

Metro PTO Meeting September 13, 2023

Welcome, introductions, and meeting norms

- Meeting was called to order at 6:30
- Thanks for being here; we want to honor your time by beginning on time.
- Introductions by those in attendance

Word about time: Our goal is to run an efficient and effective meeting, so sometimes that means we'll need to stop the discussion of a particular topic and move on to the next item on the agenda without getting closure. That's okay and to be expected. It just means that we'll need to revisit that or follow up after the meeting. We'll also follow a loose version of Robert's rules of order.

Approval of [PTO Minutes 5/10/23](#)

- Motion to approve made by Ami, seconded by Minyon
- Minutes approved.

Reports

- Principal's Report (Dr. T)
 - Distributed attached SLPS Athlete and Spectator Expectations. This document was sent by email to school families on 09/08/2023, and expected to be distributed to students on 09/15/2023 during all school assembly.
 - Protocols were implemented by the district to help keep students safe due to recent uptick in fights and threats.
 - Reiteration of the disciplinary standard for scholar-athletes.
 - Thanks for First Friday breakfast and back to school bags, everything was appreciated and well received.
 - **Congratulations to Metro!**
U.S. New World Report Rankings:
 - # 1 school in the state for 4 consecutive years
 - # 99 in the nation
 - # 28 for Magnet Schools in the nation.
 - Homecoming date has changed. Saturday, October 14, 7-10 pm City lights theme.
 - Parent-Teacher conferences will be held the week of 10/16 (held over 2 days). Exact dates to be announced after staff meeting next week.
 - PSAT is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/18. Mr. Young will identify students that will take the assessment.
 - Metro learning academy begins on Saturday, September 16th, 9 am-noon. Highly recommended for any student with an F but is open to any student who wants extra academic support or quiet study time.
 - Reminder of afterschool tutoring communicated in parent newsletter.

- ATTENDANCE - any absence needs reported to the office so that it is a verified absence. The school is enforcing the district attendance policy of 90% to participate in school activities and athletics.
- Magnet school application opens on October 1st. There is a new application system that will be used.
- First recruitment event Tuesday, October 3rd, 5:30-8 pm at Saint Louis University allied health building. This is open to the public.
- Questions
 - Which grade will take the PSAT? Dr. T to verify with Mr. Young.
 - Will Metro nominate for Missouri scholar camp. Dr. T will attend the meeting on 9/26 and will provide an update at the next meeting, diversity quota to be met in the nominations.
 - Lockers – Students were issued lockers during registration. Dr. Haymore can answer additional questions.
- President (Lisa)
 - Giving thanks:
 - Minyon, Juanita, and Angel for organizing the freshmen welcome event in Tower Grove Park, Sons of Rest Pavilion
 - Jennifer Anania for completing the entire process of shifting our PTO to a 501(c)(3)
 - Membership Toolkit–please enroll if you haven’t and update if you enrolled in years past. Please visit the Metro website PTO page to register or update existing profiles.
 - Explained First Friday tradition to new PTO attendees.
- Treasurer (Jen)
 - 501(c)(3) status, what that means for us
 - Money shifted from St. Louis Public Schools Foundation to our checking account.
 - This will make it much easier for us to know exactly what our balance is–there was always a long lag in reporting from the foundation.
 - Review of attached proposed 2023-2024 budget and expenditures to date.
- Committee heads
 - Diversity – Angel Were and Minyon Foluke. No substantial update; will continue Metro alum events.
 - Beautification – Patti Gibson. In need a co-chair, hope to continue 2 outdoor clean-ups and Dr. Martin Luther King day of service.
 - Eric Bischoff and student came up to clean planters and weeding around school before the first day.
 - Patty would like participation by the garden club or AP Environmental science for large planters in front of school.
- Book Fair (Left Bank CWE)– Christina Robinson, Ellen Kunkelmann, Ms. Kukay
 - Will be held November 27-December 15 online, in person fair will be December 8-10.
 - We will not continue with Metro student read during the in person fair.
- Student council – Voting took place on Friday, 9/15.

- Class Updates
 - Senior Class – Patty Gibson, Chris Knapp, Tiffany Ayulo
 - Biggest planning right now is to start lock in planning.
 - Conflict with sectionals/state will be unavoidable.
 - Graduation date is still pending. Dr. T will get dates for IB and AP testing dates.
 - Possible fundraiser – Color run – stress relief day. Need to work through potential shortcomings. See Juanita for details.
 - Junior Class – Ami Boehlje, Christina Robinson
 - No updates, assigned to coordinate First Friday on 10/6/23.
 - Sophomore Class – Juanita Phillips-House, Minyon Foluke
 - No updates
 - Freshman Class – Kari Jackson, Chunzi Peng
 - No updates

Old Business

- Board approved expenditures since May meeting
 - Generally any expenditure not included in the budget requires a vote of all members at a PTO meeting. However, if the request is time sensitive and \$500 or more, the bylaws allow the PTO executive board to vote via email for approval. Such requests will be reported at the next PTO meeting.
 - It's important to us that we're transparent about all financial matters and that parents feel that the money they donate is well spent.
 - Large expenditure to report: we paid almost \$3000 for three new teachers to attend summer training for the IB program.
- Booster Club – Denise LeBegue Financial and volunteer support of metro sports and extracurricular (MSHSAA).
 - Overview of establishment progress 501(c)(3) and nonprofit in works
 - Draft bylaws and budget
 - Introductory meeting held on Sunday 9/10/23.
 - President of Metro Alumni club
 - Club officers are Denise LeBegue (treasurer), Dale Greenberry (fundraising), and Satyen Vora (president?). Open officer roles: vice-president, secretary, sergeant at arms, student athletes (4), at large members (3)
 - Goal is to be active for fundraising by beginning of November 2023. Budget \$15-20k. Some will be raised via metro gear sales. Store closes on 9/18/23.
 - October meeting date pending
 - Some questions were unanswered as the club has only met once to date and many open issues to be decided.

New Business

- PTO Budget 23-24
 - Changes from last year:

- Eliminated a couple of categories that were no longer needed: Metro wear, gifts
- Increased funding for: First Friday breakfast, teacher appreciation, classroom grants, beautification. Operation Brightside, consideration for free plants/flowers. Gateway Green is another vendor to consider.
- You'll notice we are projecting to spend \$47,200 and bring in \$43,000; this is because of the surprise surplus we were made aware of last year. We want to slowly and responsibly spend that.
- Motion to approve budget made by Denise, seconded by Ami
- Budget approved
 - Teacher grant requests
 - AP Language (Ms. Foster): 36 copies of *Solito* (\$570)
 - PE (Coach Armstrong): Pickle ball paddles (\$300), BeachBodyOnDemand subscription (\$129)
 - Spanish 1-2 (Ms. Dulcey): Discussed preapproval of her grant, following the bylaws, if application is received, in advance of the next PTO meeting.
- Motion to approve teacher grants made by Patti, seconded by Ami
- Grants approved

Announcements

- Madam Wilson lost both her parents within 2 months of each other.
- Ms. Clark lost her father this summer.

7:55 pm Meeting Adjourned

Mark Your Calendars:

1. NO SCHOOL-September 22
2. PTO meeting - October 11
3. NO SCHOOL (end of Q.1) - October 13
4. Parent Teacher Conferences - October 16-19
5. NO SCHOOL - October 20
6. PTO meeting - November 8
7. NO SCHOOL - November 10
8. THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - November 20-24
9. PTO Meeting - December 13
10. WINTER BREAK - December 20- January 3

Need to reach us?

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SLPS Athlete and Spectator Expectations and Standards of Sportsmanship (K-12)

Athletes and spectators are invaluable components of our scholar-athletes' experiences at athletic contests. As participants and guests of the school district, and as a condition of such permission, athletes and spectators must comply with the school district's rules and policies.

These expectations are to protect the rights of students (K-12) to participate without fear of interference, and to permit the administrators and officials of school athletic activities to perform their duties without interference.

The following are expectations for all athletes' and spectators' conduct to promote positive sportsmanship:

Saint Louis Public Schools (SLPS) is committed to promoting fairness, equity, and safety during all athletic contests.

Before the event:

As a scholar-athlete: Students must be in good disciplinary standing, which means there can be no suspensions two weeks prior in order to attend or participate in events. Scholar-athletes must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and no failing grades in order to participate and remain on the team.

As a spectator: Students must be in good disciplinary standing which means there can be no suspensions two weeks prior in order to attend the athletic events. Recent suspensions or other serious disciplinary incidents may lead to a student being placed on a do-not-admit list for a given event.

During the event:

SLPS aims to provide a drug and alcohol-free environment for our students and staff. Therefore, SLPS prohibits the possession, use or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students in or on SLPS District property, on District-sponsored transportation, at District-sponsored events, and/or in District-owned vehicles. Students cannot be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at athletic events, regardless of where or when consumed.

At all events, alcohol, drugs, and weapons are strictly prohibited, and will lead to immediate removal and disciplinary measures for all athletes and spectators.

As a scholar-athlete: SLPS supports sportsmanship and positive behavior at its athletic events. Participants are required to comply with the rules and regulations of their school, the League, and the MSHSAA, and to conduct themselves in a safe and sportsman-like manner. Violators are subject to probation, suspension, or expulsion.

As a spectator: On occasion, SLPS may reserve the right to restrict entry to only students and families of students enrolled in one of the participating schools.



All students and children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian and must be under the supervision of that adult at all times.

All parents, guardians, and supporters will conduct themselves in a positive sportsman-like manner with the shared understanding that interscholastic competitions should be played in a safe environment which promotes learning and growth for all scholar-athletes.

Students should support their team and display good sportsmanship. Cheering, chanting, and positive encouragement are all encouraged, but spectators should avoid disrespectful behavior or offensive language.

Negative remarks, vulgar language, unwarranted physical interaction, destruction of property, and verbal and/or physical altercations are direct violations of positive sportsmanship and could result in the following:

1. Removal at a competition,
2. Inability to attend future competitions for all or a portion of the season,
3. Issuance of a No Trespassing Order for SLPS location(s),
4. Future disciplinary action by the school or outside authorities (as specified in the SLPS Code of Conduct).

This document does not supersede the SLPS Code of Conduct. Please be aware that discipline imposed by a school may carry a greater action than the sanctions listed above.

The following are guidelines for all spectators to promote positive sportsmanship:

- Spectators will respect all coaches, umpires/officials, administrators, and other spectators.
 - Do not engage in physical or verbal intimidation, or abuse towards any player, official, umpire, coach, or spectator.
- Spectators must always remain off the playing surface, including during halftime.
 - Respect all facilities and equipment.
- Spectators should remain in their designated seating section.
 - Comply with any directives from facility supervisors, administrators and/or event staff.
- Spectators will cheer for their team in a positive manner.
 - Do not use disparaging remarks towards the other team(s).
- Spectators will:
 - Not use artificial noisemakers.
 - Remain fully clothed.
 - Not throw any objects into stands or onto event surfaces.
- Spectators will clean up after themselves:
 - Clean up after themselves and dispose of trash properly, whether at a school gymnasium, an outdoor field, or another venue.

Failure to comply with expectations could result in denial of admission or removal from sporting events.

All attendees acknowledge and agree to be positive examples for our scholar-athletes and accept responsibility for their actions as participants and spectators of athletics with Saint Louis Public Schools.

2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET		PROPOSED
		2023-24
INCOME		
	Trivia Night (March)	\$ 19,000.00
	Annual Fund Drive (Oct-Nov)	\$ 24,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 43,000.00
EXPENSES		
SPONSORED EVENTS		
	Freshman Welcome	\$ 500.00
	Cookie Break-Open House	\$ 250.00
	Book Fair	\$ 200.00
	Homecoming	\$ 1,500.00
	Spring Fling	\$ 1,500.00
	2023 Senior Class Expenses	\$ 8,500.00
	Junior Class Event	\$ 650.00
	Field Day	\$ 250.00
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION		
	Welcome baskets, lunch	\$ 1,000.00
	First Friday Breakfast	\$ 3,600.00
	Teacher Meals	\$ 2,000.00
	Recognition Reception	\$ 200.00
	MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 4,000.00
	Teacher & Staff Appreciation	\$ 3,500.00
CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT		
	Teaching Materials-Metro Grant*	\$ 8,000.00
	Health and Wellness	\$ 2,500.00
	Naviance Software (payment 2 of 3)	\$ 7,000.00
PTO EXPENSES		
	General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 500.00
	Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 450.00
	Fund Drive Marketing	\$ 100.00
	Beautification	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 47,200.00
CURRENT YEAR NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ (4,200.00)
	Carryover from PY	
	PY Expenses Paid in CY	\$ -
	Carryover to Next Year	\$ (4,200.00)