

**Metro PTO Meeting**  
**October 12, 2022**

**6:30 Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 6:35

**6:35 Approve September Meeting Minutes:**

Motion made by Tricia to approve minutes; seconded by Lisa; minutes approved.

**6:40 Chairperson Report**

1. Teacher Appreciation Activities and First Friday Breakfast
  - A. October: Juniors provided First Friday breakfast for staff on Oct. 7; Chris brought food from Costco, teachers seemed to appreciate it, went very well.
  - B. November: Sophomores
  - C. December: Freshman
  - D. January: Seniors
  - E. February: Juniors
  - F. March: Sophomores
  - G. April: Freshman
  - H. May: everyone
2. Beautification (Patty G.):
  - A. Patty is in the process of choosing a date for our first beautification day, likely 10/22 or 10/29.
  - B. Interested in trimming the large fir tree (maybe needs to be looked at by an arborist). put down mulch, pick up trash, weed.
  - C. Suggestion made by Eva Bischoff to do something to honor Anne Vigil, a former Metro parent active in the school community who passed away recently. One idea suggested was to plant a tree.
3. Metro Directory (Membership Toolkit)
  - A. Dr. T: Could we make a QR Code and hand it out at Parent Teacher Conferences? Lisa K. said she would try to do that.
  - B. We should really push to get the freshmen parents registered, if there aren't enough parents using Membership Toolkit, we should not renew it.
4. Book Fair at Left Bank Books (Genyne)
  - A. Genyne gave the background of the event: it was started as an event to help get books for the library and the teachers, but also as a community building event for Metro. It takes place in person for a weekend, and then online for a whole week. We hope to continue it this year. November 4-11 is the target week, or perhaps

the week after. Genyne has contacted Left Bank and is waiting to hear back.

- B. Students can earn service hours for working at the book fair.
  - a. Dr. T: Are there opportunities for students to come and earn service hours by doing read alouds for younger students?
  - b. Could an elementary school (like Betty Wheeler) be invited to come to the book fair and come to the read aloud? Or maybe the poetry club read?

5. Metro Reads (Kukay)

- A. Ms. Kukay explains that we are discontinuing the Metro Reads Program. There just isn't enough buy in from students, teachers, and parents to make the program meaningful.
- B. Genyne: If it ever comes back, maybe it could be a requirement for their English or social studies class. Kukay: yes, we'll need buy in and some kind of hook to get the school community to do it.

6. Fund Drive (Amanda Miller)

- A. Amanda: We have a group getting started on it. Maddie Earnest, Lara Fuchs, and Amanda Miller will be meeting tomorrow to set the timeline for fund drive and organize efforts

7. Diversity Committee (Angel Were was not present but submitted this report, which was read to those present)

- A. Upcoming recognition months:
  - i. September 15-October 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month;
  - ii. LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex and asexual) Month
  - iii. November: Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month
- B. Date Confirmed: Guest speaker for **Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30pm via Zoom**
  - i. We need approximately 3-4 students to take on the following roles: Co-facilitator (1), Monitor the chat (1), Time keeper (1)
  - ii. Community service hours can be earned
  - iii. If interested, then contact Angel ([angel.were@yahoo.com](mailto:angel.were@yahoo.com)) and Minyon ([mkfand2folukes@yahoo.com](mailto:mkfand2folukes@yahoo.com)) no later than **Monday, October 17th.**

8. Trivia Night (Linda Schasch)

- A. Tentative date: April 15 or 22, committee wants to make sure it doesn't conflict with prom
- B. The chairs of the committee will be organizing subcommittees soon.

9. Booster Club: no representative present.

**7:00 Treasurer's Report**

METRO PTO TREASURER'S REPORT								
August 2022								
	2022-23 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD REMAINING	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>INCOME</b>								
Carryover	\$ 12,115.65	\$ -	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 4,247.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trivia Night	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00					
Annual Fund Drive	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00					
Spirit Wear Store	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00					
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 49,115.65</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 49,115.65</b>	<b>\$ 12,115.65</b>	<b>\$ 4,247.64</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
<b>SPONSORED EVENTS</b>								
Freshman Welcome	\$ 500.00	\$ 451.70	\$ 48.30	\$ 451.70				
Cookie Break - Open House	\$ 250.00	\$ 52.33	\$ 197.67	\$ 52.33				
Book Fair	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00					
Homecoming	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00					
Trivia Night	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00					
Spring Fling	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00					
Senior Class Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00					
Junior Class Event	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 650.00					
Field Day	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00					
Spirit Wear	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00					
<b>TEACHER &amp; STAFF APPRECIATION</b>								
First Friday Breakfast	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00					
Teacher Meals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00					
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 509.00	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 509.00				
Gifts (Retirement, Bereavement, etc.)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00					
Recognition Reception	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00					
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00					
<b>CLASSROOM &amp; SCHOOL SUPPORT</b>								
Teaching Materials - Metro Grant	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00					
Metro Reads	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00					
Health and Wellness	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00					
Naviance Software (payment 2 of 3)	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 6,849.98	\$ 0.02	\$ 6,849.98				
<b>PTO EXPENSES</b>								
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00			
Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00					
Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00					
Fund Drive Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00					
Beautification	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00					
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 45,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,873.01</b>	<b>\$ 37,676.99</b>	<b>\$ 7,868.01</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>		<b>\$ (7,873.01)</b>		<b>\$ 4,247.64</b>	<b>\$ 4,242.64</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>BALANCE SUMMARY</b>								
<b>Commerce Bank</b>								
Checking Account Balance	\$ 4,086.18							
Pending Checks	\$ -							
<b>SLPS Foundation</b>								
880 Metro Balance	\$ 13,585.20							
Pending Deposits								
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 17,671.38</b>							

Notes: \$6849.98 to be transferred from Founda  
\$157.99 refunded for Beautification from 21-22

–Patty G.: Will we provide anything for teachers for PTC? Dr. T: administrators will provide snacks.

**7:15 Principal Update (Dr. T)**

A. Recruitment:

- a. This is recruitment season; we had a big turnout at SLU's High School Here We Come event, over 100 families requested shadows and tours of Metro, Metro admin will open another round of shadow and tour opportunities when the second window of applications opens.
  - b. Dr. T has emailed all SLPS middle school principals urging them to reach out to families of students who qualify for Metro and urge them to apply.
  - c. This year's freshmen class only has 26 African American students, 12 other students of color; we're trying to diversify. Dr. T. wants to recruit at SLPS middle schools first before charter school.
- B. Upcoming Events: Week of November 7 only has three instructional days, so students will be given opportunities for out of classroom experiences.
- a. Nov 9: freshmen will take a campus tour of SLU
  - b. Students will also be given opportunities for community service hours (elementary schools tutoring, for example).
- C. Grades: Dr. T reminded parents to make sure to check the parent portal for grades.

### 7:30 Class Updates

- A. Seniors
- a. Sonali: How do we request funds to purchase furniture of senior area? They would like another couch
    - i. They can reach out to senior parents via email.
    - ii. Dr. T: The junior area will be outfitted with new furniture with ESSER funds.
    - iii. Melissa Von Rohr: There might be upscale resale options.
    - iv. Suggestion was also made that seniors could sponsor a restaurant fundraiser to raise money for a couch.
    - v. Ami B.: Maybe organize a fundraiser in conjunction with the book fair (the ice cream place next door?)
- B. Juniors
- a. Patty: In the past the junior class has sponsored a lock-in overnight at the school as a class fundraiser, should we do one? It was typically held in the winter.
    - i. Chaperones: parents and teachers, security is also present
    - ii. Ami B: maybe we should consider a game night instead of a lockin. It could end by 11pm, seems a more manageable option.
    - iii. Suggestion was made to have an event at Steinberg.
- C. Sophomores
- a. Ami B.: Christina is handling the breakfast next month
- D. Freshman
- a. Minyon wasn't there, but Juanita shared her report. She asked if a graduation date had been set. It has not.
  - b. Question from parent regarding teachers using Teams: Are all teachers supposed to be using Teams? Dr. T: Yes, they should be.
  - c. Dr. T: The outside tables are technically off campus so no freshmen are allowed to eat out there.
    - i. Eva B.: Why can't students eat at the picnic tables?
    - ii. Dr. T: As a building leader, safety and supervision are of the utmost

importance. 10<sup>th</sup> graders-12<sup>th</sup> graders can eat off campus lunch.  
Eva B: aren't the picnic tables technically on campus? Why can't freshmen who have high grades earn the right to eat outside?

- iii. Dr. T: they need to have safety and supervision; we can't ask security and custodians to monitor students.

#### E. Student Council

- a. Sonali: spirit week has been going really well; homecoming is on Friday; StuCo is grateful for PTO's support.
- b. SLPS has started a couple initiatives to get more students involved; one of those is the Superintendent's Advisory Council. There are four students from Metro on the council. They meet with students from all the high schools and talk about school issues. Parents are welcome to reach out to the reps with issues and concerns. Sonali is also on the Board of Education and she's happy to bring our concerns there.

#### **7:45 New Business**

Kukay: District Panarama survey will be out on Monday. We'll try to have a QR code available at parent teacher conferences so that parents can complete the survey for the district.

#### **7:50 Upcoming Dates/Announcements**

- NO SCHOOL- October 14
- Parent Teacher Conferences- October 17-20
- NO SCHOOL- October 21
- PTO meeting- November 9
- NO SCHOOL- November 11
- Thanksgiving Holiday- November
- PTO Meeting- December 14
- Winter Break- December 21-January 4

#### **7:50 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.