

Metro PTO Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Welcome and approval of [PTO Meeting Minutes April 2024](#)

Motion to approve made by Tricia, seconded by Ami. Minutes approved

Reports

• **Principal's Report (Dr. T)**

- Final exams the week of May 20th. Dismissal will be at 10:15 am. Students must leave on time, NO AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES. 1st and 2nd periods on Monday, 5th and 6th periods on Tuesday, 3rd and 4th periods on Wednesday, 7th and 8th periods on Thursday, no school on Friday, May 24th.
- The district updated the number of graduation ticket to 8 per student. There will be a live stream of the graduation.
- Mr. Drew Gillum will be joining as a full time algebra teacher at Metro next year. Mr. P and Mr. Colonius will be the higher level math teachers.
- Mr. Franklin will be the new music teacher next year.
- The district has sent emails to families impacted by the bus inconsistencies for 1062 and 2028, offering gas cards. For next year, transportation discussion, considering a mix of cab, different types of transportation companies, and gas cards. More details to come.
- Credit advancement available for students in good academic standing, virtual classes-personal finance for 10th grade must enroll if course has not been taken yet. Course is also available for students completing 9th grade.
- Four students will be at the state track meet. There will be an alternate modified graduation at Metro in the auditorium Tuesday, May 21st at noon.
- Courses for 24-25
 - Freshman Honors English.
 - Freshman Honors American Government.
 - AP English Literature.
 - AP Chemistry will be offered.
 - AP African American Studies.
 - AP Probability & Stats.
- Metro is number one in Missouri again this year, and awarded a gold star. We will learn of blue ribbon status in September.
- Joseph Cooper will be the new assistant principal. Starts July 1.
- Tyler SIS will be replaced for the 24-25 school year. More details to come.
- 55 incoming Metro students have enrolled in the Freshman Academy this summer. Starts June 3.
- Projected 92 incoming freshman.
- From last principal meeting, every SLPS middle and high school, must have moving forward, Speech and Debate, Student Council, and NHS.
- There will be discussions about transportation for afterschool activities over the summer.

• **President (Lisa)**

- Thanks to Linda for a very successful Trivia Night.
- Shout out to Minyon for her assistance and support for Teacher Appreciation Week.

- Events: Monday –Coffee bar and donuts; Tuesday –Ice cream truck; Wednesday –Popcorn bar; Thursday –Catered lunch; Friday –Gift cards, Metro bag, virtual cards. Next year partner with student council to prepare virtual cards.
- **Treasurer (Jennifer)**
 - See attached budget
 - Expenses
 - Trivia made ~20k
 - Expenses to date for the year right around 40k. Some additional expenses pending.
 - Ending balance for the year ~52k
 - Teacher grant
 - Senior class expenses
 - Continued discussion about surplus funds. Will request suggestions from staff.
- **Committee heads**
 - **Diversity – (Angel)**
 - May - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
 - Activities at St. Louis city and county libraries.
 - **Spring Recognition Night – (Lisa for Patti)**
 - Jackets looked great, thanks to Metro family business, (Coleman) Print Heaven.
 - Discussed possibility of bringing back a banquet.
 - Booster club will consider taking over the coordination of this event beginning 24-25 school year. **Will need a new chair for this committee.**
 - **Beautification – (Lisa for Patti)**
 - April 20th planting was a success.
 - **Will need a new chair for this committee.**
- **Class Reps**
 - Senior – 85 students have registered to attend! Thanks to parents for signing up to chaperone. Food is being finalized. Planning breakfast a Chris’s at the Docket.
 - Junior – No updates.
 - Sophomore – No updates.
 - Freshman – No updates.
 - Student Council – No one present.

Old News

- **Trivia – (Linda)**
 - Did better than last year. Higher on auction items, lower on sponsorships.
 - Event ran smoother than last year due to restructuring.
 - **Will need more support in planning for next year.** Great opportunity for underclass parent to learn the ropes.
 - Consider larger venue.
 - Will look to secure date and book a venue earlier (April 5, 2025?).

- **Booster Club – (Sayten)**
 - Spring store sponsored by South City Sporting Goods was open for one week. Small profit.
 - Plan for next store to launch early August focus will be fall sports.
 - Booster fund drive will start in January 2025.
 - No update on 501c3. Still looking for a lawyer to review documents.
 - Carolyn suggested Thompson Colburn, The do pro bono review.
 - Ideas for fundraising: roller skating, bowling, corn hole, mouse races, outdoor carnival.
- **Grant Request**
 - Ms. Allen requested AP Language books for next year \$400. Motion by Ami, second by Trish, grant approved.
 - Booster club grant of \$7k. The award for this year will come from the prior year balance. Beginning in 24-25, for transparency, funds will be awarded from a line item as needed until exhausted. Will be recurring until Booster club is well established. Motion by Jennifer, second by Ami, grant approved.
 - Authorizing board to have discretionary budget for up to \$15k for summer use. Motion by Sayten, second by Carolyn. There will be a summer blast on a Facebook page to announce when discretionary funds are used. There will be full review of funds spent over the summer at the first PTO meeting of the year.

Voting on PTO board for 24-25

President – Lisa Granich-Kovarik
 Vice-President – Angel Were
 Treasurer – Jennifer Anania

Parliamentarian – Minyon Foluke
 Secretary – Christina Robinson

7:58 Adjourn

Mark Your Calendars:

1. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - May 23
2. FRESHMAN SUMMER ACADEMY - Starts June 3
3. BACK TO SCHOOL PEP RALLY - August 12
4. INCOMING FRESHMAN PICNIC - August 17
5. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - August 19

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Metro PTO 2023-2024	Starting Balance		\$54,410.97
INCOME	Fundraising Goal (100%)	Funds Raised Over Budget	YTD Totals
Fund Drive (less transaction fees)	\$ 24,000.00		\$24,279.65
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2024	\$ 19,000.00		\$16,951.25
Total Income	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (3,769.10)	\$41,230.90
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	\$ 3,683.44	\$ 4,836.56
Student Activities	\$ 850.00	\$ 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	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 524.52	\$ 3,075.48
Teacher Meals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,147.18	\$ 852.82
Recognition Reception	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 832.08	\$ 3,167.94
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 656.98	\$ 2,843.02
<u>CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Teaching Materials-Metro Grant	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,028.14	\$ 5,973.86
Health and Wellness	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,536.86	\$ 963.14
Naviance 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	\$ 216.61	\$ 2,783.39
Total Expenses	\$ 49,050.00	\$ 12,043.11	\$37,006.89
Approved Using Prior Years' Funds			
	Approved	Remaining	Spent
STL City Field Deposit (refundable)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Senior Sunrises 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):			\$ (1,506.88)
	Ending Balance:		\$52,903.69

Balance Summary	5/7/2024
Commerce Bank Balance	\$ 52,486.79
<u>Pending Items:</u>	
check #1065	\$ (1,000.00)
check #1066	\$ (1,188.18)
check #1067	\$ (385.02)
check #1068	\$ (115.90)
trivia cash (need to deposit)	\$ 3,106.00
Total Balance Available	\$ 52,903.69