

## **Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting April 6, 2021**

1. Call to Order - Katharine called the meeting to order at 9:02. Attendees include Katharine Bolt, Shelby Patrick, Mandy Rencher, Boo Viser, Catherine Hensley, Beth Feit, Sarah Ryan, Mark Bosco, Sherese Smith, and Kim Bowman.
2. Minutes from the March 19, 2021 Exec Meeting were approved via email
3. Principal Report:
  - a. Re-opening of school - With all the discussion leading up to it, it ended up being a non-issue. About 2,000 students are attending in person. End of year testing is still uncertain, but teachers are being flexible. The hybrid method is working well for teachers. 4 cases of Covid in the past 2 weeks. 1 student and 3 staff. No close contacts. If there are close contacts in the future, there will be a personal communication to the family about quarantining.
  - b. Camp CMS - The district has come up with the idea that we need to offer a program to re-engage students and offer instruction for loss learning. We have about 60 kids signed up. We need to have 150 kids to host it at Myers Park. If we don't hit that number, kids can attend another school. It is not "required." If someone is failing, then they are required to go to summer school. Camp CMS and Summer School are 2 different things.
  - c. Graduation Plans - Graduation will be June 3rd. There will be two graduation ceremonies at Bojangles arena. We project 829 students to graduate and we will divide this number in half (alphabetically) to make the two graduation ceremonies. They will be at 10:00am and 12:30pm. There is a limit to 2 guests per graduate. It will be live streamed. There will only be 10 people on the stage. Staff will be limited. No junior Marshalls. And we will hand out diplomas on the stage. We will follow up with a school based celebration on June 4. Still working on these plans (food trucks, music on the quad, lawn sports etc). Mark would like some support from PTSO. Admin/guidance and a committee will be running the event. PTSO can definitely provide volunteers. Cap and Gown pick up is on 4/28.
  - d. Staff Vaccination - Most of the staff have been vaccinated. A few waiting on their second dose. This is a great relief for Mark.
  - e. Testing and Exams - so many loose ends to tie up, like missing exams from first semester. May 2-18 will be AP exams. We will continue normal school until May 12 as best as we can. From May 12 on, kids will be at home, unless they are coming in to take an exam (from May 12-May 28). Still pursuing a waiver from

the state. If we get that waiver, we will not administer state exams. There will most likely not be teacher made exams. Catherine asked if it's required to take the AP exam. Mark reported that there is no way to require it.

- f. Current state of the Park - Things are starting to get back to normal. Over the summer things should open up wider. Planning to open normally in the Fall. 3 teacher retirements. Scott Schoff, Ken Cook, and Anne Owens.

4. President Update: Considering not having the committee meeting a week from Wednesday, Not much to discuss. Will have a special ME issue for a vote for the executive board. We will do an end of year luncheon for staff. Not in person. But will give out gift cards. 9th grade events did something for freshmen. Sophomore and juniors are probably going to do something in the upcoming weeks. Maybe an ice cream truck.

- a. Picnic Table Project - All the tables are put together and being used. The kids love the tables and love to gather outside. Over 43 table sponsors, but only have 30 tables. Some were anonymous so will make 1 anonymous table. All tables will have a plaque.
- b. Campus Beautification - taking place on 4/17. Please spread the word to others to come and help. This can count for IB hours.
- c. Memorial Garden - moving forward on plaques for Lucy Wiley and Reggie Deveaux. Should be hung soon and Katharine will reach out to the families.
- d. Outreach Support update - Our needs have increased since school has started. Needs include supporting families that are homeless.

5. Transition - Mandy/Kim are having the calendar meeting today with Allyson Davis. Will have transition meetings at the end of this month and in May.

6. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT (Shelby) - Did not meet in March. Met yesterday at 3pm. Have not reported the minutes yet.
- b. Mustang Club - no meeting since last Exec
- c. Foundation (Katharine) - This week is Art for the Park. We've gotten a lot of Patrons and Sponsors, which is great. However, the bidding is low, so please spread the word.
- d. IB Council (Ana) - No update since last month.

7. Treasurer Report (Stephanie)

- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses
- b. Grant Requests - Total of \$6226 - They have all been approved by Mark. Katharine asked how we let people know their grant requests have been

approved. Catherine said the Treasurer usually send them a letter. Stephanie will send the official letter. Katharine made a motion to approve all of the grant requests. It was seconded and approved.

1. \$956 - Anthony Iuso - CPCC certification program - Information Technology
2. \$1200 - Mitchel Virgilio - UNC-Charlotte Urban Education Program - his program was actually \$1471.50 but he requested \$1200 and the total allowed is \$1000. We will cap this at \$1000.
3. \$1000 - Tierra McDonald - Strayer University - M.S. Leadership Management
4. \$1000 - Scott Taylor - CalU - Sports Counseling and Student Athlete Wellness
5. \$1000 - Daniel Smith - National Board Certification Renewal
6. \$495 - Sequoia Goodman - National Board Certification Renewal - School Counseling
7. \$575 - Michelle Beyer - National Board Retake Test - failed the first attempt

- c. Budget Requests/Changes - we now have an extra \$13,000 (from grants) we can move to unallocated.
- d. Wish List Funding

8. Annual Fund Report - Mandy Rencher, Elizabeth Damasek, Beth Feit - we are up to \$191,500 in deposits (96% of goal). We have matches coming in which will put us over our goal. \$7300 has not been added to this amount that came from the Foundation and table sponsorships. Beth will add this to our totals.

9. Other Upcoming Dates:

- 4/17 - Campus Beautification Clean-Up Day 9-12
- 4/21 - Remote/Asynchronous Day for Grades 9/11/12
- 4/21 - 10th Grade Pre-Act
- 4/28 - Senior Cap and Gown Pick-up
- 5/14 - PTSO Exec Board meeting, 9:00am (hopefully in person)