

**STODDERT PTO MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2021**  
**PTO MEMO**



**President's Report - February 2021**

Progress on Priorities

We remain focused on our three priorities: Growing our Community, Beautification and Scaling Operations.

Term 3 reopening plan is in full swing and the feedback we are hearing from families that have been able to return in person has been positive. We know that across several grades, there are many families that would like the opportunity to return as well and are hopeful that the lessons being learned in Term 3 will help Principal Bryant and his staff continue to expand access in a safe way.

You'll hear more from her later, but Katie Wussow our new VP of Membership and Fundraising is developing a spring fundraising campaign. As you'll recall, given the uncertainty this year, we budgeted for Fall teacher stipends, but delayed committing to providing them in the spring because there was - and still is - so much we don't know about the fundraising landscape and wanted to be conservative. The good news is that we are tracking close to our budgeted target, but need to exceed it in order to provide full stipends for teachers this year.

Our advocacy team will be leading the charge in the next few months to re-engage DCPS to ensure that the trailer that was budgeted for is delivered in time for next year. In addition they will be working to resolve all outstanding tickets such as broken windows for example. In addition, the team will also be working to mobilize our community as details emerge for how the new Foxhall Elementary and purchase of the former GDS Lower School campus on MacArthur Blvd. impact our communities, vis-a-vs boundaries and programmatic decisions. Our team remains highly engaged in conversations with the Ward 3 EdNet group and starting tomorrow, a community working group led by DCPS. We will continue to update you all as we learn more -- stay tuned.

As we highlighted at our last meeting, it's critical that we identify volunteers for key positions on the Board in the coming months so we can hold elections and have a smooth transition period. We have worked over the past year and a half, alongside other officer and committee chairs, to create a knowledge base for how we do the work to make it easier for new volunteers to take over. Good news is that a majority of the Board as well as Committee Chairs have expressed an interest in returning next year even though their terms are up. We still need to fill some key roles - including co-Presidents - so please reach out

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to either of us individually or by emailing us a [president@stoddert.org](mailto:president@stoddert.org) if you are interested in learning more about Board opportunities that will be available next year.

One of the things we like to do during these meetings is to appreciate the work so many parent volunteers do to make all of this work -- whether it be our Advocacy Team hopping on late-night calls to discuss our trailer, broken windows and ward 3 overcrowding to Maiada for leading our Online Book Fair -- Laurena for handling Room Parent communication and transitions, John for continuously making sure our community is updated, informed and empowered. But for today, we want to thank our teachers and staff. We recognize the efforts that you all have put in this year -- but more so, these past few weeks, getting the building ready for in-person learning, getting classrooms to look "normal" for our kids, getting virtual dashboards working for new students, being creative and thoughtful as we all entered Term 3 -- making what we have felt this transition as positive as can be. Know your parent community thanks you every day.

We have a lot to cover again this month as we gear up for things like our budget season which Lauren will talk to, our spring fundraising efforts, which Katie will discuss, yearbooks! -- thanks to Jenny's perseverance and optimism -- and of course hear from our teachers and staff, and finally Principal Bryant and AP Villegas for continued updates on school reopening matters.

We'll first hand things off to Kate to review our budget.

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**Budget update:**

The current balance in the PTO bank accounts is ~\$178,000, including more than \$45,000 in SY2020-21 dues collected to date. Thanks to our wonderful community for your generous support of the Stoddert PTO!

**Budget status as of 02/06/2021 (QuickBooks actuals):**

- **Expenses:** \$57,361.52
- **Income:** \$65,413.06

**Cash balances as of 02/06/2021:**

- **Wells Fargo checking:** \$88,256.30
- **Wells Fargo savings:** \$88,412.70
- **PayPal account:** \$1,038.87
- **Total:** \$177,707.87

**Dues:**

- As of 02/06/2021, we've recorded ~\$45,000 in dues income (**97% of target**)
- ~116 of ~340 families participating [**\*\* Gupi to update**]

**Anticipated income (February 2021):**

- Proceeds from Arcuri pizza night hosted January 2021
- Proceeds from Bookfair

**Anticipated expenses (February 2021):**

- Fall stipend checks to be cashed (\$1,500 remaining)
- Garden coordinator stipend payments to date (~\$16,700; already recorded in QuickBooks)