

## **Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting October 11, 2019**

In attendance: Catherine Hensley, Sarah Ryan, Shelby Patrick, Beth Moss, Stephanie Cline, Mandy Rencher, Sherese Smith, Dawn Jeffries (IB Parent Board), Ana Aceti (IB Parent Board), Mark Bosco

1. Call to Order - There is a quorum present.
2. Minutes from the September 13, 2019 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Principal Report
  - a. IB Learner Profile - Each month of the school year, the entire school will focus on 1 of the 10 IB learner profiles. This month the focus is **knowledgeable**. Katie Willett is publicizing and marketing this at the high level to teachers and students.
  - b. Storage Container - It will be delivered on Monday.
  - c. Window Treatments - They have been installed in front office windows and in the gym lobby windows. Lots of positive feedback. Looking in they are opaque and you just see the design but from inside, you can see out.
  - d. Flags - Mr. Bosco signed a contract with BSN for athletics. We give them an opportunity to give us a best price for uniforms and gear but can shop around. The branding package included the flags. Currently they are in the SC parking lot and behind the gym. They add to school spirit and look professional.
  - e. Big Football Games - They have been planning ahead of time to deal with any potential issues at big sports events. We are expecting a sell-out at tonight's Butler football game (4,300 fans). Once the gates are closed, anyone who bought a ticket but wasn't admitted due to numbers can get a refund. Then they will be asked to leave campus. 23 police will be on campus for the football game.
  - f. Dream Team Event - Attorney General, Josh Stein, attended and spoke. NC is one of the few states who sued JUUL. He is pushing for e-cigarettes to be illegal. He also talked about the opioid crisis. Federal district attorneys were also present. The event was well attended.

- g. Parking and Dances- Our large student enrollment is leading to challenges in these areas, so the school will be looking at issues with parking and school dance tickets. We are looking at possibilities for giving seniors and juniors priority over underclassmen for dance tickets. Also, there is the possibility of separate underclassmen and upperclassmen dances or various clubs sponsoring multiple events. JROTC is checking parking lot for transferring parking stickers. The purchaser and registered vehicle must match. Violators will not be eligible for future parking passes.
- h. Underclassmen Pictures - Everything went well and there will be a makeup date.
- i. Teacher Workday - School hosted AVID training and digital learning professional development for 100 teachers.
- j. Senior Meeting - Next Tuesday, Dream Team and SGA are hosting mandatory meeting for seniors called "Student Prep for Success."
- k. PSAT - 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT on 10/16. Freshmen and seniors are expected to come to school!
- l. Homecoming and Spirit Week
  - Monday -Jersey Day
  - Tuesday - Neon Day
  - Wednesday - Pajama Day / PSAT Day
  - Thursday - Decade Day
  - Friday - Pink Day with school parade, and "Back in Black" football game
- m. Need for Another Gator - \$6,500 to purchase a new one or \$4,500 to repair. Mr. Bosco will get another quote about repairing the transmission.
- n. Beautification Project - There is a need to clean up and work on the area that is past the math building, next to the outdoor classroom. It is very overgrown. Mr. Bosco is going to work on it with a group of students and campus beautification can help with this too. There needs to be a plan. Possibility for Boy Scout project.
- o. Echo Foundation - This year's focus is Dr. Denis Mukwege and the Panzi Hospital Curriculum. It is about sexual abuse victims in the Congo, international challenges, and activism. There is a curriculum called "Justice is not Negotiable." MP is working on details of how the curriculum can be used. A few IB students will attend the event.
- p. Harvey Gantt Center - This year's symposium deals with equity in the classroom. Several IB students will attend.
- q. Grant Requests: The following 3 grant requests were presented and approved:

- i. Professional development for Ms. Tiffany Fele, math teacher- \$315.70
- ii. Academic Support for Ms. Powell for Go Baby Go- \$254.66
- iii. Technology for two art teachers - Ms. Thyler and Ms. Blaylock - They want students to take their physical artwork and convert it to digital. Costco provides this service. They will purchase and then request reimbursement. Request for \$1,000 for each teacher. (IB will pay for \$1,000 for Ms. Holder.)

6. Treasurer Report (Beth)

- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses as of 10/09/19  
Cash Balance \$205,099. Income is \$163,088 (+\$127,615 from last year); expenses are \$95,605
- b. Grant Requests - The following 5 grant requests were presented and approved:
  - i. Facilities for Home Depot to reconfigure cubicles - \$3,503.86
  - ii. Academic support for Explore Learning - \$655.00
  - iii. Technology to repair MacBook - \$106.18
  - iv. Academic support - sight music for Ms. Turski - \$34.99
  - v. School Outreach for student lunches - School Outreach - \$251.40
  - vi. Homecoming - We will reimburse staff because school cannot, this will be offset by future expenses.
- c. Budget Changes - \$1,000 for staff labor from unallocated.
- d. Wish List Funding - Items on wish list include Phase 4 lighting and Helios for Math Building. We added Gator, outdoor path, headphones, flag. We deleted patio and front office which were approved last year but will not be needed this year.

5. Annual Fund Report (Stephanie, Katharine and Shelby) - We have raised \$175,602 and are at 88% of our goal with 564 donors. Current net deposits are \$155,773.

6. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT (Beth) - At their first meeting they discussed the new system that will be used as the framework for how they get down to what their goals will be.
- b. IB Parent Board (Ana and Dawn)
  - i. World Language is in need of 175 headphones at \$24 each for testing. They must be noise-cancelling and with a microphone. This

will be taken to Deb to see if the school can purchase them so that they will be school property. PTSO and IB could help to fund.

ii. Testing registration for seniors will be next week.

iii. College Essay Writing Workshop - looking into different dates to hold these.

iv. Writing Resource Center - All English teachers are aware of Ms. Fishman's availability. Currently the Writing Center is not being used to its potential- you can only go during 3rd block if you've signed up through your English teacher. Discussion about how to add after-school hours and the ability to drop-in rather than have registered. There is a desire to have it be more user-friendly.

Possible idea to have National Honor Society or IB Student Council run this program-Mr. Bosco will discuss this with them. Vision for it to be staff and student led. There needs to be leadership- should it be a parent volunteer or a paid teacher? Emily Mullinax has been contacted and is interested in learning about the program.

Stephanie Cline will talk with her.

c. Mustang Club - Concessions are doing well. Sponsorship is doing well. Nominating is filling empty positions for this year. The next meeting is Monday, Oct 14.

d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine) - Sarah and Catherine met with George Climer and Ed Aluise to discuss what MPHS PTSO does for the school with volunteers. We are unified as one Myers Park and have many organizations working for it. Now, our volunteer mentoring programs are working together, and it is very positive.

#### 7. Old Business:

a. Campus Beautification - 28 trees have been ordered and will be installed after the first frost.

b. Memorial Garden update - Sarah is working with Michelle Richards. The 400-lb bench is here and ready to be delivered. Swim team wants to dedicate the bench at the end of their season in February. We can install the bench and save the memorial plaque for the swim team dedication.

c. ChromeBook cinch sacks - Beth didn't like quality of the samples that were ordered. Will research and order some more.

d. Chargers for Chrome Books need to be ordered for sale.

#### 8. New Business:

- a. Guidance Committee and School Programs and Fairs - Discussion about moving School Programs and Fairs under the guidance committee.
- b. 10th and 11th grade Parent Social - This event will be had at the Selwyn Pub on October 17.
- c. Bev Fritt's retirement party - October 24th, PTSO will provide balloons and Chef will make a cake. PTSO is purchasing a retirement gift card.
- d. We will publicize the upcoming education bond in the Mustang Express. The blurb will be non-partisan, informational, and will encourage people to educate themselves and to go vote.

9. Other Upcoming Dates:

10/16 - Early Release Day - 10th/11th grades take PSAT

10/17 - 10th & 11th Grade Parent Social at Selwyn Pub, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

10/18 and 10/19 - Homecoming Weekend

10/21 - Prospective Parent Tour, 9:30am

10/22 - 10/25 - Midterms

10/28 - No School, Teacher Workday

11/5 - No School, Teacher Workday

11/8 - PTSO Exec Meeting at 9:00am

11/11 - No School, Veteran's Day

11/14 - Prospective Parent Meeting and Tours, 8:00am - 10:00am

11/16 - Campus Clean Up