

Metro PTO Meeting

November 10, 2020

Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

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

Last Meeting Follow-up

- October 2020 meeting minutes – approved as written.

Chairperson Report

- Teacher Appreciation – Corinne Groark provided an update.
 - Juanita House and Angelica Were organized treat/gift bags and Corrine Groark purchased gift cards – these were delivered to the school. Teacher e-cards were distributed to the teachers and staff. Mr. Lawler previously purchased a few styluses for teachers who requested them. Mr. Lawler said there were no additional teachers who accepted his offer to purchase more styluses. Patti Schneider Gibson suggested parents donate snack bags for teachers and staff that are in the building.
- Book Fair – Genyne Rideout (Book Fair Co-Chair) provided an update.
 - Metro will have a virtual book fair with Left Bank Books from November 30th to December 6th. Genyne will send out the “save the date” information via Membership Toolkit and the Facebook page. The Metro librarian, Ms. Kukay, is gathering a wish list of books from the teachers and staff – the logistics of sharing these wish lists online are still being worked out. Families will be able to donate gift cards in any dollar amount. Left Bank Books will be open during the book fair by appointment only. Left Bank Books will be able to make local deliveries as well. Genyne said parents should share the virtual book fair information with family and friends so we can support our local independent bookstore.
- Fund Drive – Lisa Granich-Kovarik provided an update.
 - The Fund Drive is going really well. Yoanna Park-Haynes (parent of a Junior) offered to match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 in donations until November 20th. We are a little under \$5,000 towards this goal. Donations can be made in three ways: Checks to the school, donate online via Square, or online via the SLPS Foundation. If you do not need a tax deduction for your donation, Lisa encouraged donating through the Square account. Donations in all amounts are welcome and appreciated. Thanks to those that have already given!
- Trivia Night – Pat Matthews has volunteered to chair this event and she provided an update.

- The trivia night will be a virtual event and a silent auction/raffle will be held independent of the trivia night. The virtual event will still be focused as a community event to promote meeting other people. 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. Corinne Groark asked about involving the students – once the volunteer needs are determined, then Pat will seek involvement from the students. If you have a question, suggestion, or would like to help, please contact Pat Matthews.
- 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.
- Metro Reads
 - Mr. Lawler plans to use the same book as last year (“With the Fire on High” by Elizabeth Acevedo). Mr. Lawler is working on ways to reboot the book, but we are facing challenges in the virtual environment.

Treasurer’s Report

[Link to Treasurer’s Report](#)

- Current cash balance approximately \$25,500.
- October expenses - \$300 for teacher appreciation.

Principal’s Report

[Link to Principal Update](#)

- Nicole Blumner asked about a substitute for the French teacher, Madame Wilson. Madame Wilson will be out until mid-December. Mr. Lawler is still actively looking for a substitute.
- Rebecca Diekemper requested that Mr. Lawler create a wish list for any supplies or materials needed for continued virtual or in-person learning for the second semester.

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). A spring outside event is being considered for the seniors.
- Junior Class – No updates
- Sophomore Class – No updates
- Freshman Class – No updates
- Student Council – Jordyn Shaw
 - The students enjoyed Spirit Week that was held the week of Halloween. The student council would like to plan another event similar to Spirit Week.

NEW BUSINESS – no new business

Upcoming important dates

- PTO Meeting November 10
- NO SCHOOL November 11
- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY November 23-27
- PTO Meeting December 8
- WINTER BREAK December 21-January 1

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM

2020-2021 Treasurer's Report

METRO PTO TREASURER'S REPORT					
October 2020					
	2020-2021 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD REMAINING	SEP	OCT
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	\$ 3,264.88	\$ 6,735.12	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,764.88
Spirit Wear Store	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 39,675.00	\$ 3,264.88	\$ 36,410.12	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,764.88
EXPENSES					
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	\$ 39,675.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 39,375.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ 2,964.88			
BALANCE SUMMARY					
10.31.2020					
Commerce Bank					
Checking Account Balance	\$ 13,833.12				
Pending Checks	\$ (2,800.00)	<i>\$2,500 for fountains/fillers and \$300 teacher gift cards + styluses</i>			
SLPS Foundation					
880 Metro Balance	\$ 14,472.20	<i>(as of 9.30.20)</i>			
Pending Deposits	\$ -				
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 25,505.32				

Principal's Update

Principal's Report: PTO November, 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

Postcards to kids

Care packages to struggling students/families

Teachers really appreciated the e-cards and gift bags

Return to school plans/ steps taken

Date – District has announced not before January for high schools

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.

Improving IB Outcomes (while maintaining participation rates)

- 1) Mr. Oreto – IB experience and excellent results in IB math – hired as coordinator
- 2) Identifying obstacles to success (college credit, raising 5/6/7).
- 3) feedback (rubrics) b. IB like assessments c. “Pre- IB” prep (9th and 10th)

In person learning for struggling learners

- 1) technology issues
- 2) distractions
- 3) help
- 4) organization and planning

Financial –

Activity account \$10,775

expenses Basketballs - \$300, cleaning supplies for coaches of winter sports \$125