

Myers Park High School PTSO
General Board Meeting January 17, 2020

Present at Meeting: Catherine Hensley, Sarah Ryan, Beth Moss, Stephanie Cline, Mandy Rencher, Julie Ahdieh, Shelby Patrick, Katharine Bolt, Siobhan Fulton, Whitney Balzer, Kaylee Lundberg, Jenn Gunn, Christie Hinshaw, Nichelle Weintraub, Dawn Jeffries, George Climer, Mark Bosco, Renee Foster

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of minutes from September 27, 2019 meeting - Minutes approved

3. Principal Report
 - a. We are in the midst of 1st semester exams
 - b. The fourth Helios system has been installed; this increases security.
 - c. Although state budget has not passed yet, CMS has released some funds which released to us a social worker. Peets Guice moved into this position.
 - d. Tyler Mativy has been hired as the new Dean of Students, starting in February.
 - e. We will also have a new dedicated 504-Coordinator (1.5 positions). This will add a huge level of service to school, our students, and a big relief to the counselors.
 - f. New hires and growing student population lead to need for new instructional and office space.
 - g. We will contract through CMS to have semi-permanent walls installed in College & Career Center to create 3-4 additional offices.
 - h. Sadie Hawkins - February 8 - Seniors were able to get tickets one day before the sales were open to underclassmen. Tickets sold out in 1.5 days. Future conversations about separate dances for underclassmen / upperclassmen.

- i. The IB Learner Profile has been extended to all-school. This month the focus is “Being Principled.”
- j. IB upperclassmen are completing essay.
- k. We are preparing for an IB audit next year.
- l. The school’s major focus is advancing our academic program around collaboration. Through team meetings and common planning, we are standardizing an equality and equitable experience in all classrooms. We’ve embraced AVID, Reader’s Apprenticeship in Literacy, etc. The planning ensures that we capture all of these initiatives and working with our teachers’ strengths.
- m. Through PTSO, we have hired a groundskeeper to do contract work on campus.

4. Treasurer Report

- 1. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses - over \$200,000; the majority of this is budgeted, there is about \$24,000 that we are determining how to spend from Mr. Bosco’s wish list.
- 2. 1099s have been sent to staff that we’ve paid for hours worked.
- 3. Charitable solicitation license has been renewed.
- 4. NC Sales Tax Refund request submitted; we will receive over \$1,600 back.

5. Annual Fund Report

- a. We are at 112% of budget deposited
- b. Still accepting donations
- c. 693 donors
- d. We have more donors and more first time donors than ever
- e. Things we have funded: Auditorium lighting, Helios System, Mustang flags, Campus Beautification project / sustainable landscaping

6. Vote on Financial Review Committee: Ashley Hewitt, Linda Terrell, Lauren Ball, Carol Giardi. Motion, motion seconded, approved.
7. Vote on Nominating Committee: Ghazale Johnston, April Whitlock, Nichelle Weintraub, Carol Giardi and Allison Porter. Motion, motion seconded, approved.
8. Utilize the Hospitality Closet for tablecloths, baskets, platters, cups, etc.
 - a. Ask Jane Eubank or Liz James in front office for help
9. Communicate to incoming PTSO Presidents plans for 2020/2021 (Katharine Bolt and Shelby Patrick) - Please respond with your interest about continuing in your committee or volunteering with another committee.
10. Committee Reports for those attending
 - a. Myers Park Foundation - George Climer - Art for the Park is the signature fundraising event for the MPHS Foundation. It is a fun evening that features a silent auction of beautiful art by local artists. The event brings together the MPHS community to enjoy local craft beer & wine, delicious food and the sounds of The Fidgets, a band comprised of several MPHS graduates. This year's event will be at Norfolk Hall on February 1, 2020 from 7-10 pm. This year there will be party hosts for the first time offered at \$300. Individual tickets are \$50 each. There will be a silent auction and a live auction.
 - b. Directory - Christie Hinshaw - directory is complete.
 - c. Mustang Express - Nichelle Weintraub - no report.
 - d. IB - Dawn Jeffries - no report.
 - e. 10th grade Events- Jennifer Gunn and Renee Foster- They are planning a spring event.

- f. Teacher Luncheon - Kaylee Lundberg -They will have a luncheon at the end of the year.
- g. Events- Whitney Balzer- Student Government has taken over ticketing for Homecoming and Sadie Hawkins; they will most likely do the same for the Prom. Consider evaluating the need for this committee.
- h. Health Room Committee - Julie Ahdieh - They are keeping the supply room stocked and working with the nurse.
- i. Mentoring - Siobhan Fulton
 - i. English 3 Research Paper success rates skyrocketed. All but 5 students turned in their papers and this is a huge success and improvement. Great community involvement and powerful confidence builder.
 - ii. Working with Mustang Matters which will have more of a career focus.
 - iii. Coordinating with Christina O'Dell on AVID mentors.
 - iv. We have a terrific staff dedicated to the mentoring programs.

11. Committee Reports not attending

- 1. Beautification Committee - Lisa Harrell -Tree installation was a huge success. There will be a big campus cleanup on Saturday, April 25 at 8:30 am.
- 2. Hospitality Committee - Alison Dalton - They are currently working with the testing coordinator to provide snacks and drinks for teachers and proctors during testing. They will support with refreshments at award ceremonies and special graduation events.
- 3. Prospective Parent Committee - Robin Hill and Megan Reiney -
 - i. The November Open House Event was a success
 - ii. They have hosted five group tours and one event. They have six groups tours and one event remaining.

- iii. They will be receiving request for private tours this spring.
 - iv. Put March 5 on calendars for event hosting New Students and Rising Freshmen.
- 4. Attendance Office - Merritt Schoening- They are in need of volunteers as they are behind on sending out the attendance letters.
- 5. Outreach/InReach Committee
 - i. Crisis - They provided \$3,326 in crisis assistance to students and families for items including city bus passes, mattresses, and gift cards to Goodwill and Walmart.
 - ii. Outreach Closet- it is stocked with school supplies, clothing, toiletries and snacks. Thanks to Betsy Gantt and Beth Malak for keeping the closet stocked and organized.
 - iii. Coat Drive - they collected 125 coats during Nov/Dec drive.
 - iv. Thanksgiving - we provided 54 MPHS students and their families with holiday/breakfast breads and Food Lion and Walmart gift cards. Total of 201 people served.
 - v. Christmas - We provided 266 MPHS students with MP t-shirts and candy. 198 students received \$25 Walmart gift cards.
 - vi. Signup Genius - Tracey Bernard uses Signup Genius to reach out to MPHS families who generously contribute money, gift cards, and items throughout the year.
- 6. Staff Appreciation Events- They hosted a Holiday Lunch at BrickTops and gift card raffle. Also they have an event once a month for the staff.
- 7. 11th Grade Events - Tonya Flippin - On February 6 during lunch, there will be a cocoa and donut event in the Art Gallery.
- 8. 12th Grade Events - Mary Tinkey, Virginia Cobb, Victoria Hollidge, Susan Minges - There will be a senior parent party at the end of February.
- 9. Senior Signs - Mazie Eismont - She is still taking orders but most people already have them.

12. Misc

1. Memorial Garden Update - We have a memorial garden on campus that we are working to restore. PTSO purchased a bench that will have a plaque in Ben Hager's memory. It will be dedicated at the end of the swim season.
2. MPHS Logos - We have two high resolution logos which will be put on the website under Forms and Minutes. Sarah and Catherine are working to locate and share other logos for everyone's access.

Upcoming Dates:

January/February/March

Jan. 20	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 23	2nd Quarter ends
Jan. 24	No School - Teacher Workday
Feb. 1	Foundation - Art for the Park
Feb. 3	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30-10:30
Feb. 5	Mustang Club - Signing Day for Committed Seniors, 11:00am
Feb. 5	Staff Appreciation Event - Valentine's Candy Bar
Feb. 6	IB/AP/CCP/Stem/PTSO Board Meeting at 6:00pm
Feb. 6	11th grade hot chocolate/donut event during all 5 lunches
Feb 8	Sadie Hawkins Dance
Feb. 14	PTSO Exec Meeting at 9:00am
Feb. 20	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30-10:30
Feb. 29	Senior Parents Party TBD
March 5	Staff Appreciation Event
March 5	New Student and Rising Freshman Program