

**Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting**  
***April 8, 2020***

In attendance: Catherine Hensley, Sarah Ryan, Shelby Patrick, Katharine Bolt, Beth Moss, Stephanie Cline, Mandy Rencher, Sherese Smith, Kathryn Griffin, Mark Bosco

1. Call to Order

2. Minutes from the March 13, 2020 Exec Meeting were approved via email.

3. Principal Report

School leadership is focused on three major things:

Getting online learning up and going. This has been a struggle for the district. MPHS has been ready to go with an online plan from the beginning but has faced roadblocks because of changing state and district directives which forces CMS to make changes as well. This past week, the NC State Board of Education put in place criteria that schools must meet for remote learning across the state. In response to that, CMS won't allow schools to issue new 4th quarter grades in PowerSchool unless there is equity in remote access district-wide. On April 1, we began offering online/remote new learning and grading. But now these grades are being kept in Canvas and not in PowerSchool because of this directive. CMS is working to create a consistency of experience across the schools in the district. There is a great deal of self-reliance put on the students which is positive.

Getting technology pushed out to students. There is currently about 85% connectivity and the leadership team and counselors are reaching out to the remaining 15%. They are unofficially taking attendance.

Outreach- We are working to support families with safety and food needs. The school leadership and counselors have been reaching out and making contact to support families.

The governor and state have said that seniors are finished as of March 16 with a pass/fail grade but CMS has not given schools a formal directive regarding that decision. CMS is asking students to continue working for social/emotional reasons and a final directive will be given after the board meeting on April 8. Students with a failing grade will have the opportunity to take online classes to continue work in class in order to pass. However, AP tests will still take place and national IB diploma requirements are

still in place. These are questions that they are still working through. How that will impact everyone is a wait and see. There are unknowns for the short term, medium term, and long term. Everyone is reacting to the crisis differently. In a crisis there will be times when you will lead and times you will be led. They are working to navigate this. What's the big picture...what's our picture...how does it all fit together.

Mr. Bosco shared appreciation for the Amazon gift cards to the staff.

We need to encourage people to complete the 2020 Census. Our resources and allocations are based on this.

#### 4. Annual Fund Report (Stephanie, Katharine and Shelby)

Outreach totals-

There have been about 74 donations to the Outreach COVID-19 initiative, \$13,801.

How Outreach Funds distributed: CIS has a protocol of how they handle each situation and a list of questions they ask when people are seeking help. They are encouraging people to use the various resources in the community. Mr. Bosco shared that the Southside area needs to be given attention and support in addition to Grier Heights. How do we reach students with needs who are in need that are not part of CIS? Sarah will contact Stefanie and Ashley from Outreach as well as Michelle Richards.

Stefanie Groot and Ashley Wise are leading the PTSO Outreach efforts and working with CIS. Any other groups that want to help with this effort need to direct questions to Stefanie and Ashley. This will help to avoid the duplication of efforts and resources.

#### 5. Treasurer Report (Beth)

##### a. **Cash Balance and Income/Expenses**

Cash balance \$199,133

AF deposits \$259,313

Total Income \$264,003

Expenses - \$202,485

b. **Grant Requests** - Total of \$13,861 for Professional Development and Continuing Ed. Motion to approve requests, seconded and approved.

1. Christian Greene - Licensure, \$1,000

2. Deleisha Webb - Licensure, \$300

3. Lisa Holder - Workshop, \$110
4. Arthur Baum - Membership Fee to NC Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, \$35
5. Kristen Hodges - National Boards, \$1,000
6. Ann-Marie Murphy - National Boards, \$1,000
7. Kristina Carlevatti - National Boards, \$250
8. Chad Groncki - National Boards, \$1,000
9. Monica Tubb - National Boards, \$1,000
10. Jeremy Shumpert - National Boards, \$950
11. Amber Brewer - Professional Development, \$1,000
12. Sydney Trombly - Licensure, \$266
13. Michelle Beyer - National Boards, \$1,000
14. Shoufen Jacobson - National Boards, \$950
15. Kristen Suberg - Continuing Education, \$1,000
16. Danila McNally - PhD Program, \$1,000
17. Tierra McDonald - Masters of Science in Leadership Management, \$1,000
18. John Cann - Masters in K-12 Leadership in Educational Administration, \$1,000

c. Budget Requests/Changes

- Motion to increase Outreach budget by \$5,635 based on designated donations. Motion seconded and approved.
- Motion to move \$500 to cover increased PayPal fees from above. Motion seconded and approved.

d. Wish List Funding

We have \$46,000 in unallocated funds plus monies in other budget areas that may not be used with students not on campus possibly for the remainder of the year. Proposal to roll over more money than usual to next year with the anticipation of possible decrease in donations (due to economy). We will push the Wish List spending decisions to our May meeting once we have answers on whether students will be back this school year or not.

6. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT (Beth) - did not meet.

- b. IB Parent Board (Ana or Dawn) - no report
- c. Mustang Club (Beth) - Beth has been meeting with McBrydes about transition and governance.
- d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine)- They did Innovation Grants for people who have ideas to help with virtual learning during this time. They are working with counselors and PTSO on outreach support. No meeting. They are offering support for Reggie's family.

7. Old Business:

- a. Lots of thank yous from MPHS staff for the Amazon gift cards. Very appreciative! It was especially appreciated that they went to everyone-teachers and all staff.

8. New Business:

- a. Online Learning Platform parent/student feedback - Allyson Davis sent out a questionnaire to the 84 PTSO general board members. There was very positive feedback about the teachers' work. There are some concerns about consistency among different teachers and conflicting decisions from CMS/ NCDPI.
  
- b. Front of school Landscaping - TNT cleaned out the area and gave Sarah a quote on how to keep it up over time. This on-going expense will need to come out of the existing Beautification budget. All were in support of this expense since that budget has money but next year they may need to decide how to allocate funds within their budget to accommodate this new expense.
  
- c. Memorial Garden - Ben Hager's plaque is ready to be installed. Going forward, the PTSO will order a plaque for current students that pass away and place them on the wall in the memorial garden. We will order a plaque for Reggie Deveaux who recently passed away. We need to be sure to create plaques and be consistent going forward. Each plaque costs about \$300. Add information to Policies & Procedures.
  
- d. The PTSO paid \$500, via Outreach's original budget, for a portion of Reggie Deveaux's funeral and provided some food. Sarah visited the family yesterday and delivered food and drinks.
  
- e. The Annual Fund campaign is still going strong thanks to our PTSO Outreach committee efforts during the Coronavirus pandemic. The outpouring of care and support from the MPHS Community has been incredible. THANK YOU for your

concern for our students and staff in need during this challenging time. As of April 1, 2020 the MPHS PTSO has received an incredible \$11,571 in donations! The Outreach Committee has assisted 45 students and families, totaling more than 125 individuals during the COVID-19 response. They have distributed more than \$1600 in grocery store gift cards. They try to provide families with cards to stores that are closest to their homes, and are mailing as many as possible to minimize travel. We are so thankful for our caring staff who keep us informed about those who need help during this time.

9. Transition Business:

a. Transition Meeting Plan - Meetings can be handled over Zoom. This will evolve as we wait and see what is happening with the remainder of the school year. Shelby and Katharine will have a calendar meeting on April 22. Meetings will happen after that as we have a clearer idea of what's in place.

b. Motion to approve Executive Board 2020-2021. Motion seconded and approved. This will be communicated in Mustang Express and there will be a Google poll for approval.

*Slate:*

Katharine Bolt and Shelby Patrick - Co-Presidents

Mandy Rencher and Elizabeth Damesek -Co-Presidents Elect

Catherine Hensley and Sarah Ryan - Past Presidents

Stephanie Cline - Treasurer

Beth Feit - Asst Treasurer

Sherese Smith - Secretary

Boo Viser - Asst Secretary

10. Other Upcoming Dates:

4/9 - No School, Teacher Workday

4/10 - 4/17 - No School, Spring Break

4/24 - PTSO Committee Chair Meeting, 9:00am (tentative)

5/8 - PTSO Exec Board meeting, 9:00am