee continues to track if/when new families enroll - the past few weeks have been quiet but we anticipate having some new activity as we enter spring. Parents have also talked a lot about how best to onboard Kindergarten families specifically - something we will focus on for next school year.
- Membership keeps treading along. Our Membership Committee, with Lena at the helm, and a lot of help from Kate and Gupi, we have centralized all of our tracking to enable us to gain a clearer picture as to how we are doing. The Team also recently sent out a targeted (and thoughtful) email to families identified as not having paid dues yet -- resulting in 7 more families contributing to the PTO.

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- Participation by Grade Level
  - PreK - 55%
  - K - 57.6%
  - 1st - 58.1%
  - 2nd - 58.1%
  - 3rd - 59.5%
  - 4th - 65.1%
  - 5th - 50.7%

#### *Beautification*

- We continue to explore options for lighting in the area between the main entrance courtyard and the upper playground. Also included is the broken basketball hoop as well as the ongoing wet/muddy area (when it rains) in front of the K-wing.
- Our Partnership with the Front Office also continues as we look to address some issues in the building related to DPR facilities, notably the gym, broken windows and trash left behind.
- As part of a bigger conversation, we are scheduling a meeting with DCPS' COO to discuss our building and the next few years leading up to our upcoming renovation.
- Good news though -- front lobby changes are coming - so stay tuned as we look to beautify this area over the coming week! Thanks to Alysa and Grace Park who continue to look for creative ways to improve our space!

#### *Scaling Operations*

- Jan Morris, VP of Special Projects, has taken the lead on a few projects, including:
  - Tech solutions and processes to streamline the school's intent to re-enroll and enrollment efforts. Jan is here tonight to discuss this in detail
  - Testing and Launching an online directory solution called A to Z Connect used by other schools in Ward 3 to provide a centralized directory so parents can connect with one another to plan school events, playdates, etc.
  - Exploring opportunities for a Stoddert Recycling Day and Fun run

#### *Keeping our Pulse on....*

- Bus Route in Glover Park
- David Grosso Legislation
- Jelleff Field & Next Steps

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Appreciation

Melissa and Maiada -- Book Fair -- THANK YOU!  
Heather and Erika -- Staff Appreciation Team and Holiday Giving  
Terri -- Fillmore Winter Concert & Open House -- Great Attendance!  
Leala -- Family Fun Night Success  
Erika and Lauren -- Book Drive for Family Night ---- And getting ready for Politics and Prose Book Sale Fundraiser!  
Lena -- Restaurant Night & Globetrotters  
Jan -- Enrollment Campaign  
LSAT Team, Lauren, Megan and Lisa -- Budget 2020  
Michelle and Caryn -- Behind the Scenes Auction Prep

**Treasurer update: Gupi Howie**

As of 2/12/20, our balances are:

PayPal \$3,731.82  
Wells Fargo Checking \$61,750.99  
Wells Fargo Savings \$88,394.34

PTO Membership Update by Grade available via Gupi during meeting

**Budget update: Kate Gillespie**

The PTO remains in good financial shape with spending and fundraising progressing on target. We are in the process of planning our spring stipend distribution and spending plan. Auction ticket sales are well underway, with over \$10,000 raised so far. Buy your tickets now – don't wait!

Budget status as of 02/07/2019 (QuickBooks actuals):

- Expenses: \$61,578.62 (up from \$49,404.09 at last report)
- Income: \$81,163.91 (up from \$69,000.80 at last report)

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	SY17-18	SY18-19	SY19-20
Expenses	109,525	111,760	125,025
Expenses as of 10/9	31,443	34,614	22,156
Expenses as of 11/11	37,092	37,961	37,253
Expenses as of 12/08	42,273	41,561	49,404
Expenses as of 02/07	52,064	53,630	61,579
Expenses as of 6/30	94,734	104,730	TBD
Income	109,525	111,760	125,025
Income as of 10/9	36,524	39,087	50,290
Income as of 11/11	50,984	48,891	62,862
Income as of 12/08	54,304	59,536	69,001
Income as of 02/07	70,140	70,347	81,164
Income as of 6/30	121,169	128,575	TBD
Dues (subset of income)	75,000	78,800	84,700
Dues as of 10/9	39,416	44,588	52,374
Dues as of 11/11	43,945	48,240	57,232
Dues as of 12/08	48,826	54,505	61,636
Dues as of 02/07	58,763	62,036	67,772
Dues as of 6/30	76,652	82,592	TBD

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**Stoddert Gear Update: Kate Wussow**

All orders from the online gear sale were cancelled due to insufficient quantities ordered.

We are re-ordering gear this week to have available for Spring events and for those who attempted to order through the online gear sale.

**Auction Update: Michelle Ross**

Just keep spreading the word, get excited, buy your tickets if you haven't...It's going to be a great night for Stoddert's Community!

We have sold \$10,200.00 in tickets with over \$6,000 sold on Saturday!

We have a \$1,000 donation promised to us as well  
And LOTS of great donations

♥ Greenbrier 2 night weekend stay all fees included

♥ Great Wolf Lodge

♥ the Graham Hotel

♥ SEVEN REASONS

So many fun kids classes & camps

Tons of workout classes and so much MORE!!!

Also...

**ONLINE AUCTION: Starts Friday, March 27th at 10:00am and closes Friday April 3rd 11:00pm.**