

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2021

1. Call to Order - Katharine called the meeting to order at 9:04am. Members present include Katharine Bolt, Mandy Rencher, Sarah Ryan, Allyson Davis, Beth Feit, Boo Viser, Catherine Hensley, and Sherese Smith.
2. Minutes from the December 11, 2020 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Vice-Principal Report (Allyson Davis)
 - a. Testing Updates - There will be three make up test days for EOC exams. They will start the first week of Feb and go for 3 weeks, for each rotation group. The bell schedule will be 7:15-12 during those make up test days. Feb 23 is supposed to be ACT. This is still tentative. The district has made it very clear that this is a “nicety” but not a guarantee, so make sure parents understand this. State tests, however, are guaranteed to happen. Allyson also mentioned that the English EOC scores are not back yet, so some students are showing an incomplete for 1st Q. She said these scores should be back soon and changes will be made in PowerSchool.
 - b. Return to School Info - We’re supposed to start in person learning on the 19th, starting with Group A. Allyson stated that they are still preparing for that date.
 - c. PSAT Information - The date for the PSAT is January 26 for Juniors. This will be a remote day for everyone else except Juniors.
 - d. Spring Graduation Date set - Graduation has been moved to Bojangles Coliseum because of conflicts at Spectrum Arena. The date is June 3rd at 12:00pm. Graduation coordinators are working on the details.
 - e. Freshman Orientation - The virtual orientation was Jan 4. All went well. Lots of good feedback. Tricia Parrish, Media Specialist, started a MPHS Youtube channel, so it has been posted there.
 - f. *Questions for Allyson:* Mandy asked about EOC tests and the differences between counties and how they handled grading these EOC’s. How will the state handle these differences? Allyson stated that our BOE has voted that students will be required to take these tests, and the grade will be counted as 20 percent. She made the suggestion to go to Mark first and then the BOE if there are concerns about this. Allyson also mentioned that there are some parents who are panicking about the rise of case numbers and don’t want their kids to go to school but did not sign up for Remote D.

She informed us that the attendance policy is not in place. So if a parent feels uncomfortable they can keep their child at home during their in-person week and email the teachers to let them know. They will get an email/call that their child was absent, but it's ok since the attendance policy is not in place.

4. Treasurer Report (Stephanie)

- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses - We have \$184,059 in net income and approximately \$194K in the Bank. Outreach has spent about 19K, but still has about 10K left to spend.
- b. Grant Requests - None at this time.
- c. Budget Requests/Changes - We have been paying 3 English teachers in 1st semester who have been covering for an English teacher that left at the beginning of the year. Allyson stated we've hired all the teachers we need at this point, so we shouldn't need to spend any more money. Stephanie made a motion to move \$3300 from unallocated to sub coverage labor to cover the budget overage to date. The motion was seconded and approved.
- d. Wish List Funding
 - i. Auditorium Seat project \$61K - Stephanie feels like we have the money in the budget to go ahead and finish the auditorium seats if that is a desired project. Katharine will reach out to Ms Roberts to get on the schedule for July to install the new seats. We want to get the process going so we can get them complete before the Fall. Katharine will get details on the timing and then The Board will vote at the next meeting or by email.
- e. Financial Review Committee - Carol Giardi, Kim Bowman, and Heather Goodrum have agreed to be on the Financial Review Committee that will meet in July 2021. Stephanie made a motion to approve these 3 members to the Financial Review Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Annual Fund Report (Beth, Elizabeth, and Mandy) - Beth reported that as of Jan 8th, we've collected in cash almost 165K, for a total (with matching) of approx \$169. We're at 91% of our goal. We've had 654 donors, which is great. More people giving, but giving less. Mandy plans to do another list of donors at the end of the month. Hopefully if the kids go back to school, that will encourage a few more people to give.

6. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT - next meeting is 1/14; No update at this time. Allyson reported that they have been rewriting the Vision and Mission statements.
- b. IB Parent Board (Ana) - There are IB Middle Years program concerns that the students haven't been informed on what they need to be doing. Bosco was going to talk to Katie Willett about this. Allyson will talk to Katie as well. Recommendation is to add an IB corner on the Mustang Express. Katharine will reach out to Nichelle to add this section to the ME. Allyson will ask Katie Willett to add information to this weekly publication.
- c. Mustang Club - The PTSO will share the cost to replace the benches in the weight room with Mustang Club as it is used by the weight lifting classes. Cost is \$2600
- d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine) - The Foundation has partnered with Happy YOUiversity to provide a mindset program to AVID students. Foundation would like to roll this out to all Teachers/Staff. They feel like mental health is a big topic right now and want to provide a tool for teachers. This is a 21 day program and teachers would need to sign up. The Foundation will pay for this and the PTSO will help roll it out. Katharine suggested the information should come from Allyson in her bi-weekly email. Allyson suggested there is an ILC meeting next Monday for Dept Chairs and it would be great if someone could come and present the information to them at that meeting.

7. PTSO Updates

- a. Nominating Committee Vote - We need to think of potential names for the committee. We will also advertise in the Mustang Express. We will need to vote sometime this month, so may need to approve by email. Suggestions include: Mandi Bell, Tammy Jones, Kim Bowman, someone from Carmel, and maybe someone from Randolph.
- b. Hospitality - The committee provided snacks for teachers proctoring during make-up exam day on 12/21. They will provide snacks for proctors for EOC make-ups as well.
- c. Freshman Orientation, January 4, huge success
- d. Outreach - Very busy supporting students with needs. Holiday Outreach, run by Kelly Rush, served 167 students (MP sweatshirts, gift card, and candy). 20 families were adopted by MP Families. CIS Counselors identified these families. The case loads are down as we have lost some students, which is unfortunate. We've increased the amount we are giving to the families we are supporting.

- e. Senior Plan - Ms Cates has senior t-shirts to pass out. Catherine has been talking to Ms Ledford about a senior group picture. Amy Godwin suggested having several small group pictures and putting them together. They are going to put together a proposal and go to Mark. Allyson suggested getting headshots when they drive by to pick up t-shirts and then do a larger picture putting these headshots together.
 - f. Virtual Mid-year Graduation - passing out diplomas on 1/14 from 3-4:30pm. They are getting a rose and using the picture sign to get a picture with Mr. Bosco. PTSO will provide the roses for everyone. There are 42 graduates as of now.
8. Other Upcoming Dates:
- a. January 14, Mid-year Graduation Diploma Pick-up, 3-4:30pm
 - b. January 18, MLK Holiday, no school
 - c. January 26, PSAT administered at school for Juniors
 - d. January 27, Committee Chair Meeting, 9am
 - e. February 4, Virtual Curriculum Night (2nd semester new classes), 5pm
 - f. February 12, Executive Board Meeting, 9am
 - g. February 17, Early Release day

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.