

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting

August 14, 2020

1. Call to Order - Shelby called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
2. Last meeting minutes were approved via email (June 7, 2020).
3. Principal Report (Bosco)
 - Everything has been upended, and everyone is uncomfortable; Very heightened learning phase through all of this. When talking to people in the community, set a context - it's new for everyone; there will be problems. Admin and staff are going to need some grace through all of this. Going from B to C is not as easy as it sounds. The master schedule is usually done by the end of June. All Remote learning required a new master schedule that needed to be integrated with the regular master schedule. All remote learning is about 800+ kids. It's getting better, but it has been a process. There are some inconsistencies (ex. Power School - A, B, C isn't listed for parents to see).
 - Big picture - what is our focus - will be the same - high academic achievement etc. But will have a subset that will focus on remote learning.
 - First priority - Bosco is looking at safety and security as priority for his staff and students. Did not require staff to come in if they are not comfortable. Using this singular lens to make any decisions.
 - Second priority - technology. Staff need new technology (screen casting ability etc) and we will need to invest in technology. Still chasing computers for kids (about 200 short for district). Locating hot spots. Pushing out technology to new students and 9th graders. Making sure we have the software that kids need. PowerSchool, Canvas, etc. Big focus for the staff.
 - Third priority - transition from what we did in the Spring to now. Want to see instructional integrity in the virtual world for students and teachers. Admin team will be dropping in on teachers daily. Really looking at daily instruction. What are they doing in live instruction virtually? Need to look at how teachers are extending the learning. How we are engaging students to learn the material. This will be a priority for Bosco.
 - Will start to see in all highschools a daily advisory period to navigate social and emotional needs. This will help to build community, communication, office hours, having a place to discuss social justice issues. Freshmen may be looking at Naviance every Friday as an example.
 - Canvas rollover will start Monday. Kids won't see most of their information until Monday morning. Some teachers may do the work around and kids might see over the weekend what they need to do/where to log in.
 - Google form for class change requests no longer requires the rotation number from the student.

- Daily Advisory will continue even if we go back to school. This is where attendance will be taken for 20- day count. Kids also need to check in for every single block for their attendance and for synchronous learning.
 - Technology concerns when everyone is online. What are we doing to make sure we don't have issues? Bosco is working with experts, but knows this will be a problem.
 - About half the teachers are coming to the campus.
 - Have we discussed class rank (because of pass/fail and grades in the spring)? Bosco said yes looking at it. It may disappear. But the district will need to look at that. That's a board decision. Stephanie said she was on a call and a lot of schools are looking to drop it.
 - Elizabeth asked "How are we going to deal with kids that just can't make the jump to virtual learning?" When is it the teachers responsibility and when is it a learning deficit with the child. Bosco stated there will definitely be a widening of the gap. Teachers will need to figure this out. It's a shift. Teachers are trained for live instruction. They will need time to learn how to assess, teach and reteach in this new environment.
 - Mandy asked about assessments. We will do tests online. There will be links. More free response tests. Will have to work our way through this. We will need to learn from kids since they are more versed in social media/virtual interactions. Our kids are capable of a lot and they can help our teachers.
 - College board is moving forward with PSAT. Are we going to have juniors come in to take PSAT? Eventually, we will do that. Michael and Amber Dowdy coordinate SAT for our school. They are ready to go, just waiting on the district to allow it. We were ready, but other schools may not have been. Looking at equitability in the district.
 - Send any additional comments and/or feedback to Mark. He will send out FAQ's already being generated out to us.
4. Treasurer Report (Stephanie) - Meeting next week to finalize budget. Board will vote in September. Stephanie has 30 check requests to process.
- a. Actuals = \$20,601 YTD
 - b. Audit Report - end of July. went well, passed. 2 small changes.
 - c. Face Shields - Michelle Richards sent in a check request for face shields. Need to figure out where we charge this. Leaning towards Safety and Security line item. These shields can be used with masks when working with asymptomatic people. Could also be used with language teachers. We bought 50 (approx \$600, but got knocked down with a coupon to \$386.29). Motion was made, seconded, and passed. Charged expense to Safety and Security line item.
 - d. Policies and Procedures - check request form. Need to email PTO Treasurer, or mail to Stephanie's house, or put it in the Treasurer's folder in the mailroom at the school. Two-week turnaround, although these first ones will be longer, because Stephanie has just become a check signer.
5. Annual Fund Report (Beth, Elizabeth and Mandy) - Already started collecting PayPal (have collected 18K so far) via the online back to school forms. List of donations is saved in "giving" google doc. Beth can send to Elizabeth for thank you notes. Have a new mailbox on Selwyn

Rd... Beth will send out that information. We have delayed the annual fund mailer until mid-Sept, b/c of all that's going on.

6. Update from other groups:

SLT - Hasn't met yet

IB Council (Ana) - Going to split costs for a Global Leadership Membership that all students can benefit from.

Mustang Club (Shelby) - Meeting was postponed

MPHS Foundation (Katharine) - Haven't had a meeting yet. Katharine has been talking to them about budgeting. In a "wait and see" mode.

7. New Business:

a. Virtual Open Campus - did a great job putting this together.

b. BTS luncheon - Staff given Chick-fil-A lunch cards

c. Packet stuffing - funded helpers for envelope stuffing

d. Back to School forms - all online

e. First week of school/Guidance committee - they have been great! Not allowed to have people in person, so helping them the best way they can.

f. Memorial Garden and Campus Beautification - We have lost 4 students since May 13. 3 gun shot, and 1 car accident. Working on memorial garden plaques for those students that were currently enrolled in MPHS. Campus beautification has been working hard (power washing, etc). Want to do a lot more since kids are not on campus. Have been given the green light to go ahead.

g. Writing Center collaboration with IB and Common App - PTSO is collaborating with the IB council on the new writing center. Mr. Jenkins has organized a college essay writing zoom workshop and presentation. It will be on 8/25 at 6pm and will be open to the first 75 seniors to sign up. Presentation and FAQ's will be posted online after 8/25 for all to see. The Writing Center will be set-up remotely to help seniors with college essays.

h. Mustang Club is bringing back personalized bricks as a part of their fundraising platform. Would go around the stadium. Per Margaret McBryde, there are also some drainage issues around campus that would benefit from the brick installation. So Margaret suggested the PTSO also sell bricks as a way for other families to commemorate their students.

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9. Other Upcoming Dates:

9/10- 9th grade virtual Brown Bag lunch with Mr. Bosco, Noon-1:00pm

9/11 - PTSO Executive Board Meeting - Virtual 9:00am

9/15 - Virtual: PTSO General Board Meeting/Curriculum Night, 6:00pm

9/23 - 9th grade Virtual Parent Night, 6:00pm

9/30 - PTSO Committee Chair Meeting, 9:00am Virtual