

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting

February 14, 2020

In attendance: Catherine Hensley, Sarah Ryan, Shelby Patrick, Katharine Bolt, Beth Moss, Stephanie Cline, Mandy Rencher, Sherese Smith, Mark Bosco, Dawn Jeffries, Ana Aceti, Lilly Rowland (SGA)

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes from the January 10, 2020 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Principal Report
 1. Registration for 2020-21 has begun. There is collaboration between counselors and parent volunteers. They are refining the process and looking at what courses/programs they might expand.
 2. Because the school has additional staff in support services, we have started the work in the Student Services area to create additional office space. Thank you to PTSO for funding.
 3. College & Career Promise is a viable college path in addition to the IB and the AP programs. Mr. Bosco working with SC colleges to allow the College & Career college credits to count. CPCC is the largest community college in the country. Currently about 150 students are enrolled in this program.
 4. Costco photo process for art teachers: they are asking to purchase a printer to do the printing here rather than printing at Costco. Request for \$530. IB will have \$1000 to donate next year. Art department will use yearly school budgets to purchase paper and ink. PTSO had \$2,000 allocated for printing that can be used for this printer.
 5. Digital Art- Mrs. Blaylock is interested in acquiring 15 ipads, software, and protective cases for this course. She will write a grant for this and Mr. Bosco is considering this for next year.
 6. Trophy Cases - Staff asked if we have capacity to update the cases, clean them out and make them more current. Cases are in gym, SC, and Admin Building, etc.. We need to determine equity in what trophies/awards are represented between ROTC, DECA, Auto Tech, debate, academic, art, sports, etc. Could PTSO add a committee to do this work? How do we make the best use of these cases and keep them current?

7. Request for Professional Development Funds- \$75 Maria Dominguez to attend FIANC 2020 Spanish conference. Motion approved.
8. Academic Support Funds - Sivonne Stone wants to purchase copies of *The Glass Castle* for students, \$225.53. Motion approved.
9. Discussion about our school helping to fund relicensing and the equity of other schools where PTSO is not able to do this. We need to tell the narrative that we are serving some of the lowest income families. Our school population mirrors Mecklenburg County.
10. Auditorium Seating: CMS responded that they do not carry replacement parts for the seats. We cannot find matching seats that are wood (other than custom, expensive seating). Currently, we are getting pricing on a variety of options - there are 870 seats. PTSO would like to use funds for this project this year with work being completed over the summer.
11. 2013 vs 2020 with support services:
 - i. 2013 - 1 CIS case worker, 7 counselors, 1 CDC counselor, and ½ time psychologist.
 - ii. 2020 - 9 counselors, 1 CDC, 2 social workers, 1 full time psychologist, 1 ½ 504 coordinators, 3 CIS case workers.
 - iii. This is due to a larger student population, increased funding from CMS, changing model, and support from the MP Foundation. These support services are valued in order to let students access the curriculum.

4. Treasurer Report (Beth)

- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses
 - i. Cash Balance \$197,581
 - ii. Income is \$239,332
 - iii. Expenses are \$179,366
 - iv. Academic Support - We forecasted too high and have \$12,000 remaining. We could free up some money here for other things on the wish lists.
 - v. Facilities and Learning Environment - this is almost used with office improvements
 - vi. Staff Labor - this has gone over and we will still need to pay for Exam Blitz teachers and landscaping labor. We need to increase this line item. Motion to increase this line by \$4,000 from unallocated. Motion approved.

- vii. Student Support - We have 2 things in “approved not paid” that might not happen - the Writing Center (how much will we use?) and My Name My Story.
- viii. Beautification - there is still \$8,000 set aside for the project (separate from the committed budget). Some will be used for more benches (about \$3k). Also, T-N-T Lawn Service reevaluated the space by the arch. They provided a \$1,600 proposal / contract for a special project in the Plaza Area. They would remove all existing shrubs, etc and fill in the area with soil. Then they will aerate, seed and fescue that area. This will be easier to maintain and keep clean. This will be done with the existing budget. Committee would also like to have trees trimmed and redo plant containers. We could also clean out the area behind the memorial garden.
- ix. We have approx. \$42,000 unallocated.

5. Annual Fund Report (Stephanie, Katharine and Shelby)

- a. 699 donors
- b. \$227,250 deposited, \$251,250 pledged
- c. Shelby and Katharine will reach out to people who have not paid their pledges and to matches not paid but expected
- d. Will publish list of donors soon, and then a final list in May

6. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT (Beth) - They met on 2/13. Michelle Richards is doing an amazing job with SLT. They added a parent survey 2-years ago-it will be on a 2-year cycle going forward. Michelle has added task forces and groups to analyze the data. This provided good interaction between parents and teachers which produced actionable items that school can use to improve. It was a very productive and positive experience.
- b. IB Parent Board (Ana and Dawn)- They don't want the Writing Center to become a remedial writing center, but to serve IB students too. Discussion about IB Coordinator position being too much for one person. Does this position need an assistant or help from administration? Also, we are undergoing a dual audit and there are changes to the testing.
- c. Mustang Club (Catherine and Beth)- meeting cancelled in February. For 2020-21 Presidents will be Margaret and Angus McBryde and president-elect will be Sarah and Kevin Ryan.

d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine or Sarah)- Art for the Park was a big success - they made \$68,000. New venue and set-up were well received.

7. Old Business:

a. Writing Center - Kathryn Griffin and Emily Mullinix met with Jessica Lee and are gearing up for an improved plan. The Writing Center has not been utilized because it's only available during 3rd Block. They are working to add after school hours from 2:30-3:30 with Jessica Lee and students trained as peer advisors. They hope to incentivize people to participate. PTSO costs might include snacks, Jessica Lee (TBD - she will receive a stipend to coordinate the program), and possible bus passes. They would also like to spruce up the space to make it more enticing. IB and PTSO will split the costs. This year IB will continue to pay Jackie Fishman (3rd block) and PTSO will pay for after school program. Next year, the recommendation is to have an integrated program under the leadership of Jessica Lee, with IB and PTSO splitting the costs. Possible improvement to use email for submissions.

8. New Business:

- A. Nominating update- This is complete!
- B. School Store - We need two sophomore/juniors to be co-presidents of the school store. Lauren Ball is the committee chair for next year.
- C. SGA Student Representative Update - Lilly shared that Sadie Hawkins was a success. It takes months for SGA to plan one dance so they will not be able to take on separate underclassmen and upperclassmen dances. Seniors got to purchase tickets one day early which worked really well. Suggestion to move ticket sales to a date closer to the dance.

9. Other Upcoming Dates:

- 2/20 - Prospective parent tour, 9:30am
- 2/25 - ACT, dismissal at 12:30pm
- 3/5 - Rising freshman/new student program and self guided tours, 6pm
- 3/11 - Staff appreciation lunch
- 3/12 - Senior parent party at Reid's SP, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 3/13 - PTSO exec meeting, 9:00am
- 3/17 - Prospective parent tour, 9:30am