

Letter to the Editor:

Here's Some Information About the Metro Group

Dear Editor:

Recently I gathered with a group of Superintendents from the Twin Cities area. Scott Austin, CGCS, host of the meeting and superintendent of Midland Hills Country Club, provided the attendees a wonderful cold sandwich buffet, comfortable seating and an atmosphere charged with professional opinions. The agenda of the round table event was to be focused upon summer staff hiring practices. As interesting as employment practices are, more relevant issues pressed our discussion.

Topics ranged from opening dates to winter damage to the exceptional cheesecake dessert. You can well imagine the tangents we went off on! Besides turf, we also investigated meeting times and attendance.

Upon this subject, one of my fellows indicated that other superintendents not invited to the monthly meetings are feeling snubbed. It seems that some of our associates think that a conspiracy of sorts is in the works. I am taking a moment to announce that this is not now, nor ever was the intent of these monthly gatherings.

Specifically, the Metro Group (so called for lack of a need

for a more imaginative name) was organized to provide a forum for superintendents to gather and share relevant information. At the first meeting it was decided that attendance was open to any interested superintendent. Meals would be charged to each attendee, not to exceed twenty-five dollars. Coat and tie would be the attire at dinner meetings. The group would refrain from topics best suited for a political forum. And finally, there would be no intentional competition with state or national gatherings.

Since its conception last spring, the Metro Group has adhered closely to these guidelines. If you would like to participate, call Scott Austin at (612) 631-1545 and you will be placed on the attendance list. If you live outstate, I encourage you to form your own assembly of professionals. The camaraderie these meetings will promote cannot be overemphasized.

— Respectfully submitted for publication,
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(Editor's Note: Thanks John for submitting this letter. I also addressed this issue in my column this month. Members are encouraged to participate and get to know other superintendents in your area.)

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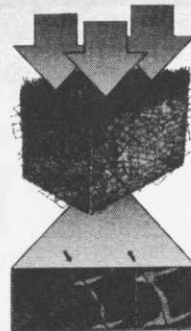
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