

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting

June 7, 2021

1. Call to Order. Katharine called the meeting to order at 9:08am. Members present include Katharine Bolt, Shelby Patrick, Mandy Rencher, Kim Bowman, Mark Bosco, Michelle Mangan, Catherine Hensley, Stephanie Cline, Beth Feit, Sherese Smith, and Kelly Coley. New Board members for 2021-2022 were introduced.
2. Minutes from the May 14, 2021 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Principal Report (Mark Bosco)
 - a. Graduation report - 830 students graduated in two sessions on June 3rd. Mark was very pleased with how it went. Feedback from board members was positive...the speeches, the program, and how smoothly things ran at Bojangles Coliseum.
 - b. Staffing updates - Since Covid, Mark has done a lot of hiring. We've had a shift of about 30 people. We've hired experienced teachers from other schools and those that have relocated. Mark feels good about his staff for next year. In addition, he will hire a new Dean of Students, and two CTE Coordinator positions are open.
 - c. Camp CMS/Summer School - Brian Freeland is doing credit recovery right now. There are about 40 kids who could possibly graduate within a month. He's also looking at sophomores and juniors who are a little behind. Allyson Davis will run our Camp CMS for rising 9th graders this summer and 10th/11th who want initial (new) credit. For 9th graders, it will be like a "bridge" program. Brian Friedland is working with John Davis on a leadership course to help students with high potential but may have indicators that may pull them away from high success. This program will be used with kids that are leaders in the school, as well as kids at high risk. Covid- relief money is helping with this. This money will help for the next 3 years, but we will need to look for funds to help sustain this program after 3 years.
 - d. Transportation Survey - A survey has gone out so we can figure out what we need for bus drivers and bus routes next year.
 - e. CMS Budget - There is a big rift between the BOE and County Commissioners. We get close to 400 million from the County. Total budget is about 1.7 billion. The county wants to withhold about 56 Million until

CMS figures out how to address the achievement gap. The Board is going into some type of mediation process with the County Commissioners to hopefully come to a resolution.

- f. Mark wants to lift up **Auto Tech**. After the fire, they are rebuilding the Auto Tech building.
 - g. **Rezoning issue** to provide relief to some high schools. The issue is what to do with Waddell. The original thought is to take the Olde Providence zone and send it to S. Meck and take the language program at South and send them to Waddell. They are also looking at the Sharon Elem zone (those that go to Carmel) and moving them to S. Meck. The South Meck parents are unhappy and are trying to slow the decision and wait until the new high schools open. Margaret Marshall told Mark that the decision has been slowed.
 - h. **New curriculum** - There will be a new math curriculum next year (Springboard) that will start in Math I. This is a CMS change. There will also be a new English Curriculum next year. We're looking to find a curriculum that is more aligned with the state standards.
 - i. There is a **News Report** coming out tonight at 6pm. We are involved in two court cases (from 2014 and 2015) that involve sexual harassment. We've settled on one case (2014 case). The 2015 case is still open (in summary judgment). There will be an expose piece on the news (WBTV) tonight about Myers Park and this case.
 - j. **Remote High School** will not be offered at MPHS. Kids will have to move to the virtual high school if they are interested in a full virtual option.
4. President Report - Stephanie was recognized for all her efforts as Treasurer.
- a. Committee Updates
 - i. Outreach - 43 \$100 gift cards were given out to those going to college. 12k was given to those in crisis this year.
 - ii. Campus Beautification - The committee is working with Margaret McBryde on several quotes (bench repair, grade area outside of cafeteria, sidewalk repairs, etc.). Kim/Mandy will work with the committee on needs and budget requests going forward.
 - b. Other
 - i. Lemonade on the Lawn/Teacher Recognition - Lemonade and cookies were given to staff last Wednesday. Retirement cards were given out. Chik-fil-A gift cards were given out to staff as well in lieu of a staff luncheon.
 - ii. Memorial Plaques - They are finally being produced. They will be installed this summer.

- iii. Picnic Table Plaques - Still not in production, but will continue to work on this.
5. Treasurer Report (Stephanie and Beth) - Annual Fund met its goal!! We have new donors, which is great.
- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses - 91K left in budget. Approved, not paid: 1) Traffic control person and 2) Counselor Scholarship still available. The amount is \$1000. After the meeting, it was announced that Bettye Tish will receive the PTSO Scholarship.
 - b. Budget Requests/Changes - Campus beautification has requested funds for ongoing summer projects. Stephanie made a motion to approve 5k for landscaping that will move to next year's budget. The motion was seconded and approved. Mark's discretionary money - Mark would like to give a teacher who taught Chinese and took over for the one that left a stipend (approx 1K). Outreach has \$2,864 left for the year. Stephanie will talk to Stefanie Groot about what they need for the remainder of the year.
 - i. Summer support - Mark will use the money allotted to him.
 - c. Wish List Funding - Mark stated HELIOS for Math building should remain on the wish list, as well as flags for quad.
 - d. Audit Schedule - The Financial Review is scheduled for July 2, 2021
6. Update from other groups:
- a. IB Parent Board (Ana) - no updates
 - b. Mustang Club (Shelby) - They hired a new football coach, Curtis Fuller. He was hired from within. We hired Chris Adams as offensive coordinator. We will also bring in a defensive coordinator, also named Chris Adams. Soccer won the state championship. Field Hockey won a state championship. Some teams are still playing until the end of June. Mustang Club will meet throughout the summer. They are going to revisit concessions for next year.
 - c. MPHS Foundation (Katharine) - met last week. Not having their annual luncheon. George Climer is rolling off, and Ghazele Johnston is rolling on as President of the Board. They are planning reunions for next year. Have a new ambassador program. Brian Friedland is now on the Board. The board is doing a book study led by Simone McGee.
7. Transition Business (Mandy and Kim) - Transition meetings are complete and went well. Mandy/Kim have met with members of the Foundation about mental health initiatives. We have new committee chairs for the mental health committee (Katie Boggs, Kylee Lundberg).

- a. Open Campus - Will be the Thursday before school starts
 - b. Start of School - still August 25 for now.
8. Other Upcoming Dates:
- 6/30 - End of PTSO fiscal year