

Metro PTO Meeting Minutes October 9, 2024

- Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.
- Introductions by board members in attendance.
- Welcome and review of meeting norms.
- Approval of [September 2024 PTO Meeting Minutes](#).

Reports

- **Principal's Report (Presented by Angel in Dr. T's absence)**
 - Thank you for the 1st Friday Breakfast—the teachers/staff loved the breakfast pizzas from Casey's.
 - Metro was named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School—Mr. Perniciaro and I will represent Metro in D.C. at the National Blue Ribbon Ceremony.
 - **Thursday, October 10, 2024** - Metro Open House for interested 8th grade students, 6pm -7:30pm
 - **Friday, October 11, 2024** - NO SCHOOL
 - Quarter 1 Grades—will finalized **Friday, 10/11/24**
 - **Monday, October 14, 2024** Blood Drive-- 9:00am-1:00pm
 - Thank you so much to PTO for the purchase of the keyboards. However, Mr. Gnahore –“Mr. Franklin” decided to resign for personal reasons. All students in music classes have been moved to virtual learning. We are working closely with HR to find a new music teacher.
 - **Tuesday, October 15, 2024** - Mr. Young will hold ACT for seniors and PSAT and PACT for underclassmen (7:30am-11:30am)
 - We are still looking to fill the vacancy for an Asst. Girls Basketball coach
 - **Thursday, October 17, 2024** - Parent/Teacher Conferences is scheduled for from 2:30pm-9:00pm—no need to register for a time.
 - **Saturday, October 19, 2024** - Homecoming, 7:00pm-10:00pm (Theme- Great Gatsby) tickets \$15—on sale now during school.
 - Homecoming email was sent to all families for donations and chaperones
 - **Friday, November 15, 2024** - Picture Date is scheduled for Seniors
 - Attire—black drape with necklace/pearls and suit jacket with tie/bow tie. Students will wear one or the other based on their preference.
 - **Friday, May 9, 2025** is the last day for seniors. **Graduation has not been announced yet.**
- **President Report (Presented by Angel in Lisa's absence)**
 - Huge congratulations to the administration, staff, and students at Metro for earning National Blue Ribbon recognition. We take our school's excellence for granted sometimes, and we shouldn't. This is the result of hard work and dedication.
 - Big thanks to Minyon Foluke as a junior class representative for providing October's First Friday breakfast for the snack. Not many people would be willing to drive to Illinois to pick up breakfast pizzas at the crack of dawn, but Minyon goes above and beyond.

- Sophomore class parent representatives are in charge for First Friday breakfast for next month (November).
 - The PTO will be providing staff with dinner and dessert on the night parent-teacher conferences. We're ordering Qdoba Catering and will bring a variety of desserts and snacks from Costco.
 - This is a great example of the kind of thing we can do because of our community's generosity during the fund drive. We can afford to support our teachers with food on these long nights.
- **Treasurer (Jennifer)**
 - See attached budget
 - Expenses since last meeting - September and October First Friday Breakfast reimbursements.
 - Purchased 10 keyboards needed for the piano class.
 - Fund drive update – to date \$8,200 toward goal of \$24,000. Our fund drive ends on November 1st.
 - 2 matching donations met.
 - Estimated 6-7% participation in fund drive so far.
 - Coach Armstrong sent in a letter and cards from students to thank the PTO for their support. We will share some in the next membership toolkit email.

Committees

- **Diversity (Angel)**
 - September 15 - October 15: Hispanics/ Latinx Heritage Month
 - October 1 - 31: LGBTQIA Month
 - November 1 - 30: Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month
 - We will work with Dr. T. to post events going on around town through the newsletter in addition to Membership Toolkit.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please be on the lookout for the PTO calendar of events for 2024-2025. These will be posted on the Metro PTO website next week.

- **Beautification (Tony Buchanan)**
 - No report at this time.
- **Trivia Night (Linda Sachs, Presented by Jennifer)**
 - Date is Saturday, April 26, 2025.
 - Venue is Epiphany School (6576 Smiley, St. Louis, MO 63139).
 - We have reserved the gym and bowling alley next door for the night.
- **Book Fair (Ellen Kunkelmann, Presented by Christina)**
 - In partnership with Left Bank Books in the Central West End.
 - Will send out communication early November to request help with shifts for in-person portion of the book fair. In person dates are December 6-8, 2024.
 - Working with Librarian Ms. McCarthy for teacher wish list that will be posted on line for shopping in advance of the in-person book fair.
 - Metro gets a percentage of sales as credit for future book purchases. This helps to build the books we offer to students in our library.

- **Student Council (Sapthaka - Secretary, Yuri - Senior Class Rep, Gia - Treasurer)**
 - Homecoming updates:
 - Ticket sales started today, October 9, \$15 per person.
 - Boy's soccer game will be the homecoming game vs. Gateway Science Charter on Friday, October 18, at Gateway STEM on McRee. Theme is Neon Out.
 - Student will decorate for the dance Thursday after school and early Saturday.
 - Spirit Week:
 - Thursday, 10/10: Bikers vs. Surfers
 - Monday, 10/14: Teacher-Student Swap
 - Tuesday, 10/15: Twin Tuesday
 - Wednesday, 10/16: USA Day
 - Thursday, 10/17: Pep Rally. Students will wear colors assigned by class:
 - Seniors – Pink
 - Juniors – Blue
 - Sophomores – Purple
 - Freshmen – Red
 - Discussing with Dr. T the possibility of holding a 'Powder Puff Game' as a school wide distress activity before Thanksgiving break.
- **Parent Class Reps**
 - Senior – No updates, waiting on date of graduation so we can begin planning for the lock in.
 - Junior – No updates.
 - Sophomore – No one present. First Friday breakfast for the month of November.
 - Freshman – No updates. First Friday breakfast for the month of December. Questions were asked and answered regarding some logistics on the breakfast.

Old News

- **Booster Club (Christina)**
 - We met on September 18th and have a meeting coming up in October. Tentative date October 17. Please watch the Metro Facebook page and your email for the announcement.
 - The Metrowear store will be updated with items for winter sports by the end of October. Hard good (ex. mugs, decals, etc) should also be listed on the store soon.

New Business

- Fundraising opportunity to be passed on to Booster Club, Bud's Pizza or Gold Hoosier will reach out. We will connect them with Booster Club.

7:23 PM Meeting Adjourned

Mark Your Calendars:

- Q1 ends/Recordkeeping day, NO SCHOOL – October 11
- Blood Drive – October 14
- ACT (seniors only), PSAT, and PACT – October 15
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 17
- NO SCHOOL, Homecoming Game, Boys Soccer – October 18
- Homecoming – October 19
- NO SCHOOL, Election Day – November 5
- PTO Meeting – November 13
- NO SCHOOL, Veteran’s Day – November 11
- Progress Reports and Senior Picture Day – November 15
- THANKSGIVING BREAK – November 25-29

Need to reach us?

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

Metro PTO 2024-2025	Starting Balance		\$48,555.53				
INCOME	Fundraising Goal (100%)	Funds Raised Over Budget	YTD Totals	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fund Drive (less transaction fees)	\$ 24,000.00		\$ 4,244.12	\$ 200.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 2,256.89	\$ 1,567.23
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2025	\$ 19,000.00		\$ -				
Total Income	\$ 43,000.00	\$ (38,755.88)	\$ 4,244.12	\$ 200.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 2,256.89	\$ 1,567.23
EXPENSES	Budget*	Remaining	YTD Totals	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
SPONSORED EVENTS							
Family Activities	\$ 500.00	\$ 180.94	\$ 319.06			\$ 319.06 [1]	
Student Activities	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00					
Dances (Homecoming/Spring Fling)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -				
Senior Class Expenses (Class of '25)	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,508.47	\$ 91.53		\$ 91.53 [2]		
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION							
First Friday Breakfast (9 total)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,050.87	\$ 549.13			\$ 204.15 [3]	\$ 344.98 [4]
Lunches/Dinners/Welcome Baskets	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,133.32	\$ 866.68		\$ 816.68 [5]	\$ 50.00 [6]	
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -				
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ -				
CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT							
Classroom/Teacher Support/Grants	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,649.74	\$ 1,350.26			\$ 1,350.26 [7]	
School Support/Grants	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Booster Club Grant (Sports)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -				
PTO EXPENSES							
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 489.55	\$ 10.45		\$ 10.45 [8]		
Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -				
Fund Drive/Book Fair Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -				
Beautification	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -				
Total Expenses	\$ 46,550.00	\$ 43,382.89	\$ 3,187.11	\$ -	\$ 918.66	\$ 1,923.47	\$ 344.98
Approved Using Prior Years' Funds							
Booster Club Grant (May 2024 Vote)	Approved \$ 7,000.00	Remaining \$ 4,996.50	Spent \$ (2,003.50)	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Keyboards (10) - Music Class	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 200.20	\$ (4,299.80)	Approved at the 9/11/2024 PTO meeting.			
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NET CHANGE (July 2024 - June 2025):			\$ (5,246.29)				
Ending Balance:			\$43,309.24				

- [1] Ice - \$22.51 - freshman picnic snacks, drinks, napkins - \$193.52 - freshman picnic tablecloths - \$34.52 - freshman picnic cookies & water - \$68.51 - open house cookie break
- [2] senior sunrise donuts - \$91.53
- [3] Kolache Factory + Juice + fruit tray - \$204.15
- [4] Casey's breakfast pizza & Bread oo coffee - \$225.45 Costco (juice, fruit, yogurt, lemon load) & Dollar Tree (tablecloth, napkins, plates, forks) - \$119.53
- [5] welcome back gift baskets - \$816.68
- [6] extra gift cards for welcome baskets - \$50
- [7] Selgrist - \$68.65 (pointer + dell pen) Dulcey - \$176.17 (IB books, surge protector, bookends) Wilson - \$608.54 (French AP books) Armstrong - \$496.90 (scoreboards, cones, hockey set/sticks, badminton set)
- [8] annual report filing (MO) - \$10.45 (due again 8/31/2025 - eligible for 2 year filing next year)
- [9] Fall 2023 XC Bus - \$1,243.50 Girls' Fall 2024 Tennis Memberships - \$760
- [10] 10 Keyboards & Headphones (prior music teacher took all working keyboards with her)

Fund Drive as of 10/7/2024:
\$7,825 (includes pledged amounts)
 Approximately 33% of \$24k Goal
 Ends 11/1/2024
 Only about 6% of the Metro community has participated.
metrohighschool.membershiptoolkit.com/funddrive