

**Metro PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2025**

- **The meeting was held virtually and called to order at 6:35 pm.**
- **Approval of January 2025 PTO Meeting Minutes.**

**Reports**

- **Principal's Report (Dr. T)**

- Thanks for Casey's breakfast pizzas for the February First Friday breakfast. The staff enjoyed it.
- Shout out to Metro families! We are at 100% completion for 2025-2026 pre-registration.
- The contract for Zum was presented for transportation for the next school year at the district meeting. This vendor would be ready to handle the district transportation needs.
- The music teacher position is open, and Dr. T is actively recruiting for the role.
- Ms. Dulse is resigning at the end of this school year, so we also need to fill that opening. One potential candidate has been identified, currently a student teacher at Collegiate.
- Prom will be a Junior/Senior prom. We will be able to open attendance to forty juniors. Updates will be provided if this changes. Guest forms have been distributed.
- The district is moving to cashless transactions only. All purchases must be made through the Home Town App. More information on the impact of this decision will be provided as soon as possible.
- Reminder that mandatory after-school tutoring and Metro Learning Academy for students with an F letter grade is not punitive. Parents, please partner with us to support our students to get them the help they need for academic success.
- Reminder that students should not park on the lot across from the school. It is a private parking lot. Additionally, cars have been vandalized in recent weeks. Please remind students that they should not keep valuables in their cars, especially in plain sight.
- Senior families will receive an email about diplomas at graduation. Diplomas will not be given out at graduation because testing will not be completed before the date of graduation. Look for more information by email soon.

- **President Report (Lisa)**

- Thanks to the junior parent reps for the first Friday breakfast.
- Bylaw changes have been updated. The revised bylaws are posted on the PTO webpage.
- The Turkish Pavillion for the upcoming Freshman Family picnic has been booked for August 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jennifer Thomas for booking.
- A tentative date has been set for our spring Beautification Day. Saturday, March 29, 2025. More details to come from Tony Buchannan.

- School counselor week was the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>. PTO provided gifts to Metro Counselors as a special thanks for what they do for our students.
- School board elections are coming up. We will look to start conversations on the Metro PTO page to prepare for the elections.
- **Treasurer (Jennifer)**
  - See attached budget.
    - Since the last meeting, the expenses paid have been the January first Friday, the YMCA lock-in deposit, 100 last day of school for seniors, and model UN.
    - This is the time of the year that most senior expenses will be paid out.

## Committees

- **Book Fair**
  - A statement of funds raised for the library has been requested.
- **Booster Club**
  - Bud's Pizza fundraiser event, January 29, 2025, raised \$250.
  - A question was asked about booster having its own card reader through the booster account for concession and other sales. Dr. T will investigate us.
  - The current board members want to complete the bylaws and club budget. Dr. T will help with getting a response on the financial piece, so we are moving forward. A goal is to hold a meeting in the coming weeks; new parents must be recruited to lead the organization. Current board members will be ineligible to serve after the 24-25 school year. Bylaws state roles can be held for a maximum of two years.
- **Diversity (Angel)**
  - We distribute daily facts via membership toolkit for African American contributions to history. We try not to repeat facts from previous years, with Betty Wheeler being the exception as the founder of Metro High School.
  - Tuesday, February 25, via Zoom from 6:30-8:00 pm is the Alumni Q&A session. Five alumni have been confirmed to be a part of the panel. There is a push for student involvement. This event is for you! Students can earn community service hours by helping to facilitate the event.
  - March is Women's History Month, and daily facts will continue to recognize women in history.
  - February 28 is BSU student performance.
- **Trivia Night (Linda)**
  - Flyers are ready, and the committee is preparing to publish links to purchase tables for the event. Linda wants to make sure there is clarity around the fees collected on the GalaBid site.
  - Letters for sponsorship and donations are in process.
  - Working to update the PTO tab for the 2025 trivia event.
  - In the process of creating how-to videos for future use.
  - The 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**
  - Seniors
    - 100-Day Celebration Recap (January 29th). The event went well and was a great surprise for the students. They enjoyed the special recognition and treats. Special thanks to Taggert and Colleen Long for helping set up and making cotton candy! Ami popped popcorn and brought in balloons, and I provided candy treat bags and assorted chips. I also made a generic sign in Metro colors that future classes can use. It is stored in the closet in the teacher's lounge.
    - Senior Lock-In (May 16-17) planning is progressing well; the YMCA has been reserved with a \$200 deposit paid. The Certificate of insurance was received from the district office (Dr. Berry) and sent to Laura at the YMCA.
      - Confirmed Activities & Vendors:
        - Circus Kaput: Caricature Artist, Fortune Teller, Giant Obstacle Course (Selected instead of the mechanical bull due to budget and liability concerns. Feedback from Patti indicated that students lost interest in the bull quickly last year, so that was also a factor.)
        - Other Vendors: Rani Henna STL, DJ Tycoon Photo Booth, Chris Cakes – On-site breakfast at YMCA.
      - Additional Activities Under Consideration:
        - Yearbook signing table
        - Nerf War (Open play in the gym)
        - Movie/Karaoke Room
        - "Letter to Future Self" Station
      - Grant Applications: To cushion our budget, we have applied for Insomnia Cookies, Costco, and Target community grants. If awarded, the grants will cover snacks and raffle gifts.
      - The Lock-In planning committee will meet on February 27, 2025.
  - Juniors – Questions about preparing for Senior year. PTO Drive will be updated with notes that can be shared.
  - Sophomores – Gathering donations for the sophomore basket on trivia night – Camping. Preparing for March First Friday.
  - Freshmans – Gathering donations for freshman basket for trivia night – Cinco De Mayo. Amelia will talk to Lisa to prepare for the freshman picnic.
- **Student Council – Not present.**

#### **Old Business**

- **Ideas for PTO budget surplus**
  - Portable AV system and projector – Jennifer Thomas and Linda Schasch will work with Lisa for quotes.

#### **New Business**

- **Teacher Grant Request**

- Anatomy and Physiology field trip to SLU cadaver lab. \$1,000.00 grant request to cover the cost.
- **Board Nominations for 25-26**
  - Preparing for board nominations for next year
  - Need an entirely new board. All officers have served maximum time. New officers are slated for April, and voting will be done in May.
  - Committee chairs are also needed for PTO-led committees.

### **7:53 PM Meeting Adjourned**

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

- Quarter three ends, Recordkeeping Day NO SCHOOL – March 7
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – March 10-13
- NO SCHOOL – March 14
- Spring Break – March 17-21
- Tentative Spring Beautification – March 29
- Progress Reports – April 11
- Last Day of Classes for Seniors – May 9 (MUST return for AP and IB testing)
- Last Day of School – May 22

#### **Need to reach us?**

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Metro PTO 2024-2025	Starting Balance		\$ 48,555.53
<b>INCOME</b>	Fundraising Goal (100%)	Funds Raised Over Budget	YTD Totals
Fund Drive (less transaction fees)	\$ 24,000.00		\$ 22,198.36
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2025	\$ 19,000.00		\$ (965.00) [1]
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 43,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (21,766.64)</b>	<b>\$ 21,233.36</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	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	\$ 7,412.52	\$ 1,187.48 [4]
<b><u>TEACHER &amp; STAFF APPRECIATION</u></b>			
First Friday Breakfast (9 total)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,981.60	\$ 1,618.40 [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	\$ 2,040.34	\$ 5,959.66 [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>\$ 32,355.18</b>	<b>\$ 14,194.82</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]
		\$ -	
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<b>NET CHANGE (July 2024 - June 2025):</b>			<b>\$ 735.24</b>
		<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 49,290.77</b>

[4] Jan - Deposit for YMCA Lock-in - \$200  
Feb - 100 Last Days Supplies/Food - \$154.96

[5] Jan - Kolaches/Costco supplies - \$391.80

[8] Jan - Model UN gift cards (meals/travel expenses) - \$1,317.75