

**Metro PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2025**

- **The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.**
- **Introductions by those in attendance.**
- **Approval of December 2024 PTO Meeting Minutes; Motion by Minyon, second by Ami – minutes approved.**

**Reports**

- **Principal's Report (Mr. Cooper in Dr. T's absence)**
  - Need to get a copy of the December meeting minutes to Mr. Cooper for upload to the PTO webpage.
  - Music students were in Study Hall temporarily due to the new hire deciding to return to his former school AESM. Music students will be assigned to in person Music Appreciation classes taught by Ms. Naudia Langston and Ms. Camille Davis to fulfill their Fine Arts credit—classes started 1/21/25.
  - Make sure that updates for Dr. T's newsletter by the end of the day Thursday for inclusion in her Sunday newsletter.
  - Missouri Scholar program updates: With current process, Metro gets two allocations. Dr. T has been seeking other allocations from SLPS high schools so to date we have six allocations. We are waiting to hear back from Vashon for their four allocations. Talking to Desiree Speed—(Missouri Scholars Program) to discuss reallocation of the slots given to SLPS for next year. See attached one page flyer for information on the Missouri Scholar selection process. The deadline for the application is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. T's goal is to notify students that they have been selected to participate by Friday (January 17, 2025).
  - Senior ads are due for the yearbook by Friday, February 28, 2025. See senior parent email for more information.
  - The delegation and individual delegate fees have been paid by Metro for the Model UN conference (\$1220). The trip to Chicago will be February 6-9. Twelve students are attending the conference. The group will travel by Amtrak and will be staying at the Hyatt Regency. Amtrak fees and accommodations are paid by the student. The district will cover the chaperone's room – Mr. P. There is a PTO grant request to be discussed later in the meeting to help with food and miscellaneous expenses.
  - Questions were asked about Freshman class open house and student applications for 2025-2026 school year. We have accepted 105 students with the expectation that some will drop off leaving us with 90-100 students in the freshman class.
- **President Report (Lisa)**
  - First Friday breakfast will be on Friday, January 17 due to holiday and snow week.
  - Discussed reservation of the Tower Grove Pavillion for the Freshman Welcome picnic. Jennifer Thomas volunteered to coordinate the use of her pass for the event. August 18, 2025, will be the first day of school.

- **Treasurer (Jennifer)**
  - See attached budget.
    - Company matching donation came in since last meeting. \$23,000 net for fund drive.
    - Expenses since last meeting – Senior Activity-Urban Air, December first Friday, club sponsor gift cards and Tom’s coffee from distress day. \$700 will be reimbursed to PTO from Student Council funds.
- **Student Council – No representation.**
  - **Email from President, Camryn Robinson that there is no update due to this being the first week back from break.**
  - **Lisa will ask them to help PTO with teacher appreciation week.**

### Committees

- **Book Fair**
  - An email was sent to the chair to see how the event went.
- **Diversity (Minyon)**
  - Share the celebrations and events for December. Discussed what is coming in January and February. See attachment.
- **Trivia Night (Linda)**
  - Flyer is ready to go for social media push.
  - Letters for sponsorship and donations is in process.
  - Need chairs and co-chairs for the event. The biggest ask is someone to help with GalaBid and Bucket of Booze. Lisa will work with Linda to secure help.
  - Date is Saturday, April 26, 2025, 7-10 pm.
  - Venue is Epiphany School (6576 Smiley, St. Louis, MO 63139).
  - Questions – email Linda Schasch at [lasch02@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lasch02@sbcglobal.net).
- **Parent Class Reps**
  - Senior –
    - Ami will provide food for January first Friday.
    - Senior activity at Urban Air was a success! The students had a great time together before the break. The students that attended will receive a free pass to return to Urban Air due to the time being cut short accidentally. Students will be called to the office to get their pass.
    - We are working to secure the contract from the YMCA and entertainment vendor. A survey will be sent to the senior class next week to help us with planning. The lock in will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Carondelet YMCA.
    - A surprise event for seniors is being planned. We will share the outcome at the next meeting.
  - Junior – Preparing for February first Friday.
  - Sophomore – No updates.
  - Freshman – No updates.

## Old Business

- **Bylaw Changes – Motion by Minyon, second by Ami - Passed**
  - Reviewed and voted on the proposed PTO bylaw amendments:
    - Article V, Section D, #1, dollar amount allowed in reserves \$5,000 minimum, maximum of \$20,000.
    - Article V, Section I, #5, update of committees. It was decided to proceed with the removal of the career, communications, and hospitality committees. Also add the book fair committee. Lisa will reach out to the ADs to get input on recognition committee to have it take over by booster soon.
- **Booster Club**
  - Bud's Pizza fundraiser event, January 29, 2025. Flyer to be distributed soon.

## New Business

- **Teacher Grant Request**
  - Up to \$1,300.00 to Mr. P for Model UN Conference. It will be used for dinners, snacks, and other necessary expenses for the trip. We will get an accounting of how the grant funds are used.

## 7:33 PM Meeting Adjourned

### Mark Your Calendars:

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL – January 20
- Booster club fundraiser at Bud's Pizza – January 29
- BSU Annual Family Night – January 31
- Professional Development NO SCHOOL – February 14
- President's Day NO SCHOOL – February 17
- Quarter three ends, Recordkeeping Day NO SCHOOL – March 7

### Need to reach us?

Email: [metrohighpto@gmail.com](mailto:metrohighpto@gmail.com), Facebook: [Metro H.S. Parents Group](#)

## Happy New Year

- **Recap from last month - December**
  - Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
    - December 8<sup>th</sup> (can vary)
  - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Catholic/Christian)
    - December 12, 2024
  - Yule (Pagan/Wiccan)
    - December 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 based upon the winter solstice
  - Hanukkah (Jewish)
    - Sundown December 25, 2024 – sundown January 2, 2025
  - Christmas (Christian)
    - December 25, 2024
  - Advent (Christian)
    - Four Sundays before Christmas
  - Kwanzaa (African American)
    - December 26, 2024 – January 1, 2025
- **January**
  - Korean American Day
    - January 13, 2025
    - Honoring the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the U.S. in 1903, Korean American Day recognizes the contributions of Korean Americans to American society and celebrates Korean heritage and culture.
  - Lunar New Year
    - January 29, 2025
    - The Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the lunar calendar and is celebrated across East and Southeast Asia. Families gather for festive meals, traditions, and cultural activities, welcoming the Year of the Snake with hopes of prosperity and good fortune.
- **February 1 – 28: Black History Month**
  - Coordinating efforts with Black Student Union, Co-Chairs – Aubrey and Romeo.
  - The Diversity Committee would like to collaborate and support them as needed.



## Missouri Scholars Academy Standardized Test, IQ, and GPA Point Assignment

**Total Test Score maximum points: 30**

Standardized or IQ Test maximum points: 15

GPA maximum points: 15

*MSA will take whichever is higher between the IQ and Standardized Test score, but at least one of these scores is required for nomination.*

Points	SAT/ PSAT Total Score	ACT/ Pre-ACT Composite Score	ASPIRE 2019 Composite Score	ASPIRE 2018 Composite Score
15	1500+	34+	449+	442+
12	1360-1490	30-33	444- 448	438-441
9	1260-1350	27-29	441-443	434-437
6	1130-1250	23-26	437-440	430-433
3	<1120	<22	<436	<429

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
WISC-V GAI															
WAIS-IV	117	119	121	123	125	127	128	131	133	135	137	139	141	143	145+
STANDFORD-BINET V	118	120	122	124	126	128	129	132	134	136	138	140	142	144	

*Note: MSA will also accept WISC-IV and WAIS III*

Points	3	6	8	10	12	13	14	15
GPA	3.0-3.25	3.26-3.50	3.51-3.69	3.70-3.79	3.80-3.85	3.86-3.91	3.92-3.96	3.97-4.0

**Total: /30**

Metro PTO 2024-2025	Starting Balance		\$ 48,555.53
INCOME	Fundraising Goal (100%)	Funds Raised Over Budget	YTD Totals
Fund Drive (less transaction fees)	\$ 24,000.00		\$ 22,103.36
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2025	\$ 19,000.00		\$ (965.00) [1]
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 43,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (21,861.64)</b>	<b>\$ 21,138.36</b>
EXPENSES	Budget*	Remaining	YTD Totals
<b><u>SPONSORED EVENTS</u></b>			
Family Activities	\$ 500.00	\$ 80.94	\$ 419.06 [2]
Student Activities	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Dances (Homecoming/Spring Fling)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00 [3]
Senior Class Expenses (Class of '25)	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 7,767.48	\$ 832.52 [4]
<b><u>TEACHER &amp; STAFF APPRECIATION</u></b>			
First Friday Breakfast (9 total)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,373.40	\$ 1,226.60 [5]
Lunches/Dinners/Welcome Baskets	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,447.35	\$ 1,552.65 [6]
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,552.88	\$ 147.12 [7]
<b><u>CLASSROOM &amp; SCHOOL SUPPORT</u></b>			
Classroom/Teacher Support/Grants	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,358.09	\$ 4,641.91 [8]
School Support/Grants	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,800.00 [9]
Booster Club Grant (Sports)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
<b><u>PTO EXPENSES</u></b>			
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 489.55	\$ 10.45 [10]
Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Fund Drive/Book Fair Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Beautification	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 46,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,419.69</b>	<b>\$ 12,130.31</b>
<b>Approved Using Prior Years' Funds</b>			
	Approved	Remaining	Spent
Booster Club Grant (May 2024 Vote)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,996.50	\$ (2,003.50) [11]
Keyboards (10) - Music Class	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 200.20	\$ (4,299.80) [12]
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
<b>NET CHANGE (July 2024 - June 2025):</b>			<b>\$ 2,704.75</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 51,260.28</b>
<b>Balance Summary 1/14/2025</b>			
Commerce Bank Balance	\$ 51,388.54		
<b><u>Pending Items:</u></b>			
check deposit	\$ 100.00		
check 1096	\$ (200.00)		
check 1106	\$ (28.26)		
<b>Total Balance Available</b>	<b>\$ 51,260.28</b>		

Expenses since last meeting:

[4] Dec - Urban Air 12/19 event balance due - \$384

[5] Dec - juice @ Aldi + coffee @ Costco - \$28.26  
Dec - catering from Chris' Pancake House - \$425.16

[7] Dec - Nacho bar supplies - \$147.12

[8] Dec - Eleven \$200 gift cards for club sponsors - \$2,190.77

[9] Dec - Tom's Traveling Coffee Truck for destress day \$1,800 (StuCo to reimburse \$700)