

Metro PTO Meeting Minutes November 13, 2024

- Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.
- Introductions by those in attendance.
- Welcome and review of meeting norms.
- Approval of [October 2024](#) PTO Meeting Minutes.

Reports

- **Student Council (Julee – Student Council Exec. Board (senior), Amyris – Student Council Member (senior))**
 - Powder Puff Game (Flag football). Flyer attached.
 - Seniors and Sophomores vs. Juniors and Freshman
 - All proceeds will be donated to Mission STL Affordable Christmas
 - November 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm @ Gateway STEM
 - Admission is \$5.00, concessions will be available.
 - Finals Week
 - Would like to provide small treats to the student body during the week. Some will be funded from Student Council budget. They will let PTO know what assistance is needed after they meet next week.
 - Tom’s Coffee Truck
 - Pharaoh’s Donuts
 - Pajama Day
 - Senior activity during finals week. Voted to go to a trampoline park. Senior parent reps are working out the details for pricing and date.
- **Principal’s Report (Dr. T)**
 - There have been some challenges with the finals schedule and other calendar changes. The district has pushed back on half days for high school this year. Dr. T and other high school principals are working toward a resolution. The spring ACT date has also been moved up and principals continue to work on a resolution for this as well. Updates will be provided as soon as possible.
 - Thanks for First Friday Breakfast. Home cooked by Kari.
 - **Friday, November 15, 2024** – All school picture day for the yearbook.
 - Seniors will have a different photographer present, attire—black drape with necklace/pearls and suit jacket with tie/bow tie. Students will wear one or the other based on their preference. Parents asked for the link to Lifetouch to purchase pictures.
 - **Saturday, November 16, 2024** – Boy’s Soccer Quarter Finals game. Check the weekly newsletter for more information. Tickets are \$10. Game starts at 1:00 pm at Gateway STEM. State game, November 22, 2024, will be at Lindenwood due to flooding at the original planned location.
 - **Tuesday, November 19, 2024** – Metro’s day of service. All students must participate. There will be various volunteer opportunities available.
 - Dr. T is working with district finance office to complete the forms necessary for the Powder Puff Fundraiser.

- **No school the week of Thanksgiving, November 25-29, 2024.**
 - **April 12, 2025** - Junior/Senior Prom – Barnett on Washington, 7-10 pm.
 - **Friday, May 9, 2025** is the last day for seniors. Senior luncheon is also on this date at The Christy. Time is 12:00 pm.
 - **Seniors will need to come back to school to test. IB and AP assessments will happen after their last day.**
 - **Thursday, May 15, 2025 TENTATIVE** Senior Graduation at Harris Stowe University, 6:00 pm
 - School administration received a call from management at the Schnucks on Lindell. There have been reports of students stealing from the store. Dr. T and Mr. Cooper will be meeting with the store management in the coming days to review tapes.
- **President Report (Lisa)**
 - Huge congratulations to the administration, staff, and students at Metro for earning National Blue Ribbon recognition. Dr. T, Mr. P, and Dr. Borishade went to DC to represent Metro. There are photos in the newsletter of Metro Alum that were also able to attend.
 - Thanks to the fund drive chairs (Jodi, Jennifer, and Christina) for their hard work on the fund drive.
 - Thanks to the sophomore class parents for the excellent job on First Friday Breakfast.
 - Freshmen are up for the month of December.
 - Lisa and Laurie are looking to do a small teacher appreciation the second week of December.
 - Also looking for ways to best spend funds raised during the year.
 - Looking ahead to next year we will be making updates to the bylaws so they are in a good place in preparing for the new PTO board.
 - **Treasurer (Jennifer)**
 - See attached budget
 - Expenses since last meeting – Homecoming decorations, November first Friday, deposit for trivia night, teacher dinner for conferences and beach body membership for PE.
 - Fund drive update – donations to date \$21,875, recurring donations could potentially bring additional \$1, 260 which would bring the total for the year to \$23,136. After transaction fees the total will be \$22,530 which is \$1,465 short of goal.
 - More donors this year over last year. 91 last year 103 unique donors this year.

Committees

- **Diversity (Angel)**
 - November 1 - 30: Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month
 - St. Louis Science Center and Faust Park has events in recognition of these individuals.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Angel - [PTO calendar of events](#) for 2024-2025 is posted on the PTO webpage under events. The document is evergreen and will be updated as things change.

Parent employee of St. Louis Art Museum can get passes to the current exhibition - Narrative Wisdom and African Art. She will get the tickets to Dr. T for her to decide the best way to distribute. Black Rep has commissioned a play based on this exhibition. 11/22 (per determined schools) and 11/24 (free to public, first come first serve).

- **Beautification (Tony Buchanan)**
 - No report at this time.
- **Trivia Night (Jamie, Linda-assistant)**
 - PTO will provide assistance to help as with soliciting help.
 - 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.
 - We will have to bring in equipment (screens, sound system).
- **Book Fair (Ellen)**
 - In person dates are December 6-8, 2024 at Left Bank Books.
 - Students can sign up for service hours in the school library.
 - Working to get in touch with the events coordinator at Left Bank Books to finalize the online fair dates.
 - Melissa VonRohr will be working with students to create flyers for school to advertise the fair.
- **Parent Class Reps**
 - Senior – Working to finalize Trampoline Park for the senior activity. With graduation date in, Ami will reach out to the Carondelet YMCA to get options for the lock in.
 - Junior – No updates.
 - Sophomore – No updates.
 - Freshman – No updates.

Old News

- **Booster Club (Satyen)**
 - Working on new budget for 2025-2026 and fundraising for winter season sports.
 - 501c3 is final.
 - Winter gear is up on the Metrowear store <https://metro-high-school.spiritsale.com>
 - Working with Bud's Pizza and Beer for fundraiser event.
 - Will likely be presenting a grant request to PTO for winter sports needs. Updates to come.
 - Satyen will put together verbiage for Dr. T's newsletter and a push through membership toolkit.

New Business

- **Bylaw Changes**
 - Discussed proposed PTO bylaw amendments to Article V, Section D, #12 and Article V, Section I, #5. Proposed changes will be voted on in January to allow for additional changes to the bylaws if found necessary.

- **Transportation Concerns**
 - Discussion around transportation and how to opt back in for transportation. Dr. T suggested to have impacted families to contact the school office for help if needed. Additional questions about transportation for after school activities as well. More discussion around carpooling if the needs cannot be met by the district.

- **Teacher Grant Request**
 - \$100 entrance fee for math competition.
 - \$850 to purchase gift cards for teachers that are assisting IB diploma students. Each teacher would get \$50 gift card.

7:50 PM Meeting Adjourned

Mark Your Calendars:

- Student Council Sponsored Fundraiser – November 22
- THANKSGIVING BREAK – November 25-29
- End of Q2 (semester 1) – December 20
- Winter Break – December 23-January 2
- Record Keeping, NO SCHOOL – January 3
- School Resumes – January 6
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL – January 20
- Professional Development NO SCHOOL – February 14
- President’s Day NO SCHOOL – February 17

Need to reach us?

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**NOVEMBER 22 @ 4 PM
GATEWAY STEM HS FIELD**



FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

**SENIORS &
SOPHOMORES**

VS

**JUNIORS &
FRESHMEN**

**\$5 Admission &
concessions for sale!**

**FUNDRAISER PROFITS GO TO MISSION
STL 'AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS'!**

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		\$ 21,321.38
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2025	\$ 19,000.00		\$ (965.00) [1]
Total Income	\$ 43,000.00	\$ (22,643.62)	\$ 20,356.38
EXPENSES	Budget*	Remaining	YTD Totals
<u>SPONSORED EVENTS</u>			
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	\$ 8,508.47	\$ 91.53 [4]
<u>TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION</u>			
First Friday Breakfast (9 total)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,826.82	\$ 773.18 [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	\$ 3,700.00	\$ -
<u>CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Classroom/Teacher Support/Grants	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,470.74	\$ 1,529.26 [7]
School Support/Grants	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Booster Club Grant (Sports)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
<u>PTO EXPENSES</u>			
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 489.55	\$ 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	\$ 40,673.87	\$ 5,876.13
<u>Approved Using Prior Years' Funds</u>			
	Approved	Remaining	Spent
Booster Club Grant (May 2024 Vote)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,996.50	\$ (2,003.50) [9]
Keyboards (10) - Music Class	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 200.20	\$ (4,299.80) [10]
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
NET CHANGE (July 2024 - June 2025):			\$ 8,176.95
Ending Balance:			\$ 56,732.48
Balance Summary	11/12/2024		
Commerce Bank Balance	\$ 58,856.53		
<u>Pending Items:</u>			
paypal transfer	\$ 100.00		
check 1095	\$ (300.00)		
check 1096	\$ (200.00)		
check 1100	\$ (1,500.00)		
check 1101	\$ (84.63)		
check 1102	\$ (139.42)		
Total Balance Available	\$ 56,732.48		