

**Metro PTO meeting
September 14, 2022**

6:30 Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

6:35 Approve May Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ami B. to approve minutes; seconded by Patty G.

6:40 Chairperson Reports

1. First Friday Breakfast
 - a. September 2 – Seniors
-Went well, ordered Panera, it was delivered on time.
 - b. October 7 – Juniors
 - c. November 4 – Sophomores
 - d. December 2 – Freshman
 - e. January 7- Seniors
 - f. February 3 – Juniors
 - g. March 3 – Sophomores
 - h. April 7- Freshman
 - i. May 5 – Everyone
2. Metro Directory (Membership Toolkit) <https://metrohighschool.membershiptoolkit.com/>
 - Families need to update their information (student grade etc.), and new families need to sign up.
 - Lisa K. will send Dr. T info that she can send out in the newsletter with info about how to register and update your info. Lisa will also post that info on FB.
 - PTO uses Membership Toolkit to send messages to parents about school events, so we want as many families as possible signed up.
3. Metro Reads
 - Dr. T will check with Ms. Kukay to see if the Metro Reads program is occurring this year.
4. Booster club- Steve Lawler
 - SEE DRAFT OF PROPOSAL BELOW (Addendum A)
 - Amanda: SLPS Foundation will be starting to charge a 1% management fee, 3% transaction fee.
 - Steve made a motion to create a subcommittee to the PTO for the Panther Booster Club; Ami seconded
 - Patti: Spirit wear could be a possible fundraiser for Panther Booster Club.
 - Steve: Could funds for the booster club be earmarked from the fund drive?
 - Ami: our PTO budget already relies on the funds raised by the fund drive.
 - Rebecca: maybe any amount raised over the fund drive goal could go to the Panther Booster Club.

- Ami: Could the booster club be in charge of Metro swag? Sell it for a profit?
 - Ami: Could the booster club organize profit share events at local restaurants?
 - Vote is made on motion to create a subcommittee to the PTO for a Panther Booster Club. The Motion passes.
5. Diversity Committee
 - a. Angel W: Purpose of the committee is to encourage inclusivity
 - Last year we had sessions with alums via Zoom to connect with current students on issues of diversity. The ultimate goal is for these sessions to be student led. The committee will try to schedule one of these sessions soon.
 - Angel is looking to hold an activity on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 pm; a Metro parent who is a Wash U doctor will speak to students about issues of diversity.
 - It has also been suggested we have some sort of diversity fair; the committee is exploring this.
 6. Fund Drive– need chair
 7. Beautification committee-
 - Patti Gibson has agreed to chair.
 8. Trivia Night
 - Cari Wohlrabe and Linda Schasch have agreed to co-chair.
 9. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation
 - Amanda Doyle and Juanita Phillips-House have agreed to chair.
 10. Freshmen class reps
 - Minyon Frazier-Foluke volunteered to be one of the reps.

7:00 Treasurer's Report

1. 2021-2022 Treasurer's Report (SEE BELOW, ADDENDUM B)
2. Vote on 2021-2022 Budget (SEE BELOW, ADDENDUM C)
 - a Angel made motion to approve the budget, Lisa seconds
 - b Motion passes.

7:15 Principal Update

1. Activities: We have 45 clubs
 - In addition to BSA (Black Student Alliance), we have AAA (Asian American Association) and HOM (Hispanics of Metro).
2. Homecoming Date: October 14, 7:30-11:00, theme TBD
 - Because of various scheduling conflicts and demands, it was very difficult to find a "perfect date" for homecoming. This was the best option.
 - Sophomore parent reps will be in charge of snacks, decorating etc.
3. Open Campus: Metro still has open campus, but not during study hall until the first wave of grades come in. Students are reminded that they should support the teachers by being on time to their class after their 40 minute lunch and not bringing their lunch to class to eat there.
4. SLPS Code of Conduct handbook has been around for years and years; this year they held grade level meetings to discuss it. Families are asked to sign it.

5. Be careful with Instagram pages that connect to Metro. Cyberbullying will not be tolerated
6. We have a Metro National Merit Scholar: Benjamin Gondzur

7:30 Class Updates

1. Seniors – Gretchen Jensson volunteered to be a class rep. with Genyne Ridout.
 - a No update besides first Friday breakfast was success.
2. Juniors
 - a Some students don't have books for AP Psych
 - i Dr. T: Psych books have now arrived; APUSH and Government texts have not arrived yet due to problems with district ordering. Hopefully will arrive sometime in October.
3. Sophomores
 - a Ami and Christina:
 - i Christina: email from parent about Thanksgiving—students are off the entire week of Thanksgiving
 - ii Ami: the sophomore class hosted the freshmen welcome picnic. It was a huge success.
 - iii One sophomore parent brought up a concern regarding service hours. There's a belief among some that there's too many hours required. Ami would like to see this re-evaluated by the leadership team. There are 200 hours required for freshmen.
 - 1 Dr. T: We'd like to do more service days so that students can accomplish these more easily. We are a school based on servant leadership.
 - 2 Christina: Could we update the website with service opportunities? Ami: We need more buy in and support.
 - 3 Dr. T: Dr. Haymore and Dr. T talked about putting more solid dates and deadlines around service hours so that student can pace themselves more easily.
 - 4 Juanita: The current requirements for service hours are actually comparable to other schools.
 - 5 Genyne: I was a student when Betty Wheeler was here, and the requirement grew out of a desire to get students out of the building and into the community. We had community affiliations set up with organizations so service there was more infrastructure for the program.
 - 6 Amanda: it would be great to have a community service fair the way we have an activity fair.
 - 7 Linda: Is there a way to tell how many hours my student has?
 - 8 Dr. T: Ms. Bailey is in charge of tracking the hours. There is no online tracking system, but students can keep track of their hours on Naviance. It's on the website.
 - 9 Rebecca: Will anything be sent out to the seniors about whether or not they have enough hours? Dr. T: Students can come in and look at their files to find out how many they have.

iv Ami: Are our kids going to finance park? Dr. T: yes

v Angel: Has there been a date set for graduation? Dr. T: The district is selecting venues, then will announce dates

4. Freshman—no updates

5. Student Council—no representatives present at meeting

9th:

Lucy Fuchs
Maeve
Rasmussen
Allison Tibbs
Zoe Zensen

11th:

Richard Cain
Dikaksha Dhital
Allison Grierson
Jyel Hollingsworth
Najma Mohamed

Executive Board
President - Sonali Sharma
Vice President - Makenzie
Roberts, Lauren Kraichely
Secretary - Lailah Green
Treasurer - Amelia Ayula

10th:

Dillyn Dease
Jaida Grant
Kelsea McBride
Saanvi
Ramgounda

12th:

Clarady Brooks
Ruqaiyah El-Amin
Dyawna Gamble
Lena Pham

7:40 New Business

· None brought up

7:50 Upcoming Dates / Announcements

1. NO SCHOOL - September 5
2. NO SCHOOL-September 23
3. PTO meeting - October 12
4. NO SCHOOL - October 14
5. Parent Teacher Conferences - October 17-20
6. NO SCHOOL - October 21
7. PTO meeting - November 8
8. NO SCHOOL - November 11
9. THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - November 23-25
- 10.PTO Meeting - December 14
- 11.WINTER BREAK - December 21- January 4

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57.

ADDENDUM A: DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR PANTHER BOOSTER CLUB

The Metro Panther Booster Club will support the athletic programs to:

- 1) Help foster a safe and supportive environment where student athletes can grow in the areas of sportsmanship, leadership, and athletic skills, by participating in high school sports.
- 2) Increase the number of student athletes participating in sports
- 3) Create opportunities to increase positive school spirit
- 4) Increase the success of sports programs (wins, post season success).

Areas of focus:

- Providing quality equipment, athletic experiences, and coaching (training, professional development)
- Recognizing and rewarding coaches for their commitment to our student athletes
- Increase school spirit and offer opportunities for service (students) building community (families and parents) and increasing involvement of alumni.

Primary Functions:

- 1) Fundraising
- 2) Volunteer support for
 - a. Events (ticket sales, concessions, awards ceremonies etc.)
 - b. Individual coaches/sports (parent liaisons etc.)
- 3) Create opportunities to increase school spirit

Examples of items being requested:

- Supplemental uniforms or gear (sweats, jackets warm up shirts etc.)
- Quality training equipment
- Quality equipment for students unable to purchase
- Team meals
- Bus transportation to events
- Out of town travel and competition
- Senior nights (Athlete Banners)
- Team – state banner championships, plaques
- Metro chairs for gym
- Trainer
- Streaming service

Things to discuss and consider:

- Tax Exempt status
- Subcommittee of PTSO?
- Ramifications on PTO finances/Metro Fund Drive

Proposed Timeline :

September – seek approval from PTO

If approved:

September/October – form board of directors/committee

- 1) Fine tune Mission and Vision
- 2) Determine parameters of support
- 3) Establish procedures for requests to insure equity

October /November – participation in fund drive – SLPS foundation

October–December

- 1) Establish volunteer pool
 - a. Ticket sales, concessions,
 - b. Parent liaisons for winter and spring sports

January – Plan for fundraiser event for 2nd semester if necessary

February – March – Activity recognition night planning

April- May – assist in summer planning and activities (camps, workouts etc.)

ADDENDUM B

Metro High School PTO

Treasurer's Report

METRO PTO TREASURER'S REPORT									
August 2022									
	2022-23 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD REMAINING	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
INCOME									
Carryover	\$ 12,115.65	\$ -	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 4,304.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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						
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 49,115.65	\$ -	\$ 49,115.65	\$ 12,115.65	\$ 4,304.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSES									
SPONSORED EVENTS									
Freshman Welcome	\$ 500.00	\$ 451.70	\$ 48.30	\$ 451.70					
Cookie Break - Open House	\$ 250.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 52.00					
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						
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION									
First Friday Breakfast	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00						
Teacher Meals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00						
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 457.00	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 457.00					
Gifts (Retirement, Bereavement, etc.)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00						
Recognition Reception	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00						
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00						
CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT									
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					
PTO EXPENSES									
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00						
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						
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,550.00	\$ 7,810.68	\$ 37,739.32	\$ 7,810.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ (7,810.68)		\$ 4,304.97	\$ 4,304.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE SUMMARY									
9/1/22									
Commerce Bank									
Checking Account Balance	\$ 12,115.65								
Pending Checks	\$ (7,810.68)								
SLPS Foundation									
880 Metro Balance	\$ 13,585.20								
Pending Deposits									
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 17,890.17								

Notes: \$6849.98 to be transferred from foundation

ADDENDUM C

2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET		
INCOME		
	Carryover from 2022-2023	\$ 12,000.00
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	Postage	\$ 50.00
	Fund Drive Marketing	\$ 100.00
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