

Approved. Adopted at the October 13, 2026 general session (14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining).

Location	Zoom
Time	Called to order at 7:00 PM, adjourned at about 8:00 PM
Presiding	Mike Wu, President
Recorded by	Veronica G, Secretary
Attendance	About 61 participants. Quorum (5 members, per Article XI, Section 5) was met.

1. Welcome and Board Introductions

Mike Wu welcomed attendees to the first general session of the 2026–27 school year and noted this is his second year as president and third year on the board. Board members introduced:

Mike Wu	President; also serving as Website Manager
Elena	Treasurer (first year)
Veronica G	Fundraising Chair and Secretary (dual role; the prior secretary relocated out of the district)
Wendy	Events Chair (new; the position had been vacant for several years)
Sirena	Membership and Newsletter Chair
Dani Woo	Dine-Out Chair
Iris, Lena, Zeville	Cluster and County Delegates

2. Principal's Message: Dr. Joey Jones

Dr. Jones introduced the administrative team: himself as principal; Lavina Carrillo as principal intern and 6th grade administrator, also covering 8th grade (M–Z); and Khara Cannon Chike as 7th grade administrator and 8th grade administrator (A–L). Ms. Freedenberg continues with the administrative team as staff development teacher following the elimination of the assistant school administrator position.

Priorities for 2026–27

- 1 High academic achievement through high-expertise teaching, including equitable and culturally responsive practices
- 2 Student and staff wellbeing
- 3 A positive and safe culture and climate

Instructional focus: All students will be prompted to think effortfully in order to meet or exceed grade-level standards, aligned with the MCPS district focus.

Programs and plans discussed: Frost Mentors and the Lifter Program; the MCPS KickUp instructional feedback tool; departmental partnerships with outside organizations; an East Coast–West Coast school partnership; making the student-led Frostbite News live; responsible AI use for students; and the Hoops in Harvard/MIT field trip, scheduled for April 2027.

Dr. Jones thanked Mr. Wu for the donation of 3D printers, which will be used in an after-school program this year. A video on the school theme “Soaring Together” was shown; the audio did not come through due to a Zoom screen-share setting.

Enrollment reported: about 335 sixth graders, 310 seventh graders, and 315 eighth graders, roughly 940 students total.

3. Budget Presentation and Vote

Mike Wu presented the proposed 2026–27 budget. Key points:

- Program expenses total \$23,006 and operating and administrative expenses total \$2,130, for total expenses of \$25,136.
- The PTSA typically spends about 80% of its budget. Last year \$22,665 was requested and about \$15,300 was spent.
- The largest variables are after-school clubs and transportation. About \$5,500 is set aside for additional club sponsors and materials, which may or may not be needed. The activity bus was estimated at \$3,200 last year but came in at \$4,626; the budget reflects the higher figure.
- Funds for the 8th grade dance and 8th grade promotion are included this year.
- Projected income totals \$14,646, including \$7,123 in membership income at the 250-family goal (net of per-capita dues), \$4,500 in donations, and event income.
- Membership is the main source of revenue. 155 families joined last year and 104 have joined so far this year, against a goal of 250 and a stretch goal of 300. Frost has 860 families.
- At the 250-family goal and typical spending, the PTSA would draw about \$1,100 from savings.
- The budget covers expenses that fall between school years, such as the August staff luncheon and the activity bus, so they are approved in advance rather than falling outside any budget year.

Questions and discussion: Members asked about the book fair, dine-out locations, and a grade-level membership competition (see Section 4).

Motion: To approve the 2026–2027 budget as presented.

Vote (Zoom poll): 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

Motion carried.

4. Membership, Fundraising, and Event Discussion

Grade-level membership competition

A member suggested a membership competition by grade, noting the enthusiasm generated by last year's canned food drive. Mike Wu agreed to explore securing a sponsor for a grade-level prize such as a pizza or ice cream party.

Membership raffle

A raffle is underway with about ten donated prizes, including Pokémon card products, Nee Dohs, gift baskets, and gift cards. The drawing is scheduled for September 30, with one entry per household. Families who don't wish to join may still enter by emailing the PTSA board. Prizes will be arranged for pickup at the school.

Dine-out nights

A member asked that dine-out events be held closer to the school, such as the Travilla or Falls Grove shopping centers. Dani Woo asked that any group at Frost planning a dine-out share dates in advance so events don't overlap. Dr. Jones agreed to send out dates from other school organizations as he receives them. Mike Wu maintains a shared calendar of events from other schools in the cluster and will keep reaching out monthly for updates.

Book fair

Members raised concerns about a shrinking and sometimes age-inappropriate selection. Scholastic pre-selects inventory, and the school has no control over titles or quantities. Last year's fair was also affected by a school closure that prevented reordering before other schools depleted shared stock. The book fair netted about \$1,500 last year. Mike Wu will follow up with the Scholastic representative closer to the event and look into alternative vendors. Dani Woo suggested explaining last year's circumstances to the representative when asking for better quantities and selection.

Communications

Mike Wu reviewed the PTSA's channels: the newsletter and email, the Facebook group, and the grade-level WhatsApp groups. Members may ask to be removed from any list.

5. Upcoming Events

September 17	Back to School Night. The PTSA will be there at the start of the evening with refreshments and in-person membership signup.
September 25	Principal Parent Brunch, 9:00–10:30 AM
TBA	Dine-out nights

6. Action Items

Item	Owner
Finalize and post the approved budget as a PDF	Mike Wu
Provide monthly budget updates at general session meetings	Mike Wu
Export and review meeting chat comments; follow up with attendees	Mike Wu
Send out membership raffle details (drawing September 30)	Mike Wu
Explore a grade-level membership competition and secure a sponsor prize	Mike Wu
Follow up with the Scholastic representative on book fair selection and quantities	Mike Wu
Look into alternative book fair vendors	Mike Wu
Coordinate with Dani Woo on dine-out scheduling, prioritizing nearby restaurants	Mike Wu
Contact other schools monthly for dine-out dates and update the shared calendar	Mike Wu
Send dates of other school organizations' dine-out events as received	Dr. Jones

Veronica G, Secretary

Date

October 13, 2026

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