

## Metro PTO Meeting

December 8, 2020

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Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm

### AGENDA

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Committee: Steven Lawler (Principal), Rebecca Diekemper (Chair), Myra Belgeri (Vice Chair), Nicole Blumner (Treasurer), KaTasha Carter Tate (Secretary) and Tricia Moyer (Parliamentarian).
- There were over 10 parents/students on the Zoom call. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

#### Last Meeting Follow-up

- November 2020 meeting minutes – approved as written.

#### Chairperson Report

- Teacher Appreciation – Patty Schneider Gibson provided an update.
  - PTO to pay for boxed lunches for the teachers December 18th. Mr. Lawler to research and order box lunches, anticipated budget \$400.
  - Motion raised and approved to move \$1,000 from COVID emergency fund to Teacher Appreciation Fund.
- Book Fair – Genyne Rideout (Book Fair Co-Chair) provided an update.
  - Metro held a virtual book fair with Left Bank Books from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>. The hope was to make this event a fundraiser and community activity. Due to the current circumstances, this was not possible. Despite all the challenges, it was still a success. Books that were purchased and donated will be picked up next week and delivered to Metro. Big thank you to all who helped out to make the event possible.  
Virtual Book Fair Link still active:  
[https://www.left-bank.com/2020-metro-high-school-book-fair-wishlists?fbclid=IwAR0\\_1KsB6Hy182nxxPX41FikITbTtZ45KPoHwxOi1xl\\_PvXSOPgx3yx-kE](https://www.left-bank.com/2020-metro-high-school-book-fair-wishlists?fbclid=IwAR0_1KsB6Hy182nxxPX41FikITbTtZ45KPoHwxOi1xl_PvXSOPgx3yx-kE)
- Fund Drive – Lisa Granich-Kovarik provided an update.
  - Final Fund drive amount \$26,205 met donation match challenge and exceeded it by \$2200. Very successful outcome, there were 74 donors this year almost twice as many as last year. Big thank you to all those who donated.
- Trivia Night – Pat Matthews has volunteered to chair this event and she provided an update.
  - The trivia night will be a virtual event. There are still questions on if a silent auction will be held. Virtual event will still be focused as a community event to promote meeting other people. Pat will add to Facebook group. Volunteers are needed to help with coordinating technical/logistics, questions/scoring, silent auction/raffle, registration/bank, marketing, volunteer coordinator, and managing event sponsors. Shawn Moyer volunteered to help with the technical aspects. Pat would like to hear from those who have already attended

other virtual trivia nights. Once the volunteer needs are determined, Pat will seek involvement from the students. If you have a question, suggestion, or would like to help, please contact Pat Matthews. Trivia Hub will run the event for \$750. Pat will reach out to Nicole Blumner to secure funds for payment.

- Question raised by Marcus Moomey asking how the funds from the Trivia Night are distributed. Also made suggestion to add info in monthly notes on how PTO funds are allocated.
  - Meeting December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss further. If you would like learn more and/or volunteer please look for details on meeting to be posted on Metro Facebook page.
- Metro Directory
    - Please use this link to sign up: <https://metrohighschool.membershiptoolkit.com/home>
    - Used by the PTO and other school organizations to communicate important information about what is happening at Metro.
    - You and your student can also use it to find contact information for other Metro families.
    - If you know of any parents or families that are not signed up, please encourage them to do so.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### [Link to Treasurer's Report](#)

- Current cash balance approximately \$31,000
- November expenses - \$0

### **Principal's Report**

#### [Link to Principal Update](#)

- College acceptance letters and scholarships are starting to come in.
- Basketball and cheerleading have started.
- Varsity girls had their first game winning 58-34 against Valley Park. Andrea Hudson scored 31 points and will be recognized as Fox 2 News Athlete of the Week.
- Club participation is going well; clubs are meeting.
- **Return to school January 4<sup>th</sup>**, with in-person instruction beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details from Mr. Lawler discussing current options. A lot of this depends on the survey results because there are several options that are being discussed. Mr. Lawler is trying to look at potential issues with WiFi in the school. Leaning towards permitting open campus for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors with parent permission. Elle Jaye asked about completing survey without full information. Mr. Lawler will send more detailed information (based on what he knows right now) to parents.
- There has been a rise in requests for families in need, typically referred to social worker which can be a very slow process. Mr. Lawler asked whether PTO can assist with these needs. PTO could start a "Metro Family Assistance Fund". Nicole Blumner suggested that we take a look at the bylaws. Tricia Moyer said that there is nothing in the bylaws that speaks to how PTO money can be spent. Separate from PTO, Mr. Lawler along with others raised \$3,000 to help 5 families with holiday needs. Patty asked what kind of needs, for example, big needs, such as utilities or food needs, such as \$100 gift card to Walmart. The families with large expense needs are referred to the social worker.

- Lottery 2021-2022: 89 accepted, 49 on waiting list, 90-95 freshman. We may get some transfers of upper classman from closing high schools if that is approved (Northwest, Sumner, Carnahan). Rebecca asked about upperclassman transfers in the past. It's rare because we have been full.

## Wish List

### [Link to Wish List](#)

- Mr. Lawler went over items on Metro wish list. Those highlighted below are priority for starting in-person instruction in January.

Item	Students impacted	Cost
Water bottle filler for 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor or gymnasium	ALL	4000
Window shades wraps for front entry and 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor area		2-3000
Spotlights ( 2) for theater	ALL	2,000
Hallway furniture	ALL	2500
Naviance- College planning "software"	All (juniors and seniors especially)	Waiting for quote (this is a long term commitment)
Additional Picnic tables outside (replace old and expand)	All	1500
Disinfecting Foggers and solution for cleaning	ALL	1000

- Motion made and approved to give Mr. Lawler authorization to purchase the water bottle filler, hallway furniture and disinfecting foggers and solution to prepare for students returning to school. Money to come from fund drive and COVID emergency fund.
- Motion made and approved to allocate \$500 for emergency gift cards for families that Mr. Lawler can purchase as needs arise.

## Class Updates

- Senior Class – The seniors have signed up for their cap and gowns. A contract for prom has been signed with the Majorette, which is a large venue that has inside/outside sections. If prom has to be cancelled due to COVID-19, we can reschedule another event within a year. Mr. Lawler is thinking about having the Senior Luncheon on a Saturday or weekday evening (instead of during the school day), which would include box food options. Would hold awards ceremony first and allow those who don't want to eat to leave. A spring outside event is being considered for the seniors. Waiting for the district to provide date for graduation to contact the YMCA for the lock-in the night of graduation. Trying to locate items used in the past to help plan for senior lock-in. Greg Small mentioned that the college application process is starting and it's very intense. He thanked teachers for allowing students flexibility.
- Junior Class – Patty raised the question on volunteer hours. Mr. Lawler said no one will not graduate due to not having hours but there have been no clear answers depends on how long the pandemic lasts.

- Sophomore Class – Looking for ideas on how the class can come together for bonding safely
- Freshman Class – No updates
- Student Council – No Updates
- Environmental Club – Eve Rosenblum Composting Bin The environmental club has been working on ideas for a better composting solution for next year. The original cost was \$70 a month for the service to have the composting removed by a composting company. The solution is to start our own composting at Metro by purchasing composting bins. Environmental club is asking for \$60 to cover half the cost of 3 bin composting system. Mr. Lawler is requesting a detailed proposal from the Environmental club.

**NEW BUSINESS** – no new business

### **Upcoming Dates/Announcements**

- WINTER BREAK December 21-January 1
- David Custis Boys basketball Wednesday will send a link
- Return to School January 4
- PTO Meeting January 12
- NO SCHOOL January 15
- NO SCHOOL January 18
- PTO Meeting February 9
- NO SCHOOL February 12
- NO SCHOOL February 15
- PTO Meeting March 9
- NO SCHOOL March 19
- SPRING BREAK March 22-26

**Meeting Adjourned 8:27 PM**

## 2020-2021 Treasurer's Report

METRO PTO TREASURER'S REPORT							
November 2020							
	2020-2021 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD REMAINING	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
INCOME							
Carryover from 2019-2020	\$ 15,500.00	\$ -	\$ 15,500.00				
Trivia Night	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00				
E-Script Program	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00				
Annual Fund Drive	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,401.23	\$ 1,598.77	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,764.88	\$ 5,136.35
Spirit Wear Store	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00				
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 38,875.00	\$ 8,401.23	\$ 31,273.77	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,764.88	\$ 5,136.35
EXPENSES	2020-2021 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD REMAINING	AUG	SEP	OCT	OCT
SPONSORED EVENTS							
Cookie Break-Open House	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00				
Welcome Picnic	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00				
Book Fair	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00				
Trivia Night	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00				
2020 Senior Class Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00				
2021 Senior Class Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00				
Junior Lock-In	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 650.00				
Field Day	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00				
Spirit Wear	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00				
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION							
First Friday Breakfast	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00				
Teacher Dinners (P/T Conferences)	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00				
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	\$ 450.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00			\$ 300.00	
Gifts (Retirement, Bereavement, etc.)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00				
Recognition Reception	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00				
MESHA Awards - Coach Gifts	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00				
CLASSROOM & SCHOOL SUPPORT							
Teaching Materials-Metro Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00				
Metro Reads	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00				
Teen Institute	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00				
COVID-related Emergency Fund	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00				
PTO EXPENSES							
General Expenses/Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00				
Membership Toolkit (Online Directory)	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00				
Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00				
Fund Drive Marketing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00				
Beautification	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 38,875.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 38,375.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ 8,101.23		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,464.88	\$ 5,136.35
BALANCE SUMMARY		11.30.2020					
Commerce Bank							
Checking Account Balance	\$ 18,669.47						
Pending Checks	\$ (2,500.00)	\$2,500 for fountains/fliers					
SLP's Foundation							
880 Metro Balance	\$ 15,087.20	(as of 10.31.20)					
Pending Deposits							
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 31,268.87						

**Principal's Update**  
**Principal's Report: PTO December, 2020**

**School Goals**

- 1) Maintain/Improve academic performance (AP, IB, ACT)
- 2) Improve cultural responsiveness/awareness
- 3) Improve instruction through the use of the Data Team Process
- 4) Increase school spirit/positive culture

**Celebrations**

students are starting to get college acceptance letters and scholarships  
basketball and cheer have started  
Kids participating in clubs (debate, robotics, math club, hackathon)  
Prom and luncheon venues have been selected.

**Return to school plans/ steps taken**

Date – I am planning for a January 4<sup>th</sup> return to school

- 1) awaiting survey data
- 2) from what I know now, all teachers will be required to work from school
- 3) looking at multiple models – A/B days, Wednesdays- All virtual, etc.

Supplies ordered

- 1) room purifiers (2000) more on order (1000)
- 2) Under armor masks that teachers have requested for easier speaking (\$700)
- 3) Stockpiling sanitizer, paper towels, etc.
- 4) carts for mobile teachers
- 5) charging stations/cords for classrooms

Families in need

- 1) rise in requests recently
- 2) Is this something PTO can assist with, if so, what are the protocols/process we want to use

Lottery/Next Year

77 accepted applicants

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