

STODDERT PTO MEETING  
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## President's Report - November 2020

### Progress on Priorities

#### *Growing our Community*

- 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 \$1800** in sales! Good news is our online store is always open, so keep shopping!
- Halloween Celebration brought together over **370** participants - HUGE THANK YOU to our teachers and staff for planning this for our Stoddert community, allowing our kids to come together to celebrate this special day.
- Our first Stoddert Roundtable opened up a dialogue between parents, teachers and staff. With over **90** participants, this forum allowed us to discuss some key priorities and brainstorm ideas as distance learning continues.
- With the holiday season fast approaching, our committees and room parents are already working hard. Be on the lookout for virtual Thanksgiving celebrations, our Annual Book Fair, GPCA Holiday Party and more. Our Appreciation Committee & Room Parents have also started brainstorming on virtual gift ideas for our teachers and staff for the holidays.

#### *Beautification*

- Conversations with DCPS COO Patrick Davis continue. Our Advocacy Team is liaising directly with Patrick and his team to discuss:
  - 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

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- The Building Tour
  - LSAT parent and teacher representatives as well as a representative from Mary Cheh's office, were guided through a tour of the school to review facility readiness for potential opening. While there are complex challenges to operationalizing DCPS's reopening plan, our facility should be ready to welcome back a limited number of students in a responsible way.

### Scaling Operations

- Remote Tools
  - HUGE and IMPORTANT update -- we are very excited and proud to be able to confirm that ALL of our teachers who needed new devices have received them. With the district not providing these for staff, the PTO partnered with Stoddert to evaluate, combine our technology budgets and purchase what was needed.
  - We also worked closely with Ms. Thompson to evaluate technology needs for teachers and our kids and have provided the necessary funds to acquire technology licenses for the school year.
- Build for Flexibility
  - We have raised **85% of our budgeted dues** revenue. \$39,900
  - We continue to work closely with the front office to identify areas where the PTO can step in and quickly support to help with any transitions as they come - to be continued.
- Partnerships:
  - W3EdNet Partnership (Continue to collaborate with, etc...)
  - WTU Partnership with PTO (O'Beirne)
  - PTO Presidents around our Ward

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:

- John (All those emails you receive and helping us stay on track with our school calendar and school web site) in particular in recent weeks ensuring we stayed up-to-date with DCPS announcements
- Laurena (Room Parents)
- The Katies & Lisa (Gear Team!)
- Lauren (LSAT) and her team
- Corinne Kramer (W3EdNet Liaison)
- Katie Wussow, Michelle Leonard and Debby Rager for stepping up in their new roles

**Budget update:**

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There is currently ~\$188,000 in the PTO bank accounts, including nearly \$40,000 in SY2020-21 dues collected to date. Since the last report, we completed our tax filing for SY2019-20, received a special \$4,000 donation from a generous Stoddert family, and collected more than \$2,000 in funds raised from the SY2019-20 yearbook sale coordinated by Jenny Engel. Thanks to our wonderful community for your generous support of the Stoddert PTO!

**Budget status as of 11/08/2020 (QuickBooks actuals):**

- **Expenses:** \$27,669.57
- **Income:** \$60,263.18

**Cash balances as of 11/08/2020:**

- **Wells Fargo checking:** \$99,239.49
- **Wells Fargo savings:** \$88,410.47
- **PayPal account:** \$62.79
- **Total:** \$187,712.75

**Dues:**

- As of 11/08/2020, we've recorded ~\$39,900 in dues income **(85% of target)**

**Anticipated income (November 2020):**

- Proceeds from online gear sale
- Proceeds from Arcuri pizza night

**Anticipated expenses (November 2020):**

- Fall stipend checks to be cashed (\$7,000 remaining)
- Technology equipment requested by Stoddert administrators (\$7,280 to be spent on 4 Dell laptops, 15 document cameras, and software subscriptions)