

Metro PTO Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024

Welcome and introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm
- Introductions by those in attendance
- Reminder of meeting norms
- Mention of email to parents via membership toolkit that PTO meeting minutes can be found on the Metro PTO page.

Approval of [PTO Meeting Minutes December 2023](#)

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

BSU Family Night

- BSU President, Camryn Robinson and Vice-President Dominique Lucas, came to provide an update on their annual Family Fun Night, Friday, January 26, from 6-8 pm at Metro.
- This event is open to all! BSU sponsors it, but the entire Metro community is welcome.
- Helps to fund the Black Culture Festival in February and other events they host throughout the year.
- Discussed rooms that will be listed for sponsorship and food items requested for donation. These items will be detailed on the sign-up geniuses that were distributed in Dr. T's email, through membership toolkit, and on the Metro Facebook page.
- Students shared the updated flyer.
- Asked for PTO support in sponsoring a room, providing snacks, or a general donation to the event. Sign up has been slow.

Questions: Please get in touch with Camryn Robinson-President, Dominique Lucas-Vice-President, or Ms. Davis-Faculty Sponsor.

Reports

- Principal's Report (Dr. T)
 - First Friday Breakfast, thank you! Senior class had breakfast catered by Kings Catering (contact provided by freshman class parent rep).
 - We now have a full time social worker, Lara Fallon; she brought therapy guinea pigs with her.
 - Student teacher in math department, Drew Gillum from St. Louis University. He will offer afterschool tutoring and be present in the Metro Learning academy on Saturdays. He will have a special schedule working with Ms. Burton.
 - Lynne Weiss started on 1/10/24. Will be on site for A days.
 - Promote Mr. Pontillas virtual lessons. Individual tutoring via Teams.
 - Reiterated BSU family night, please attend.
 - Spring Dance – Saturday, February 10, 7-10 pm. Valentine's Theme. Tickets are \$15.
 - Metro graduation will be held at Harris-Stowe on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

- Discussing the possibility of holding a small ceremony in the school auditorium for students potentially impacted by the State Track meet. Sunday, May 19th or Monday, May 20th.
- Senior Luncheon at the Christy on Friday, May 3rd. Have to pay for teddy bear centerpieces that came missing for class of 2023.
- Senior decision day is Monday, May 6th. Students only.
- Attendance continues to improve. School attendance is 93.7%.
- Prom Saturday, April 13 at Barnett on Washington. No theme yet.
- Mandatory afterschool tutoring and Metro learning academy for students that need to recover 1-2 Fs. Students with more than 2 Fs will not be invited back.
- More handwritten essays to prepare for IB and AP assessments also to curb cheating and plagiarism issues at our school.
- Mr. Young
 - Tuesday, April 9, juniors will take the ACT at Metro.
 - All students have access to ACT through Naviance.
 - Will begin working with juniors next week.
 - Thursday, January 25th junior family night 6 pm.
- The District will potentially pay for Naviance, SCORE, or SchoolLinks. More information to come. We would like to push for Naviance since our school already uses this platform or reimburse PTO for Naviance if the district chooses a different platform.
- SAFETY CONCERN – Parents and Students need to practice awareness during drop off and pick up. Please drive and cross with caution. The school will raise concerns with the city street department to ask for crossing signs.

****QUESTION****: Can we ask that empty busses not park in front of the school? If a driver needs to leave their bus for any reason after all students have exited, it would help with safety and alleviate congestion if they could park the bus away from the school entrance. There is a bus that consistently sits empty in front of the school during morning drop off.
- SAFETY CONCERN – Street lights are out on McPherson and this impacts visibility. PTO will reach out to the streets department to ask that street lighting be fixed.
- NHS applications are due on Friday, January 26th. Students will be notified of acceptance on Tuesday, February 16th. Induction ceremony will be on Wednesday, March 6th.
- Requested that previously allocated grant for speech and debate be awarded in gift cards for Mr. Perniciaro.
- Asked for funds for Debate and Model UN events. Lisa will discuss with Mr. Perniciaro and ask for PTO board to vote. We will report back on the decision at the next PTO meeting.
- MKL Day of Service has been canceled pending the inclement weather.
- In the process of developing the master schedule for AMI (virtual learning day) in the event of inclement weather.

- President (Lisa)
 - Thanks to Patti (senior) for first Friday breakfast.
 - Needs a co-chair for teacher appreciation week in May.
 - Shout out to Mr. Young, he is a great partner for students and parents preparing for college.
 - Dr. T comment: Mr. Young had 537 post secondary meetings and average ACT score for seniors was 26. Looking to increase scholarship to 24 million (21 Million last year).
- Treasurer (Reviewed by Lisa in Jen's absence)
 - See attached budget
 - Senior skate outing
 - Teacher honorariums
 - First Friday
 - Received matching donation from Granger
- Committee heads
 - Diversity – Angel
 - Trying to make progress on date for Zoom alumni event to prevent conflict with school schedule.
 - Hoping to do an activity with ABNA Engineering, black owned engineering company. Metro alum is an employee there.
 - Will send dates to Dr. T.
 - Spring Recognition Night – (Lisa in Patti's absence) Starting to work on a date for the event. Patti will start an email chain with Dr. T and Coach T.
- Class Reps
 - Senior – senior lock in will be held on Monday, May 20th.
 - Junior – No update
 - Sophomore – No update
 - Freshman – No rep. present
 - Student Council – No one present

Old News

- Book Fair – Left Bank Books (Christina)
 - Our final library fundraiser profit is pending. Haven't heard back from Cliff yet, will continue to follow up.
- Trivia – Linda
 - To work with the same vendor as last year, Trivia night will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Immaculate Heart of Mary.
 - A new donation letter is needed. Linda will send it to Jennifer and Lisa for review.
 - Needs to finish the flyer so we can start soliciting beer/wine donations.
 - Wants to improve volunteer process this year. 1 parent/2 students.
 - \$25/person and \$200/table.
- Booster – Satyen
 - Budget is approved
 - Money from admission – contact Coach T
 - Working on 501 status

New Business

- Cheer store fundraiser is approved. The link will be shared in Dr. T's newsletter. The fundraiser will be through Print Haven, Metro family apparel store.

7:50 Adjourn

Mark Your Calendars:

1. Junior Family Night with Mr. Young - January 25
2. NHS Applications Due - January 26
3. BSU Family Fun Night - January 26
4. Spring Dance - February 10
5. PTO Meeting - February 14
6. NHS Acceptance Date - February 16
7. PRESIDENTS DAY NO SCHOOL - February 19
8. NHS Induction - March 6
9. QUARTER 3 ENDS - March 8
10. PARENT-TEACHER CONFRENCES - March 11-14
11. SPRING BREAK - March 18-22
12. ACT (Juniors) - April 9
13. SENIOR PROM - April 13
14. TRIVIA NIGHT - April 27
15. SENIOR LUNCHEON - May 3
16. SENIOR LOCK IN - May 20
17. GRADUATION - May 18
18. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - May 23

Need to reach us?

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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		\$21,374.82
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2024	\$ 19,000.00		\$ -
Total Income	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (23,625.18)	\$21,374.82
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	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 600.00
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	\$ 1,745.07	\$ 1,854.93
Teacher Meals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,865.79	\$ 134.21
Recognition Reception	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
<u>CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Teaching Materials-Metro Grant	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,456.19	\$ 3,543.81
Health and Wellness	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
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	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Fund Drive Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Beautification	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,202.01	\$ 1,797.99
Total Expenses	\$ 49,050.00	\$ 30,658.38	\$18,391.62
Approved Using Prior Years' Funds	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):			\$ (2,247.69)
		Ending Balance:	\$52,162.88
Balance Summary	1/8/2024		
Commerce Bank Balance	\$ 52,562.88		
Pending Items:			
Check #1033	\$ (400.00)		
Total Balance Available	\$ 52,162.88		