

Metro PTO Meeting

March 9, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 6:34
- Angel W. reviewed meeting norms.

Approval of [PTO Minutes Feb. 2023](#)

- Motion to approve minutes made by Angel., seconded by Tricia.
- Motion passes.

Chairperson Reports

- First Friday Breakfast
 - March 3—sophomores provided breakfast, it was appreciated and there was plenty to go around.
 - April 7—freshmen responsible for breakfast
 - May 5—all classes responsible for breakfast
- Trivia Night (Linda S.)
 - We've sold about half the tables, doing well on sponsorships.
 - We've secured wine for the evening, wine pull bottles donated, beer donated.
 - Georgiana Grant will coordinate volunteers, sign up will probably come out next week.
 - We will also have regular FB posts about the event
 - Rebecca D.: You might want to look in the PTO closet for decoration supplies for Trivia Night.
- Recognition Reception (Patty G.)
 - No news to report.
 - She will follow up about choosing a date, likely a night in April.
- By-laws (Angel)
 - Angel: There are a few more changes that need to be made to the by-laws. As a result on the new changes, we will now discuss the by-laws in April and vote on them in May.
 - Change: Underneath parliamentary job description, a line has been added about recruiting PTO officers.
 - Possible change: Still deciding whether or not the principal and teacher representative should have a vote on motions. She will talk to Dr. T about how she suggests we approach this.
 - Change: In regards to officer nominations, language is changed to state nominations will occur at the April PTO meeting (rather than late in April)
 - Change: Language has been added to allow the executive board to vote on teacher grant requests in between regularly scheduled meetings. In the event that voting on teacher grants needs to occur outside of the regular meeting, the vote can be held electronically (via email), but the rest of the PTO needs to be informed at the next meeting about how money was allocated and what the grant was for.
 - By laws state that the needs to post nomination openings in Metro's front office; Angel made the point that this is fine but the secretary and principal need to be made aware of this so they can answer questions if a parent asks about it.

- PTO Board Nominations (Angel)
 - The chair, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian are all term-limited out this year, so there are a lot of positions to fill.
 - PTO officers will be nominated at the April meeting.
 - Please let Angel know if you know of any parents that might be interested in serving on the board.
- Diversity Committee (Angel)
 - The PTO Diversity committee coordinated with the BSU on Black History Month events.
 - Daily announcements were sent out via Membership Toolkit highlighting outstanding Black Americans, and these same announcements were highlighted for the students over the PA at school.

Principal's Report (Dr. T via Zoom)

- Mr. Ruben Medina Perez joined Metro on Monday to fill Mr. Yentumi's position. He is a certified math teacher.
- Spring dance was successful: it was mostly 9th and 10th graders, some 11th graders. It was beautifully decorated by the juniors.
- Snow White theater performance: Metro drama club (student led) held two matinees on Tuesday and today for SLPS elementary schools. It's a great production. They have two evening performances tomorrow and Friday night. It begins at 6:30.
- Tonight students will find out via email if they will be inducted into NJHS.
- The Betty Wheeler celebration is this weekend, Dr. T will give a tour of the Metro building to alums.
- Currently we are finalizing course requests. 9th graders will coming at the end of March to an Open House
- Juniors will take the ACT on April 4.
- Two weeks ago, Dr. T met with Dr. Smith Jr. and Dr. Mitchell. One topic of discussion was bringing back the exit plan for students who are failing and not committed to following the academic plan outlined by the counseling team. There are some students who have Fs in every content area as well as electives and it will be difficult for them to recover the credit. The has put in place many safety nets and interventions such as after-school tutoring and the Metro Learning Academy (Saturday School 9a-12 noon). Students who want to stay at Metro will commit to utilizing the safety nets and adhering to the academic plans or they will have to exit Metro for another school in SLPS. This policy is one of the original policies –however there are now academic safety nets to provide students with support. The Metro Family Handbook will be updated to reflect this requirement.
- There will also be an incoming 9th grade summer academy for math and English. Math is a weakness at Metro; our scores are not as high as they should be. Incoming 9th graders who attend would get a math and English elective credit. English summer academy would focus on AP writing skills.
- Graduation time was switched to 7:30, they are still waiting on the practice time. They are also still waiting to find out when the last day is for seniors.
- Metro will be outfitted with new furniture in the classrooms, library, and cafeteria before next school year.
- AP African American history will be added as a curricular option after the pilot next year.

- If students choose to go full IB, they will be allowed to take an elective in the summer using Edmentum so they can have study halls in their schedule. This will give them the time they need to devote to their IB classes.
- Rebecca D.: Did any of the sophomores get nominated for Missouri Scholar's Academy? In the past, Metro sent the most students in the state. Dr. T will follow up and look into it. She is sending a follow up email.
- Linda: Are parent-teacher conferences different next week? Dr. T: Yes, there will be no sign ups, parents can just come; first come, first serve.
- Dr. T almost has a finalized list of 9th graders, parents of 9th graders will pick up a yard sign when they come to their welcome night on March 28. Any students who don't go will get theirs delivered by students in need of community service hours.

Treasurer's Report (Tiffany A.)

- Please see the report pasted at the bottom of these minutes.
- Tiffany: There are lots of pending checks, so our balance will go down next month
- Tiffany read off the teacher grants that were approved by the executive board:
 - \$300 computer cables for Mr. Koric
 - \$800 for a titration chemistry lab
 - \$800 for Ms. Seiler to cover the student registration fees for Students on the Go race.
 - \$160 for gym equipment for Coach Armstrong
- Ms. Jones might have a grant request for an anatomy lab; Dr. T. will ask her about it.
- Discussion occurred about Spiritwear. Dr. T. is having Sportsprint create an online store for spiritwear.

Class Updates

- Seniors
 - On February 16, parent reps organized a "100 day left" senior breakfast, they had donut holes, juice, balloon bouquets. Students seemed to really enjoy it.
 - The senior lock in is May 19, there will be lots of entertainment, types of food, raffle. A group of parents will divide up the remaining tasks.
- Juniors
 - None
- Sophomores
 - Parent reps provided staff breakfast this month
- Freshman
 - Will provide staff breakfast next month.
- Student Council
 - Sonali said the student council is organizing care baskets for CVPA, would love parent support again.
 - She also thanked parents for help with the dance.
 - At the May PTO meeting the new student council representatives will attend.

New Business

- Dave Custis: He had lunch with Naomi Collier of the Metro High School Alumni Network, they want to thank the PTO for their time and attention.

- Information from Naomi C. about the Metro High School Alumni Network:
 - Over the last several months they've been working to establish themselves as a non-profit, connect with the district and plan the 50th Anniversary/Betty Wheeler Legacy Weekend as a commemorative opportunity to engage more alumni support. This has garnered over 100 people including alum, contributing to the success of the network's legal establishment and upcoming events.
 - 2023-24 Goals Include: Opening SLPS Foundation Account, 2 Summer Alumni Engagements, 30 Confirmed Volunteers for 23-24 school year, Appointed/Elected Board and Committees for Alumni Network, 501c3 Tax Exemption, \$20-\$50k raising for the gymnasium, athletic department and student activities
 - Betty Wheeler Legacy Weekend: 70+ confirmed attendees and just over \$5k raised for the event; fliers & website, Metro Mix Dance Team also recently confirmed performance. They'd love to see 100 attendees. Friday is the last day to get tickets including cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Also Gayle Wheeler-Williams, Betty's only child, is very pleased with the efforts so far and is thrilled for the upcoming Legacy Weekend.
- Dave C. has written up the bylaws for the booster club. Based on the recommendation of the group, it will be a stand alone organization outside of the PTO; this will allow for good coordination with the alumni association. They will be setting up an account within the SLPS Foundation.
- Dr. T: IB art exhibition will be at the Betty Wheeler event.
- Angel informed us of upcoming district events:
 - 2023–2024 SLPS Budget Forum at 11:00am–12:00pm in person or YouTube <https://share.peachjar.com/flyers/2436671/schools/201989>
 - SLPS Board of Education Candidate Forum at 6:30pmCT via Zoom <http://bit.ly/3EwJHF2>, Webinar ID: 837 6914 2658, Phone: 646-558-8656, Passcode: 355232
- Juanita H. updated us on plans for teacher appreciation week.
 - Teacher appreciation is May 1-5,
 - Monday: there will be a breakfast and charcuterie boards
 - Tuesday: popcorn bar with soft drinks and water
 - Wednesday: lunch with drinks
 - Thursday: individual gifts for teachers
 - Friday—bomb pop truck
- Patty G. said they are planning a Beautification Day at the beginning of May. They'd like to mulch the hill, but will need more money. Probably need 8 yards of mulch. Lisa K. made a motion to move \$700 in budget to beautification (\$500 from the Metro Reads category and \$200 from the homecoming category), motion seconded, motion passes.

Upcoming Dates/Announcements

- Parent/Teacher Conferences after school Thursday, March 16
- NO SCHOOL March 17
- SPRING BREAK March 20-24

- PTO Meeting April 12
- Senior Prom April 15
- Trivia Night April 22
- PTO Meeting May 10
- Senior Graduation May 21
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL May 25

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Addendum: Treasurer's Report

METRO PTO TREASURER'S REPORT													
February 2023													
	2022-23 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD REMAINING	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
INCOME													
Carryover	\$ 12,115.65	\$ -	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 4,247.64	\$ 4,015.47	\$ 3,802.99	\$ 4,992.39	\$ 28,799.55	\$ 28,764.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trivia Night	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,881.27	\$ 10,118.73						1.64	4879.63			
Annual Fund Drive	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 26,218.91	\$ (6,218.91)				\$ 1,594.47	\$ 24,624.44					
Spirit Wear Store	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 409.00	\$ 1,591.00					\$ 211.00		198			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 49,115.65	\$ 31,509.18	\$ 17,606.47	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 4,247.64	\$ 4,015.47	\$ 5,397.46	\$ 29,827.83	\$ 28,801.19	\$ 33,842.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSES													
SPONSORED EVENTS													
Freshman Welcome	\$ 500.00	\$ 451.70	\$ 48.30	\$ 451.70									
Cookie Break - Open House	\$ 250.00	\$ 52.33	\$ 197.67	\$ 52.33									
Book Fair	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00										
Homecoming	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00										
Trivia Night	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 2,025.00										
Spring Fling	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 926.18	\$ 73.82							\$ 475.00			
Senior Class Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 7,125.00					\$ 600.00		\$ 775.00			
Junior Class Event	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 650.00										
Field Day	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00										
Spirit Wear	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00										
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION													
First Friday Breakfast	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,058.79	\$ 941.21	\$ -	\$ 227.17	\$ 207.48	\$ 208.83	\$ 158.39		\$ 256.92			
Teacher Meals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00										
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 853.39	\$ 1,146.61	\$ 509.00				\$ 264.89		\$ 79.50			
Gifts (Retirement, Bereavement, etc.)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00										
Recognition Reception	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00										
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00										
CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT													
Teaching Materials - Metro Grant	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,207.93	\$ 6,792.07							\$ 1,207.93			
Metro Reads	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00										
Health and Wellness	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00										
Naviance Software (payment 2 of 3)	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 6,849.98	\$ 0.02	\$ 6,849.98									
PTO EXPENSES													
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 66.75	\$ 33.25	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 36.75	\$ 5.00			
Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00										
Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00										
Fund Drive Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00										
Beautification	\$ 500.00	\$ 212.50	\$ 287.50				\$ 191.24	\$ 21.26					
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,550.00	\$ 13,529.55	\$ 32,020.45	\$ 7,868.01	\$ 232.17	\$ 212.48	\$ 405.07	\$ 1,049.54	\$ 36.75	\$ 3,725.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ 17,979.63		\$ 4,247.64	\$ 4,015.47	\$ 3,802.99	\$ 4,992.39	\$ 28,778.29	\$ 28,764.44	\$ 30,116.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE SUMMARY													
3/1/23													
Commerce Bank													
Checking Account Balance	\$ 22,262.89												
Pending Checks	\$ (3,522.53)												
SLPS Foundation													
880 Metro Balance	\$ 46,033.61												
Pending Deposits													
Notes:													
\$3720.53 in checks pending for payment													
\$198 in checks pending deposit													