

Metro PTO Meeting Minutes December 11, 2024

- Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm
- Introductions by those in attendance
- Welcome and review of meeting norms
- Approval of [November 2024 PTO Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Motion to approve by Minyon Frazier-Foluke and seconded by Jennifer Anania

Reports

- Student Council – no one present and no report

- Principal's Report (Dr. T)
 - **Friday, December 6th** - Thank you for the First Friday Breakfast sponsored by the Freshman Class Representatives (Lydnsay and Amelia). They ordered from Chris' Pancakes.
 - **Friday, December 13th** - Study Session. Student Council is sponsoring the entire session and the National Honor Society (NHS) will have a section for which they are sponsoring. There are several activities taking place such as a student talent show and destressing. Tom's Traveling Coffee will be there for students to order from, too.
 - **Friday, December 13, 2024** - Picture retake day for all grades.
 - **Week of December 16, 2024** - Finals begin and the schedule is as follows:
 - **December 16th, Monday** – Full day of regular school
 - **December 17th, Tuesday** – Final Exams: Periods 5 & 6
 - **December 18th, Wednesday** – Final Exams: Periods 1 & 2
 - **December 19th, Thursday** – Final Exams: Periods 7 & 8
 - **December 20th, Friday** – Final Exams: Periods 3 & 4
 - Makeup exams --- please schedule with the teacher of the missed exam
 - **The Schedule**
 - Breakfast, 6:30am – 7:00am
 - Attend (2) 90-minute classes
 - Grab and go lunch (limited sack lunches)
 - Dismissal, 10:30am
 - **Friday, January 3, 2025** – Professional Development (PD) Day
 - **Monday, January 6, 2025** – Students will return. **NOT** Friday, January 3rd.
 - Identified an Interim Learning Professor for Music whom plays piano, guitar, drums and sings. He is graduating on Saturday, December 14th from SIUE.
 - Model UN, Health Education of America/HOSA
 - Conferences are coming up soon and will be paid by the activity funds. Mr. P. is likely to seek funds.

- There is a new Assistant Transportation Director, McNeal
 - Need to inquiry about Metro having their own charter bus for about 12 people to Columbia. This will prevent us from sharing with Collegiate.
 - IB Biology Teacher, Dr. Selimovic is currently facing personal challenges. Her mother has been hospitalized and is experiencing significant health issues. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either myself or Mr. Cooper. We are here to assist you.
 - Questions
 - Is there a particular \$\$ amount for HOSA?
 - Not at this time
 - Tom's Traveling Coffee Truck, how much?
 - We are waiting on the invoice and payment will come from the student activities
 - Follow up from management conversation at Schnucks on Lindell. The meeting occurred with Dr. T. and Mr. Cooper to discuss next steps and resolved regarding report of students stealing from the store. Now students have resumed returning.
- **President (Lisa)**
 - Thank you to the Freshman Rep for the First Breakfast. Chris Pancakes
 - **January 3, 2025** - Senior Class is responsible for First Friday Breakfast
 - Book Fair went over well and there was also a fair taking place on Saturday, December 7th which helped with more people supporting. Students were talking to the nearby patrons to support Metro. The fair is continuing through Friday, December 13th
 - The Powder Puff Fundraiser went over well and it was very cold. Hopefully, it will become a tradition and occur annually.
 - **Wednesday, December 11th** - Nacho Bar provided to show our appreciation to staff and administration which was coordinated by Lisa Granich-Kovarik. It was reasonably priced and it was a great hit.
- **Treasurer (Jen)**
 - See attached budget
 - A few more donations came in, leaving us about \$1,000.00 short of our Fund Drive goal, but nothing has been asked of from the Booster Club yet, so the shortfall will likely so go against this budget line item.
 - Balance is currently at \$55,000.
 - Teacher grants – spent about \$2,400 and will ask to spend more tonight

- **Committees**
 - **Diversity (Angel and Minyon)**
 - Previous month, November 1-30: Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month
 - December
 - Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
 - December 8th (can vary)
 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Catholic/Christian)
 - December 12, 2024
 - Yule (Pagan/Wiccan)
 - December 21st/22nd, 2024 based upon the winter solstice
 - Hanukkah (Jewish)
 - Sundown December 25, 2024 – Sundown January 2, 2025
 - Christmas (Christian)
 - December 25, 2024
 - Advent (Christian)
 - Four Sundays before Christmas
 - Kwanzaa (African American)
 - December 26, 2024 – January 1, 2025
 - January
 - January 13, 2025 – Korean American Day
Honoring the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the U.S. in 1903, Korean American Day recognizes the contributions of Korean Americans to American society and celebrates Korean heritage and culture.
 - January 29, 2025 Lunar New Year
The Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the lunar calendar and is celebrated across East and Southeast Asia. Families gather for festive meals, traditions, and cultural activities, welcoming the Year of the Snake with hopes of prosperity and good fortune.
 - February 1-28: Black History Month

SPECIAL NOTES:

Parent employee of St. Louis Art Museum brought passes to the current exhibition – Narrative Wisdom and African Art. They were distributed to those in attendance and remainder given to Dr. T.

- **Beautification (Tony Buchanan)**
 - Lisa will work with Tony to identify a date in the Spring to begin outdoor projects; otherwise, there is no report.
- **Trivia Night (Jamie, Linda - Assistant)**

- Date is **Saturday, April 26, 2025**
 - PTO will provide assistance to help as with soliciting help
 - Sign up genius have been created and distributed via FaceBook.
 - Will expand marketing efforts and forward to Dr. T. which will be placed in the newsletter and Lisa will do so in Membership Toolkit
 - Still need volunteers to help
 - Would like to create flyers in Canva and need help with someone who is savy in this arena
 - Parent in attendance is Metro Alumni and willing to place in their communication channel to have more people in attendance. They exchanged information for this to take place.
- **Book Fair (Ellen)**
 - There was a great turnout of students for obtaining community service hours on December 6-8, 2024.
 - They spoke to patrons to enter the store and support Metro. There was an event/fair taking place which was a great benefit for us.
- **Parent Class Reps**
 - Seniors
 - End-of-Semester Activity - We're excited about the senior class activity at Urban Air **Thursday, December 19th**. The deposit has been paid (thank you, Jennifer), and we currently have 41 student waivers submitted. On Monday, we'll send out a final reminder to submit waivers by **noon on Wednesday, December 18th** for those planning to attend. We're still in need of 1-2 chaperones, so we'll include that request in the reminder.
 - Senior Lock-In - Ami has been in contact with the Carondelet YMCA to secure a date for the senior lock-in. **The available dates under consideration are May 9, May 10, May 16, and May 17.** We're waiting to hear back from Laura regarding staff availability before finalizing the date.
 - Juniors – Mr. Cooper brought in an artificial Christmas tree for the students
 - Sophomore – No updates
 - Freshman – It was their first Friday Breakfast and it went over very well. The staff really enjoyed Chris Pancakes.

Old Business

- **Booster Club/Metrowear update (Satyen)**
 - No updates.
 - Winter gear is up on the Metrowear store <https://metro-high-school.spiritsale.com/>

- **Bylaw Changes**

- Review of the bylaw changes which was discussed in November.
 - Keep a minimum of 6k which is expenditures from July – October which will cover us before the fund drive starts. We need to spend the money that came in. We had a big balance due to the COVID payments. There is a disclaimer in there about paying down the balance
 - Change some of the committees that reflect the bylaws
 - Will vote in January

New Business

- **Teacher Request**

- \$2,200 request to have clubs' teachers' – HOSA, Student Council, BSU (Black Student Union), ASA (Asian Student Association), NHS (National Honor Society), etc. receive assistance for their time and support.
Motion moved by Minyon and seconded by Angie

Announcements

- Board of Education Candidates – There are 3 open seats (need to confirm that these are the open seats - Toni Cousins, Matt Davis, Natalie Vowell) for the City of St. Louis which will be on the April 2025 ballot.
 - There are approximately 8 candidates running.
 - As candidate forums occur, parent will relay information so you can make an informed decision.
 - There was further discussion of how to become an informed voter for candidates to select.

7:13pm Meeting Adjourned.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Senior Class – Year End Semester Activity – December 19
- End of Q2 (semester 1) – December 20
- Winter Break – December 23-January 3
- 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?

Email: metrohighpto@gmail.com, Facebook: [Metro H.S. Parents Group](#)

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		\$ 21,983.36
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2025	\$ 19,000.00		\$ (965.00) [1]
Total Income	\$ 43,000.00	\$ (21,981.64)	\$ 21,018.36
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	\$ 8,151.48	\$ 448.52 [4]
<u>TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION</u>			
First Friday Breakfast (9 total)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,373.40	\$ 1,226.60 [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	\$ 5,548.86	\$ 2,451.14 [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	\$ 38,941.58	\$ 7,608.42
Approved Using Prior Years' Funds	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]
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NET CHANGE (July 2024 - June 2025):			\$ 7,106.64
Ending Balance:			\$ 55,662.17

[3] Nov - Homecoming dance decor/selfie station - \$1,500

[4] Aug - senior sunrise donuts - \$91.53
Nov - Urban Air 12/19 event deposit - \$356.99

[5] Sept - Kolache Factory + juice + fruit tray - \$204.15
Oct - Casey's breakfast pizza & Bread co coffee - \$225.45
Oct - Costco (juice, fruit, yogurt, lemon load) & Dollar Tree (tablecloth, napkins, plates, forks) - \$119.53
Nov - fruit/cookies @ Costco - \$84.63
Nov - breakfast casserole items @ Sam's - \$139.42
Dec - juice @ Aldi + coffee @ Costco - \$28.26
Dec - catering from Chris' Pancake House - \$425.16

[7] Nov - Armstrong - \$71.88 (practice pennies)
Nov - EA sponsor gift cards - \$850 (17 @ \$50/each)