

**Metro PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2025**

- **The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.**
- **Introduction by those in attendance.**
- **Approval of [March 2025](#) PTO Meeting Minutes.**

**Reports**

- **Principal's Report (Dr. T)**
  - Teacher vacancies to fill:
    - IB coordinator due to Mr. Van Pelt's retirement.
    - Counselor Ms. Hill will be relocating.
    - PE Teacher, Coach Armstrong resigned and will leave on Friday, April 18.
  - Filled positions:
    - We have a music sub, Eugene Harper, a former CVPA student. Dr. T is working with the district to complete hours for certification.
    - The Spanish position has been filled, Isabella Fosse will be the new teacher. She will need training for IB classes. Dr. T is working with the district to figure out the logistics.
  - The Junior-Senior prom is Saturday, April 12.
  - NHS-sponsored wellness day is on Friday, April 11.
  - Each senior will receive 7-8 tickets for graduation. Dr. T will confirm the number as soon as possible. Tickets will be given to PTO board members, and two families with a sibling in grades 9-11 will receive a free ticket for their child in exchange for handing out programs.
  - A note regarding graduation tickets will be distributed to families. Selling tickets is not allowed.
  - The last day for Seniors has been changed. The last day is May 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - The senior luncheon is on May 9<sup>th</sup> at The Christy. Guest tickets are \$22 and must be purchased on the HomeTown App.
  - Graduation rehearsal is on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Harris Stowe University.
  - There are quite a few seniors who have not met the 200-hour service hour requirement. Although students will graduate, final grades and transcripts will not be released until the requirement is met.
  - To help with service hours in future classes, Dr. T wants all students to be due for a CAS project, whether full IB or not. This will equate to 50 hours.
    - There is a parent with a community garden in the area, and she has offered service hours for students who work in the garden.
    - There are multiple advertised opportunities for service throughout the year.
  - Senior signs are in and will be distributed during the luncheon.

- **President Report (Lisa)**
  - Beautification Day has been rescheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am - 12 pm.
  - Teacher appreciation planning is underway. Teachers will have something every day of the week. We are also working with the Student Council on electronic teacher greeting cards.
  - Gift to Mr. Cooper for Assistant Principal appreciation week.
- **Treasurer (Lisa in Jennifer's absence)**
  - See attached budget.
    - Reviewed expenses paid since the last meeting.
    - The sound system was delivered.
    - Rugs for the entryway are in process, waiting on mock-ups.

## Committees

- **Diversity (Angel)**
  - Last month, for March, was Women's History Month; daily facts were sent via membership toolkit.
  - April is Arab American Heritage and Jewish American Heritage.
- **Trivia Night (Linda)**
  - One adult table left, and one student table left. Six bowling lanes are left. To not lose money, we need to sell at least three more.
  - The committee is good on sponsorship; however, donations are lower this year than in the past. Linda has found that a lot of companies are not donating this year.
  - The date is Saturday, April 26, 2025, 7-10 pm at Epiphany School.
- **Booster Club (Christina)**
  - Met on April 8<sup>th</sup> to vote on bylaws and budget. Also, we discussed plans for our recognition night on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Metro from 5:30-8:00 pm. Free to attend.
  - A light dinner will be provided. Coaches will present team and individual awards.
  - Coaches will also be presented with gifts, which is possible due to the PTO funded grant.
  - A student photographer will be there to take pictures, and Metro wear will be sold.
  - We still need parents to hold offices for the 2025-2026 school year. We will appeal during Recognition Night.
  - We are working on fundraising for next year; updates will be posted on Facebook and via Membership Toolkit.
- **Student Council** – no representative was present. They are currently working with the PTO for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Parent Class Reps**
  - Seniors
    - Senior Lock-In planning is underway. The committee met on April 10<sup>th</sup> to continue planning. The biggest need is for parents to volunteer to chaperone.
    - The class gifts came in! Each student will receive a black throw blanket with the Metro logo embroidered.

- Juniors – No update.
- Sophomores – No update.
- Freshman – No rep present.

### **Old Business**

- **PTO budget surplus**
  - A portable AV system with microphones was purchased and came in.
  - Floor runners for the entry foyer are in the works.

### **New Business**

- A motion was passed to allocate up to \$1,500 for ping-pong tables. We will look to buy two tables for student use.
- Dr. T requested an inventory list for past grant requests to make sure items purchased with PTO funds are kept in the school inventory.

- **Board Nominations for 25-26**

- There was a motion to allow Jennifer Annia to remain in her role for an additional year, as no interest in the treasurer position has been expressed.

**Motion approved**

- Candidates
  - Minyon Foluke – Chair
  - Lyndsay Roy – Vice Chair
  - Amelia Garcia – Secretary
  - Jennifer Annia – Treasurer
  - Gregory Purine – Assistant Treasurer
  - Jennifer Thomas – Parliamentarian

### **Voting will take place at the May meeting.**

- Committee chairs are also needed for PTO-led committees.
- The Sells family is coming on as parent class representatives for the 25-26 school year (Junior).
- Elana Grayem is coming on as a parent class representative for the 25-26 school year (Sophomore).

### **7:55 PM Meeting Adjourned**

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

- Booster Club Recognition Night April 30
- PTO Meeting – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Luncheon – May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation rehearsal – May 12<sup>th</sup> at Harris Stowe University
- Last Day of Classes for Seniors – May 14 **(UPDATED DATE)**
- Metro Graduation – May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of School – May 22

#### **Need to reach us?**

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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		\$ 22,543.36
Trivia (Net Total) - April 2025	\$ 19,000.00		\$ 6,335.41
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 43,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (14,121.23)</b>	<b>\$ 28,878.77</b>
EXPENSES	Budget*	Remaining	YTD Totals
<u>SPONSORED EVENTS</u>			
Family Activities	\$ 500.00	\$ 80.94	\$ 419.06
Student Activities	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Dances (Homecoming/Spring Fling)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Senior Class Expenses (Class of '25)	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 4,692.52	\$ 3,907.48
<u>TEACHER &amp; STAFF APPRECIATION</u>			
First Friday Breakfast (9 total)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,448.50	\$ 2,151.50
Lunches/Dinners/Welcome Baskets	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,114.40	\$ 1,885.60
MSSHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 1,605.80	\$ 2,094.20
<u>CLASSROOM &amp; SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Classroom/Teacher Support/Grants	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (442.61)	\$ 8,442.61
School Support/Grants	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,800.00
Booster Club Grant (Sports)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
<u>PTO EXPENSES</u>			
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 419.47	\$ 80.53
Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00
Fund Drive/Book Fair Marketing	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Beautification	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 795.91	\$ 204.09
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 46,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,514.93</b>	<b>\$ 23,035.07</b>
<u>Approved Using Prior Years' Funds</u>			
	Approved	Remaining	Spent
Booster Club Grant (May 2024 Vote)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,492.08	\$ (2,507.92)
Keyboards (10) - Music Class	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 200.20	\$ (4,299.80)
Sound System	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 123.38	\$ (2,476.62)
Entry Way Mats	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
<b>NET CHANGE (July 2024 - June 2025):</b>			<b>\$ (3,440.64)</b>
		<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 45,114.89</b>

Summary of expenses since last month's meeting:

Senior expenses: deposit on custom blankets for seniors (\$507.50) / lock-in balance (\$950)

March First Friday breakfast (\$168.39)

Meals: Dinner during teacher conferences from Yapi's (\$332.95)

Teacher Appreciation Week: Amazon gift cards (\$1,100), GroupGreeting (\$189), coffee mugs (\$499.36)

Grants: HOSA grant (\$1,000 towards registration/bus + \$506.95 for meals gift card) / AIMS field trip for the anatomy class (\$976)

Beautification: Mulch and supplies for upcoming work day (\$204.09)

Booster grant (PY approval): coach bags from Adidas + requested supplies from Amazon (\$1,004.42)

Sound System: Bose L1 system + 2 mics/cables + roller bag (\$2,476.62)