

Myers Park High School PTSO
General Board Meeting
April 11, 2019

1. Call to Order: in attendance- Kate Hinshaw, Sarah Ryan, Jane Eubanks, Carol Giardi, Beth Moss, Amy Powers, Shelby Patrick, Scott Bryan, Amy Leggatt, Elizabeth Nichols, Susan Harden, Mark Bosco, Lisa Donovan
2. Guest: Susan Harden, Mecklenburg County Commissioner- new for District 5, professor at UNC-Charlotte teaching teachers and MPHS parent - here to listen to what we want for our schools and for our help to get those things done.
 - a. County Manager releases budget on 5/2 – wants to create a process to get input and requests.
 - i. 5/9 – public input at Government Center– proposes meeting to teachers, students, and parents to provide input.
 1. Send letters with input
 2. Schedule groups to talk (they get more time than individuals)
 - ii. End of May, will vote on the County Commission budget.
 - iii. May 28th and May 29th is the straw vote. Takes five votes to get something passed.
 - b. Budget is seventy million
 - i. Need to increase what we pay teachers and support workers – leaving county because of pay and cost of living.
 - ii. There are a LOT of BIG asks coming.
 - iii. Increase pay for custodial staff to living wage.
 1. Hire more custodians and bus drivers
 - c. Input from Principal: Per pupil spending @ \$9,000.
 - i. will see increase in support in budget (security, mental health, increase pay for teachers at 8%,).
 1. Supportive of this - he likes the Superintendent's budget for what it's valuing.
 2. Feels like a lot of the Superintendent's budget asks are addressing what we are dealing with here at MPHS.
 3. One of the first budgets that every school will see an impact.
 4. Wilcox is being aggressive with his asks and it shows investing in our kids and if it means a tax increase, so be it.
3. Approval of minutes from January 10, 2019 meeting- motion approved

4. Principal Report-

- a. Lockdown drill this morning during announcements and CMS said it's the best they've seen at any school. Staff and students responding really well.
- b. Clubs and Sports just doing amazing
- c. Would like to align the fundraising efforts for the future - Foundation, PTSO, and Mustang Club. Mustang Club is going to have a big ask with the field in the next few years. We need to coordinate in the coming years. Struggling with waiting to get things done by the district, or getting done ourselves.
- d. Looking for a number of positions now. Next year we are scheduled for over 3,600 students. So need eleven more teachers, another counselor, possibly another VP....and then have to figure out where to put them.
- e. Looking for another Athletic Director, more office staff.
- f. Meredith Sherrill is going to be the new IB Coordinator starting July 1, 2019. Working with Allison Davis to cover until she starts.

5. Treasurer Report- just paid out \$17,000 in grants to the teachers. Still have \$ left in the budget and hope to solidify some "asks" by the end of the year. Please get all receipts into her by the end of June for audit in July.

6. Annual Fund Report- we are over budget, at \$235,873. Still getting some checks for matching from Wells Fargo.

7. Vote on Executive Slate 2019-20: motions and approved.

Catherine Hensley and Sarah Ryan - Co-Presidents
Katharine Bolt and Shelby Patrick - Co-Presidents Elect
Jane Eubanks and Kathryn Griffin - Past Presidents
Beth Moss - Treasurer
Stephanie Cline - Assistant Treasurer
Mandy Rencher - Secretary
Sherese Smith - Assistant Secretary

8. Committee Reports

- a. SLT- survey is circulating.
- b. Outreach- had a great meeting a few weeks ago about what their role is and how they operate, in addition to how parents can assist.
- c. College and Career Center- (Amy Leggat) it's been quiet, but getting in motion. Had the Career Fair this week - great range of small businesses, military, breweries, nurses, electricians, pharmacies.... Joann Pugsley is receiving some software from our budget, to assist in what she's overseeing, helping kids to take the next step at CP and monitoring them and putting in grades, etc...Purchased more tables for them.
- d. Staff Appreciation- luncheon scheduled for 5/8.
- e. Grade Level Events- 11th grade did cookies after the ACT with the money from the cancelled party. May 22nd an ice cream truck for 9th grade. Senior parent event at Park Lanes coming up. April 26th- Senior Carnival (Kate Hinshaw will let us know parent volunteers

needs, they are hoping to get more students) Carol noted that 10th grade hasn't used their budget yet.

- f. Hospitality- Senior events coming up.
 - g. Prospective Parents- Mark feels like we DO need to do tours going forward and use SGA Ambassadors. Perhaps do a Scavenger Hunt type structure. Also, need to address how to get IB in front of parents in a concrete way. Working with Meredith going forward. The event has to be done in conjunction with Registration Cards that are due at the middle schools.
 - h. Senior Exit Review Board- need a lot of help coming up for Presentations for Standards and Honors. Sending out Sign-up Genius in Mustang Express. May 2nd and 3rd and will need 60 volunteers.
 - i. Campus Beautification- April 27th, 8:30am-11:30am- great job done recruiting with the clubs for service hours. Blair and Margaret feel trees and larger bushes would benefit the campus without irrigation. Plan for fall as the best time for planting. Blair is also going to come up with a plan before April 27th for cleanup of the Memorial Garden that is already existing, including adding another plaque and a bench. We are also adding five benches and pots. Need to figure out where it comes from the budget. Sarah is going to make a "to-do list". Discussion of adding an MP sculpture to replace where the Mustang statue used to be.
 - j. Staff Luncheons- planned for June 10th, boxed lunch hopefully outside, looking at Jason's Deli or a change...maybe Potbelly's. Get final number from Liz.
 - k. Staff Meetings- a few issues with them being cancelled and having perishable items that get wasted. Need to purchase NON-perishable items for next year.
 - l. Front Office- Pam retiring end of May. Need to have a reception for her with cake after school. Jane going to lead this. Could do it after an exam day.
9. Transition Meetings- please respond to the email and feedback request and sign-up for your slot and please come to Kathryn's house for the Board Party on May 16th.

UPCOMING DATES:

APRIL/MAY/JUNE

April 25	Prospective Family Tour (9:30-10:30am)
April 27	Campus Cleanup (8am)
May 2	College Night/PTSO General Meeting
May 2-3	Senior Exit Presentations
May 8	Staff Appreciation Lunch
May 15	Prospective Family Tour
May 16	PTSO Board Party: 6-8pm, details to come
June 10	Staff Luncheon