

Newton South High School  
PTSO Board Meeting  
June 8, 2021

Attendance: May Chiu, Melissa Monokroussos, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Helen Haley, Milena Braga-Basaria, Allison Lopez

Welcome to Milena (co-president of the Oak Hill PTO):she will be involved in our PTSO next year.

May is waiting to confirm with new co-presidents

Approval of April Meetings: Motion: May Second: Melissa. Approved

PTSO sponsored "2021 Senior Celebration": we covered costs of rentals/decorations and managed logistics. Southfest happened on June 3 instead of after the senior celebration and we covered games and food. About 200 Seniors came. We used the Southfest budget for the May 18th event, June 3 Southfest and the June 6 Senior Celebration "alternative to Prom" event. There was good turnout from the Senior class. Over 350 Seniors attended the June 6 event.

Fiscal report: We started off the year with fundraising \$36,000 from families. We normally budget about 14K for Southfest, and we budgeted 10K this year. We did a direct ask fundraiser for Southfest/spring events. We raised \$9200. We increased spending for faculty appreciation. We will end the fiscal year at a loss of about \$4,000.

Budget for next year: Hoping that next year is a more typical year in regards to parent support (goal: \$67,000). At the beginning of the year, our main fundraising ask is dues/contribution during the Fall during the directory confirmation process. We typically only do one ask per year in the Fall with our Dues Campaign, unless there is a specific need. Discussion ensued about programs/line items in the budget. Motion to approve 2021-22 PTSO budget: Helen Second: May. Motion approved.

METCO scholarships: METCO is looking for a scholarship donation. In the past, we have given \$300-\$500. We will donate \$500 to general METCO scholarship. In addition, there is a shortfall of \$6,700 for METCO Summer camp scholarship and driver's education scholarships. Motion to donate \$2,000 to METCO summer camp and CS driving school by Wayne. Second by Melissa. Approved.