

Metro PTO Meeting

October 13, 2020

Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM

AGENDA

Lisa Kovarik Fund Drive Chair (Chris Knapp Co-Chair)

- The Fund drive has raised almost \$2,000 to date, the goal is \$10,000. Our goal last year was \$10,000 but we raised close to \$15,000. The funds that are raised this year will be used to help the PTO assist teachers with grants (technology), teacher lounge updates, updating the furniture in student common areas, and to purchase an additional water bottle filler. Donations can be made in three ways: Checks to the school, donate online via Square, or online via the SLPS Foundation. We understand these are precarious times and want to stress that there is no obligation to give, however if you can give, any amount will be appreciated. Thanks to those that have already given!

Welcome and Introductions

- Committee: Steven Lawler (Principal), Rebecca Diekemper (Chair), Myra Belgeri, (Vice Chair), Christina Robinson (Secretary), and Tricia Moyer (Parliamentarian). Nicole Blumner (Treasurer) was unable to attend the call.
- There were over 20 parents/students on the Zoom call. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Last Meeting Follow-up

- September 2020 meeting minutes - approved as written.

Student Presentation – Penny Peck, Robotics Club

- [Grant Request](#) – The Robotics Club is new at Metro this year. Penny presented her grant request to the PTO to seek funds to allow the club to purchase robot kits for the year. There are 8 students that will be a part of the club this year with plans to grow the club next year. She is looking to purchase 3 different robot kits. Funds are requested to be granted as soon as possible so that the club can get started meeting and building. The PTO agreed to provide \$208 that will allow them to purchase their first robot kit. This is in addition to \$200 they will get from the Metro activity fund.

Chairperson Report

- Teacher Appreciation – Patty Schneider Gibson provided an update. In place of class themed breakfasts that are not being held due to COVID and the current virtual learning environment, we are moving to school-wide appreciation. The events will be quarterly instead of monthly. Current plans are outlined below, this is an evolving topic and updates will be provided at future PTO meetings.
 - 1st Quarter – End of October (10/26), teacher greeting cards (e-cards) with additional physical gift left in their mailbox at school to include a \$5-\$10 gift card, stylus (purchased from current PTO budget), and a candy treat bag. We are considering using www.groupgreeting.com or www.punchbowl.com for the e-cards. Details about signing the cards will be provided once a decision has been made on the platform we will use. Mr. Lawler is gauging interest of teachers for the stylus before we purchase them. Juanita House and Corrine Groark will work with Patty on the 1st quarter appreciation gift.
 - 2nd Quarter – Student artwork could be turned into note cards for the teachers or teachers could be given a certain amount from the grant budget to help them with school-related purchases.
- Beautification - Corinne Groark (Beautification Chair)
 - The fall project is complete. In the next couple of weeks, Corinne will add a Signup Genius on the Facebook page for families to “adopt a weekend”. This is for volunteers to sign up for a time to come up to the school and make sure the exterior of the school is kept clean. We will look for one family per weekend to volunteer for this task. The next big project will be to trim trees sometime in January. Corinne is still in need of a Co-Chair, please reach out to her if you are interested in helping or would like to talk to her about being a Co-Chair corinnegroark@gmail.com.
- Book Fair - Corinne Groark (Book Fair Chair) *Held at Left Bank Books*
 - Corinne is still in discussions with the bookstore since they are not yet open to the public due to COVID. They have been slow to respond and she believes overwhelmed as some employees have tested positive of COVID in recent weeks. She hopes to have more to report at the November PTO meeting. Christina Robinson and Genyne Rideout volunteered as Co-Chairs.
- Metro Directory
 - Please use this link to sign up: <https://metrohighschool.membershiptoolkit.com/home>
 - Used by PTO and other school organizations to communicate important information about what is happening at Metro.

- Parents and students can also use it to find contact information for other Metro families.
- Metro Reads - Mr. Lawler has decided to take a pass on rebooting this. Students and teachers are challenged enough and he believes this will add unnecessary stress. He is considering using the same book for next year.
- Trivia Night
 - We are still looking for a Chair for this event. Tentative date is March 6, 2021 at the Mandarin House in University City.
 - Shawn Moyer has volunteered to help if COVID forces us to consider making this a virtual event in the spring.
 - Could consider switching trivia night to a virtual event with more student involvement. Could also consider changing from soliciting donations from businesses that are already struggling to doing a series of raffles to raise money instead. Christina Robinson and Chris Knapp will share details from upcoming virtual trivia events that they are attending to aid in decision making and planning. Can continue the discussion about the type of event during the November PTO meeting.
- New PTO Secretary – KaTasha Carter Tate
 - Christina Robinson resigned her position as PTO secretary for the 2020-2021 school year effective October 13, 2020. KaTasha Carter Tate will be the new PTO secretary, beginning her duties at the November 10, 2020 PTO meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- [Treasurer's Report](#) – Current cash balance just under \$22,800 (need deduction of \$2,500 for water bottle filler, not billed from last year)
 - Just over \$11,000 in Commerce account.
 - About \$14,000 in SLPS account.
 - September expenses check for just over \$11,000 written to the school to cover expenses approved at the last meeting paid from last year's budget.
 - Received \$250 from SLPS Foundation for fund drive contribution.

Principal's Report

- [Principal Update](#)

Class Updates - Parent class representatives introduced themselves. Updates will be provided at the November meeting.

- **Senior Class** - Greg Small and Marcus Moomey
 - No updates
- **Junior Class** - Patty Schneider Gibson
 - Asked question about changes to application process this year. Mr. Lawler explained that applicants are being asked to write an essay on what a college prep school means to them.
- **Sophomores** - Genyne Rideout, Melissa Von Rohr, and Mei-Ling Tung
 - Genyne Rideout suggested a couple different options for a drive-in movie activity as a school fundraiser. Mr. Lawler suggested speaking with Central Office for guidance.
- **Freshman** - Patty Schneider Gibson and Chris Knapp
 - No updates

Other Discussion

- Student council
 - Senior members are set.
 - Volunteers for first semester. Mr. Lawler will provide the names to the PTO.
 - Election early second semester for official class reps.

- Upcoming important dates:
 - Parent Teacher Conferences October 20 and 21
 - NO SCHOOL November 3
 - PTO Meeting November 10
 - NO SCHOOL November 11
 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY November 25, 26, 27

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM

Grant Request



Metro PTO Educational Needs Grant Form

Teachers and Staff, please use this form to submit a grant request for classroom, counseling, library, and school club projects. Put request in a *sealed* envelope in the PTO Mailbox in the Metro Office to the attention of METRO PTO GRANT FUND or email to metrohsppt@gmail.com. Proposals will be reviewed at least once monthly, September-May, at PTO meetings. Notification of funding will be made by the end of each month in which a form was received. Grants are preferred for project/items that will benefit multiple classrooms of students or be used in multiple years. Grants will not be made to purchase items to be sold as fundraisers for clubs or classrooms.

Teacher or Staff Name: Mr. Pontillas

Name of Class or Activity this Grant will benefit: Robotics Club

Contact email (one you check on a regular basis): ppeck2681@slps.org

Telephone Number (in case we have follow-up questions): 3142806514

Total Amount needed for this project or program: \$1400

Amount of this Request to PTO: \$ 1400

Date needed by: n/a

Grant award will be paid to: Metro Robotics Club

(*Please note, if you will personally be reimbursed, we will need receipts from whomever you pay for supplies or services before we reimburse you. Receipts may not be hand written.)

Program Description: Describe your educational supplies need in 250 words or less, including number of students who will benefit and whether the supplies will only be used once or will be used with future classes/future years. *(Please provide specific costs for items to be purchased. Bids/computer printouts of examples of items and/or pricing can be attached to this form.)*

We are hoping to purchase 3 different robotics kits for 8 students (24 robotics kits in total). At least one of the robotics kits can be taken apart and reused. These robots might be changed due to shipping issues or upon member request, but we are most likely to be purchasing these three robots:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08D7K19W6/ref=ox_sc_act_title_1?smid=A2E0XNCPYIET80&psc=1

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Robo-Bit-Robobit-Buggy-Micro/dp/B07KYJG3FD>

<https://www.robotshop.com/en/dfrobotshop-rover-tracked-robot-basic-kit.html>

The first one costs \$26, the second one costs \$50, and the third one costs \$90
In total this will amount to \$1,325. I am requesting \$1400 to pay for shipping or if there is unexpected tools that some people don't have access to.

If we cannot fund the entirety of your request, how will you change the project or program or will you not do it at all?

We could get our funds through a gofundme. We could also attempt to find funding through local businesses or philanthropists.

Certification

I certify that all the information contained in this proposal is valid and correct.

Signature:

Penelope Peck

Date: October 10, 2020

2020-2021 Treasurer's Report

Metro High School PTO

Treasurer's Report

10/6/2020

METRO PTO TREASURER'S REPORT					
SEPT 2020					
	2020-2021 BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD REMAINING	AUG	SEP
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	\$ 250.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 250.00	
Spirit Wear Store	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 39,675.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 39,425.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
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	\$ -	\$ 450.00		
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	\$ -	\$ 39,675.00	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	
BALANCE SUMMARY 9.30.2020					
Commerce Bank					
Checking Account Balance	\$ 11,068.91				
Pending Checks	\$ (2,500.00)				<i>est Invoice for water fountain/filters</i>
SLPS Foundation					
880 Metro Balance	\$ 14,222.20				<i>(as of 8.31.20)</i>
Pending Deposits	\$ -				
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 22,791.11				

Principal's Update

Principal's Report: PTO October, 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

- 1) Locke Meyer and Mclean Kelley earned 36s on the ACT!!!!
- 2) ACT test – given to 74 of the seniors on October 6th
- 3) Activity Fair/Clubs – many students joined or got “connected”

Fundraising/ Parent Assistance

Freshman – Spring Dance

Sophomores – Homecoming

Juniors – Lock in/activity night

Review results from student surveys – work load etc.

Staff meeting on October 12th – discuss methods to decide if assignments are worthwhile and necessary.

Metro Reads- we are asking for a pass- teachers and kids are overwhelmed... maybe read the same book/plan for next year.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Calc	1.54	1.71	2.24	2.83	
Calc BC				5.0	
Statistics			2.18	2.5	
Drawing				3.0	
English	2.5	2.48	2.77	2.67	
Environmental Science	1.48	1.4	1.94	2.45	
Psych	2.72	2.81	2.96	2.74	
Government	2.32	2.53	2.76	2.72	
World history	2.08	2.03	2.39	2.71	
Total					
Pass Rate (3 or above)	36%	38%	54.4	54.6	