

Metro PTO Meeting Minutes **April 10, 2024**

Welcome and introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm
- Introductions by those in attendance
- Reminder of meeting norms

There was no PTO meeting in March due to a time conflict with Parent Teacher Conferences. A PTO update was sent via Membership tool kit in lieu of our meeting.

Reports

- **Principal's Report (Dr. T)**
 - Ms. Davis resigned as building learning associate. She will come back to assist with testing.
 - Ms. Reef has been reassigned to another school. Mr. Franklin, recent Webster graduate, is with students through the end of the year.
 - Mrs. Burton is retiring, but will still be around. She will work the summer academy for Metro Freshman.
 - Mrs. Kukay is retiring; interviews have begun for her replacement. Official announcement of her replacement is pending.
 - Metro summer academy for incoming freshman will be 4-6 weeks for all incoming 9th grade students with a focus on Mathematics, English, and writing. Students will be able to receive credit.
 - Metro is looking for an upper level math teacher.
 - Courses for 24-25
 - Freshman will take Honors English.
 - African American Literature will no longer be offered. AP English Literature is replacing it.
 - AP Chemistry will be offered.
 - AP African American Studies
 - AP Probability & Stats
 - 25-26 will offer AP Visual Arts.
 - Each senior will get 8 tickets for graduation.
 - 4.0 club for all students district wide, weighted and unweighted.
 - Prom 4/13/24. Senior luncheon 5/3/24.
 - The assistant principal for Metro will be Joseph Cooper, currently an instructional coach at Vashon.
 - Activity fees and the process of collecting them, if it continues will change. More information will be shared once available.
 - A meeting will be scheduled between PTO, Booster Club, Dr. T, and Coach T regarding the allocation of funds. We are not a Title 1 school which impact funds we receive.
 - Senior fees are also under review for 24-25. Currently \$235, ~\$78 shortfall per student for 23-24.
 - Attendance—must contact the school at 314-534-3894 to report absences for it to reflect verified—we will be enforcing the attendance policy for of 90% to participate school activities and athletics.
 - Metro Learning Academy on Saturdays should not be viewed as punitive. It should be viewed as academic supports that we are providing so that

students can achieve success. With the success of the program at Metro, it is a district wide service.

- Please consider attending the Parent Voices session with the Superintendent at Metro on 4/18/24. If you cannot attend the session at Metro, other dates, times, and locations are below. You can register to attend [here](#).
 - May 2, 2024, at the CVPA-Collegiate campus (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)
 - May 7, 2024, at Clyde C. Miller High School (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)
- **President (Lisa)**
 - Attended freshman family night to welcome the new families, it was well attended.
 - Would like to look into *SchoolLinks as a way to track student service hours.
- **Treasurer (Jennifer)**
 - See attached budget
 - Expenses
 - Teacher appreciation dinner
 - 2-First Friday Breakfast
 - Spring fling dance
 - Teacher grant
 - Senior class expenses
 - Continued discussion about surplus funds. Will request suggestions from staff.
- **Committee heads**
 - **Diversity - (Angel)**
 - Metro Alumni Q&A Sessions, 2/27 and 3/7 via Zoom
 - February - Black History Month Spirit Week
 - Monday, 2/26 – HBCU Gear
 - Tuesday, 2/27 – Career Dress of an African-American Person & Metro Alumni Q&A Session via Zoom (video recording will be sent soon)
 - Wednesday, 2/28 – Wear Representation of Africa
 - Thursday, 2/29 – Sneakerhead Day
 - March - Women’s’ History Month
 - Metro Alumni Q&A Session, 3/7 via Zoom (video recording will be sent soon)
 - April - Arab American and Jewish American Heritage Month
 - May - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
 - **Beautification - (Patti)**
 - Mini day on April 6
 - Prepped planter
 - Proposed new date and time but there are conflicts with Dr. T so planting will take place April 20 as originally scheduled (weather permitting)
 - **Spring Recognition Night - (Patti)**
 - Patti will announce date soon
 - Waiting on response from Coach T to order coaches gifts
- **Class Reps**

- Senior – Working on trivia basket. Money is coming in. Entertainment is booked. Working on signup genius for food. Planning breakfast a Chris's at the Docket.
- Junior – Working on trivia basket.
- Sophomore – Working on trivia basket.
- Freshman – First Friday breakfast went well.
- Student Council – No one present.
- We will revisit bringing back the signup genius for First Friday breakfast. Each class will have a sign up to bring in breakfast items.

Old News

- **Trivia - (Linda)**
 - Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Event is sold out!
 - Still looking for sponsors.
 - Need volunteers for setup Friday, 6-9, working event on Saturday and clean up on Saturday, volunteers needed started at 5 Saturday.
 - Need parent and student volunteers for Saturday. 1 parent per raffle overseeing 2 students.
 - Signup genius for volunteers will be sent out soon. Will be shared on Facebook and sent through Membership Toolkit.
 - Class baskets for trivia night are in need of items to be filled. Signup geniuses will be redistributed.
- **Booster Club - (Sayten)**
 - Raised about \$3,800 so far. Please put out the word for donations.
 - Discussing the possibility of pay to play for sports activities. \$20 per student/per sport.
 - Looking to do matching gifts next year.
 - Looking for lawyer to review some documents.
 - South City Sporting Goods spring spirit store will be open for a week.
 - Covered boys tennis membership
 - Track uniforms and girls soccer
 - Covered baseball batting cage.
- **Other**
 - Finalizing events for teacher appreciation week (May 6th). Will do something every day. Working on thank you card for families to send messages to teachers. Possibly do a food truck and gift card for each teacher. Will send a link for volunteer sign ups.
 - **Grant Request**
 - Will work with Student Council to see what they need for field day. They can use health and wellness budget line item.
 - Assistant soccer coaches' grant \$500 honorarium.
 - We will be voting for PTO offices at our May meeting. Please reach out to a current officer if you are interested in running for one of the offices.

7:58 Adjourn

Mark Your Calendars:

1. SENIOR PROM - April 13
2. TRIVIA NIGHT - April 27
3. SENIOR LUNCHEON - May 3

4. SENIOR LOCK IN - May 20
5. GRADUATION - May 18
6. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - May 23

*SchoolLinks will be our new comprehensive college, career, and life readiness platform. It will be used district wide and was approved at the SLPS Board Meeting on 4/9/24. Naviance will be discontinued at the end of this year.

Need to reach us?

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

Metro PTO 2023-2024	Starting Balance		\$54,410.57
INCOME	Fundraising Goal (100%)	Funds Raised Over Budget	YTD Totals
Fund Drive (less transaction fees)	\$ 24,000.00		\$23,982.07
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2024	\$ 19,000.00		\$ 5,689.37
Total Income	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (15,328.56)	\$29,671.44
EXPENSES	Budget*	Remaining	YTD Totals
<u>SPONSORED EVENTS</u>			
Freshman Welcome	\$ 500.00	\$ 221.32	\$ 278.68
Cookie Break-Open House	\$ 250.00	\$ 159.42	\$ 90.58
Book Fair	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Homecoming	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Spring Fling	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
2023 Senior Class Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
Student Activities	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ -
Field Day	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
<u>TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION</u>			
Welcome Baskets & Lunch	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 339.52	\$ 660.48
First Friday Breakfast	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 773.57	\$ 2,826.43
Teacher Meals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,147.18	\$ 852.82
Recognition Reception	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,341.10	\$ 158.90
<u>CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Teaching Materials-Metro Grant	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,944.93	\$ 5,055.07
Health and Wellness	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,536.86	\$ 963.14
Navigate Software	\$ 6,850.00	\$ (178.08)	\$ 7,028.08
<u>PTO EXPENSES</u>			
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ (402.86)	\$ 902.86
Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 450.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 550.00
Fund Drive Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Beautification	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,202.01	\$ 1,797.99
Total Expenses	\$ 49,050.00	\$ 23,134.97	\$25,915.03
<u>Approved Using Prior Years' Funds</u>			
	Approved	Remaining	Spent
STL City Field Deposit (refundable)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Senior Sunrise 2023 Food	\$ 100.00	\$ 3.75	\$ (96.25)
April 2023 Trivia - expenses	\$ -	\$ (209.47)	\$ (209.47)
April 2023 Trivia - matching donation	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
Picnic Tables (5)	\$ 6,684.69	\$ -	\$ (6,684.69)
Replacement checks (May 2023)	\$ 640.48	\$ -	\$ (640.48)
NET CHANGE (July 2023-June 2024):			\$ (1,974.48)
	Ending Balance:		\$52,436.09
<u>Balance Summary</u>			
	4/4/2024		
Commerce Bank Balance	\$ 53,928.32		
<u>Pending Items:</u>			
check #1044	\$ (118.47)		
check #1046	\$ (500.00)		
check #1047	\$ (499.50)		
check #1048	\$ (117.96)		
check #1049	\$ (275.00)		
check #1050	\$ (300.00)		
paypal deposit	\$ 125.00		
stripe deposit	\$ 193.70		
Total Balance Available	\$ 52,436.09		

Parent and Family VOICES

Superintendent Dr. Keisha Scarlett invites you to attend a **Listen and Learn** session. We will engage in conversations and get your feedback on a variety of topics impacting our District and our children.

Please decide your preferred location from the list below and go to [SLPS.org/VoiceRSVP](https://slps.org/VoiceRSVP) to RSVP. Please note these events are for SLPS families only. **Refreshments and childcare provided.**

— DOOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE EVENT —

You can go *anywhere* from here!

RSVP
HERE



TUESDAY
APRIL 16, 2024
Roosevelt HS

THURSDAY
APRIL 18, 2024
Metro HS

THURSDAY
MAY 2, 2024
CVPA + CSMB

TUESDAY
MAY 7, 2024
Clyde C. Miller HS