

STODDERT PTO MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2020
PTO MEMO



President's Report

Progress on Priorities

Growing our Community

- Kicked off the school year strong with back to school parade, yard signs, restaurant night at Arcuri -- Arcuri generously gave **\$240** back to Stoddert - way to go families for ordering all that pizza! We also had a successful virtual Back to School Night with over **200** participants. Thank you to all of you for attending.
- The Pickles Inaugural Event kicked off strong this past weekend! The co-founders, 2 of our very own Stoddert moms, are donating 10% of all proceeds back to Stoddert and after a successful inaugural day, this totals up to **\$250!** Thank you!
- Room Parents are working away - thank you to our Room Parent Coordinator, Laurena, for her virtual training session and kicking things off with our room parents. We have **40** parents volunteering their time this year to make sure each class stays informed, stays connected, celebrates their teachers and more!
- One thing we've done differently this year, under the leadership of our Gear team, is to make gear available ONLINE! It has not only been successful in doing so -- it also has generated **over \$1500** in sales! Good news is our online store is always open, so keep shopping!
- Our Welcome Committee is off to a great start. We have built a process with the front office that alerts us as well as our Parent Coordinator and AtoZ Connect coordinator when a new student joins so we can welcome new families throughout the year and leverage our room parents to provide resources and guidance so new families feel welcomed and informed.
- Speaking of AtoZ, we launched our new school-wide directory A to Z Connect. Jan is here to give us a quick update and review next steps.

Beautification

- A group of parent volunteers joined our Beautification Chair over a recent weekend morning to assemble new picnic tables for our upper playgroup and the 4th grade "West Wing" outdoor area - THANK YOU!
- Conversations with Patrick Davis continue. Our Advocacy Team is liaising directly with Patrick and his team to discuss:

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- Renovation:
 - Building Assessment, including our ventilation systems and overall safety of the building
 - Building fixes and improvements, working closely with our teachers and front office
- Bigger Changes in Ward 3
 - Updates on what we're hearing via our network, Ward3EdNet/Ward2EdNet Meetings
 - Community will be engaged with to discuss new Foxhall ES - Stay tuned
- Trailer is coming

Scaling Operations

- Remote Tools
 - The PTO is supporting our distanced learning environment by providing an enterprise level Zoom account to facilitate Town Hall meetings and Principal Coffees and potentially some additional level of synchronous Specials instruction
 - We are also evaluating technology needs for teachers and classrooms to equip staff with technology assets that the district is not providing
- Extended Day Program
 - We have cancelled on-site EDP activities until further notice due to restrictions on DCPS properties related to COVID-19.
 - After gathering feedback from our parent community on whether enrichment programming through video would be beneficial, we've decided to delay any programming until January, once we have more clarity on DCPS hybrid model and evolving restrictions.
- Build for Flexibility
 - We have raised **65% of our budgeted dues** revenue and all Fall stipends have been delivered to teachers and staff. These stipends give ultimately flexibility so that each teacher and staff member puts them to use in a manner they see as maximizing impact for their students.
 - We are working closely with the front office to identify areas where the PTO can step in and quickly support to help the transition to a hybrid model through additional technology support etc.

Appreciation - All this work happens thru the help of so many volunteers. We wanted to call out a few this time around who have been working hard behind the scenes:

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- Travis, Paul and Moulin (Advocacy work throughout the summer and ongoing this fall)
- Lena (Restaurant Night)
- Milena (Back to School Parade)
- Lisa (Yard Signs!)
- Kate and Gupi (Budget and Tracking PTO Dues)
- John (All those emails you receive and helping us stay on track with our school calendar and school web site)
- Alysa and her team of volunteers (Picnic Tables)
- Laurena (Room Parents)
- The Katies & Lisa (Gear Team!)
- Jan (A-Z Connect)
- Heather and Erika (Staff Appreciation Team)
- Bryant and Ibis (for being great partners)

Budget update:

The SY2020-21 budget was approved at Back to School Night on 09/17/2020 and \$29,250 in stipend checks were delivered to Stoddert teachers and staff (thank you, Gupi!). There is currently ~\$189,000 in the PTO bank accounts, including over \$31,000 in SY2020-21 dues collected to date. We also received a \$11,907 reimbursement check from OSSE to offset a portion of costs incurred during SY2019-20 for the Stoddert Teaching Garden.

Budget status as of 10/05/2020 (QuickBooks actuals):

- Expenses: \$7,452.71
- Income: \$42,455.06

Cash balances as of 10/05/2020:

- Wells Fargo checking: \$99,114.74
- Wells Fargo savings: \$88,409.72
- PayPal account: \$1,602.42
- Total: \$189,126.88

Dues:

- As of 10/5, we've recorded ~\$31,200 in dues income (65% of target)

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Anticipated income (October 2020):

- Proceeds from SY2019-20 yearbook sales (Jenny Engel is tracking down this check from the Vendor)
- Proceeds from online gear sale
- Proceeds from Arcuri pizza night

Anticipated expenses (October 2020):

- Fall stipend checks to be cashed (\$26,250 remaining)