

PTSO Meeting
September 28, 2021

Attendance: Michelle Wetlaufer, Melissa Monokroussos, Molly Owen Kiritsy, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Katharina Elbert, Tammy Tsikar, Allison Lopez, Gillian Isabelle, Terry Ginsburg, Lisa DePalma

- I. Finance Review: We have budgeted to earn \$65,000 in membership dues. Our goal is to spend about \$61,000. We have collected about \$46,000 so far in dues. Our current balance is about 77K. A discussion ensued about how to get more families to donate to the PTSO.

- II. Grounds Beautification: \$500 budget for beautification. A group of parents work to plant, clean and maintain planters/garden beds around South. The group is thinking of ideas to improve the courtyard (perhaps a pollinator garden). Discussion ensued about ways to raise money to improve the courtyard (“adopt a pot”, buy a plant, etc). The group would also like to increase the amount they are budgeted in PTSO’s budget for 2022-23 to \$1000.

- III. Grants Committee: \$7500 budgeted in PTSO’s budget. The committee gives grants to teachers/staff. There are typically three to four grant deadlines throughout the year. There are guidelines for grant requests.

- IV. Boosters: Newton South Booster’s Club has a larger board and is expanding their organization. They are looking to fundraise a substantial amount of money to develop some sort of grant program to help teams. They are trying to create excitement about sporting events at South. They will be doing events the week of October 15-23. On the 23rd, the Booster Club is planning an event to celebrate the field lights. They have a new website, and have taken over concessions at events.

- V. School Council Members and Possible Vote: 7 spots available, and 12 people have volunteered. Michelle will do some more research about the protocol for selecting the members.

- VI. Other Business: Melissa discussed FORJ’s role in school and the need for more members.

Next Meeting: October 18