

# Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## March 19, 2021

1. Call to Order via Zoom - Shelby called the meeting at 9:00am. Members present include Katharine Bolt, Ana Aceti, Beth Feit, Catherine Hensley, Elizabeth Damesek, Boo Viser, Mandy Rencher, Sarah Ryan, Shelby Patrick, Stephanie Cline, and Sherese Smith. Guests include Allyson Davis, Kim Bowman, and Ed Aluise.
2. Minutes from the February 12, 2021 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Principal Report, Allyson Davis -
  - a. People want to know what it's like being back on campus. \*Allyson stated we're about a third/third/third for A, B, D. A little more in D, but fairly even. (*\*Since the board meeting, this information has changed due to the recent BOE vote. We are now down to A and D only. Families are able to change groups if desired*) The attendance policy has changed so if you're supposed to be on campus, you can get remote attendance credit. As far as next year, there will probably be a remote option, but it will look a lot different. You most likely will not have special classes designated for you if you're remote. This will make it much easier for scheduling. Some parents have been upset because they chose remote D, but now the environment is different and they want to come back. Unfortunately, that is not possible because of the cumbersome scheduling process that has to happen. On campus, there are some classes that could get up to about 18 if everyone shows up. But usually not everyone shows up. They were worried a little about the cafeteria, but so far with outside eating options, it has been fine.
  - b. Every teacher who is on leave for now, is planning to come back after Spring Break. We had a few staffing holes today because several teachers have gotten the second vaccine shot and have not been feeling well. We have a few teachers that have resigned (1 math, 1 Eng teacher and 2 in PE dept). We will not refill those positions until the Fall.
  - c. Catherine remarked that drop off procedures/carpool have been going well. Allyson stated they got mixed reviews in the beginning, but thinks that was more related to parents who didn't think we should be going back to school, and parents who did think we should be going back to school.

4. Ed Aluise, a member of the Foundation, presented the MPHS Foundation “Framework of Needs” to the PTSO Board. This framework looks at students’ needs and evaluates redundancies and gaps with other student support groups. Ed stated that their primary goal is to fund the CIS Team. Allyson Davis suggested a few other activities that could be added to the academic support portion of the framework (Blitz sessions supported by the PTSO, and grade level incentives). Allyson is also concerned about the number of kids who didn’t receive credits in first semester and how we are going to re-engage them so that they don’t continue to lose credits. There was discussion among the group and Ed will take the feedback back to the Foundation. Sarah Ryan mentioned from an outreach perspective her concern with mental health issues and the lack of resources/expertise to deal with these issues. Allyson mentioned that Camp Jennings has a strong interest in helping with this and working with the Foundation. Ed reviewed the slide in the presentation that focuses on recommendations for Mental Health/Esteem Gap. Allyson mentioned that Brynne Hutton, school psychologist is looking at survey data from the students on mental/social/emotional needs and wants to do something with this data. Allyson suggested she would be a good resource for Ed and the Foundation.
  
5. Annual Fund Report (Beth, Mandy and Elizabeth) - We did get a few contributions this past month via paypal. Matching checks are coming in. We’re at 91% of our goal. We currently have \$181,531 in net deposits. The stand alone Mustang Express went out last week. Mandy and Elizabeth will run a donor listing once a month in Mustang Express to try and reach our 100% goal. There was a suggestion to put where we are percentage-wise with our goal to hopefully make one last push for donations.
  
6. Treasurer Report (Stephanie)
  - a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses - \$126,600 in net income. After talking to the different committees, we updated this year’s budget forecasting to reflect current spending to date. The Foundation is going to donate about \$4600 for outside tables (see Campus Beautification information below). Stephanie made a motion to move 7K from Unallocated to Facilities to support buying the outside tables. Motion was seconded and approved.
  - b. Grant Requests (due Mar 26) - not very many coming in. We expect leftover money from this line item.
  - c. Budget Requests/Changes
  - d. Wish List Funding

## 7. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT (Shelby) - They met yesterday at 3pm. They post their minutes so once they are posted, Shelby will send them out.
- b. IB Parent Board (Ana) - Not much to report. On a no exam track, so seniors need to stay focused on their in class progress. Juniors are starting to work on extended essays. Working on the assumption that there is not going to be a graduation, so planning on a drive through event. CAS needs to be completed by May 15. This is super important for sophomores and Seniors. They are working on a slideshow for seniors. Laura Tenzer will be the incoming president of the IB parent board. IB has paid for the staff in the writing center. The program has been a huge success. Ana recommends more sessions for next year. She also recommends the college prep program for juniors. They had 4 zoom meetings (1 per quarter). The meetings were well attended and good additional support for students and parents. Shelby reported that Mr. Bosco stated they are going to work on linking ManageBac to Canvas and creating a module for students and parents to better understand ManageBac.
- c. Mustang Club (Sarah) - We have a lot of sports going on. Soccer in the second round of playoffs. Had signing day on Wednesday. It has been challenging to raise money. Continuing to try and mainstream the fundraising for all sports. The first round of bricks have been installed (107). Another 25 bricks have been ordered and will hope to be installed in May. The current chairs of Mustang Club will stay on for another year for consistency and to help with recruiting new members/leaders.
- d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine) - Art for the Park is coming up. It will be virtual. Working on getting Patrons. The auction will be virtual. May offer the Camp Thunderbird experience again this spring.

## 8. President's Updates

- a. Campus Beautification - Shelby/Katharine have been talking to Bosco about adding more outside seating for the kids. The picnic tables could be used during lunch and for outside classrooms. They've been doing research on cost and where to find the money. The first plan is to add seating on the patio around the art gallery. They are looking at circular tables that seat 8. The next step would be to add tables on the quad near the SET building. They are recommending 10 commercial grade rectangular tables. Sarah has a resource that we've used in the past that she will share with Shelby and team. Ideally we would want 10 rectangular and 20 round. Shelby and Katharine will meet with the Campus

Beautification committee next Monday to get an update on upcoming plans.

- b. 9th grade events - Mandi Bell is getting cups stuffed with candy for all 9th graders. Will give them out in Advisory next week for in-person students.
- c. Student store - Trying to get it up and running. Mark has approved opening the school store. Lauren Ball is trying to get inventory. Will hope to have it open on Tuesday and Thursdays during school lunches.
- d. Bricks for Outgoing Presidents - Do we continue? Recommend stopping this program as there is already a plaque in the office honoring the PTSO Presidents.

Upcoming Dates:

4/16 - PTSO exec meeting, 9:00am

4/1 through 4/11- No school: Teacher workdays and Spring Break

4/17- Campus Clean-Up

4/17- MPHS Foundation Virtual Art for the Park