

## Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2020

- Call to Order - Katharine called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Members present include Katharine Bolt, Stephanie Cline, Beth Feit, Mark Bosco, Boo Viser, Sarah Ryan, Mandy Rencher, Catherine Hensley, Shelby Patrick, Elizabeth Damesek, and Sherese Smith
- Minutes from the September 11, 2020 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
- Principal Report
  - a. Mark reported that the district is making adjustments as it relates to grading. The district will give us some guidelines. They are also trying to figure out a screen time recommendation. They are looking at it and may make some recommendations. Mark thinks there's not a whole lot we can do as far as screen time with school instruction. Would hope that parents are limiting the screen time after school. We are also looking at work load. Teachers are working on it. The administration is putting out weekly information on best practices etc. We are doing midterms (assessments online). Anxiously awaiting return to school. Teachers are expected to return by Nov 30, but that's a soft date. Really only students that have to come in for exams will come in Dec. Looking to have a real start in January. Things could change but that's what we're planning on right now. Still trying to get clarity on CTE tests. Those are state tests so we may have to have kids on campus for those. So it may be EOC's and CTE exams where kids come to campus.
  - b. Mark is engaged in a reorganization of our Dean of Students. We have three. They supervise staff and students. Mark is looking to change the Deans. One will be moved to focus on Diversity and Student Engagement (Brian Freeland). He will be focused on the student experience for minorities. The other 2 Deans will be split between grades (9th/12th, and 10th/11th).
  - c. Each quarter students will be surveyed by their teacher to get feedback from students that will be invaluable for teachers.
  - d. Mark opened it up for questions: Mandy asked about timing of school (start at 7:15). Mark doesn't know the answer to this question. The earliest would be the week of exams. When we get to live instruction, we would have to move back to 7:15am (in Jan). Elizabeth asked about parking in January. Bosco will talk to Tyson (see comments in "e"). Catherine asked

about elementary schools going back to 2 day on, 3 days off (in an A/B pattern). Will high schools do the same? Mark has not been told, but thinks that's the implications. Waiting on information from the governor. Stephanie asked about what kids are doing when they are not in school starting in Jan. They will be experiencing the live instruction at home via a camera, while others are in the classroom. The teachers will use their laptops to do this. They can also use additional cameras and the school has been providing them to those teachers who have made requests.

- e. Tyson reported that it will be seniors only that will get parking. Carpool will go through the stadium area and there will be check in points. Tyson is ready to send out stickers, but waiting to get closer to time when they come on campus. Elizabeth asked about carpool and check in points and how that will work. You will have a pre screen check at home, most likely (info coming from the district). Then kids would get out of their cars and go to a station to get a temperature check. These check in points would not hold up the carpool line.
- Treasurer Report (Stephanie)
    - a. The 2020-2021 budget was formally presented and approved by the General Membership via voting link in 9/18/2020 Mustang Express.
    - b. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses - \$175,336 currently in the Bank. Income - \$112,905 brought in so far. \$30,907 in expenses (50% is from teacher supply checks).
    - c. Grant Requests - 1) Scanner and cables for Kory Formon for registration. Stephanie made a motion to approve \$226 from Technology for this request. Beth seconded the motion. The motion was approved. 2) Kelly Scwippert has requested that we support a grant for \$655 for a Gizmo subscription that would be used by all science teachers. Stephanie made a motion to support this grant and made a motion to approve \$655 from Academic Support. Katharine seconded. Motion approved.
    - d. WishList Funding - we currently have items from last year on the Wish List. Stephanie suggested that we wait to get more money from annual funds before discussing these items.
  - Annual Fund Report (Mandy, Elizabeth, and Beth) - Beth reported \$107,000 from annual fund donations. Deposited about 10K this past week so they are coming in. Over 50 % of our projections. Elizabeth reported that we are behind from where we were last year this time, but about the same as we were two years ago. Elizabeth is working on thank you notes. There will be a stand alone Mustang Express that will list all the donors. Looking at some type of

appreciation for our top tier donors. Mandy thinks we might get a bump in Jan when kids go back to school and we get parents to fill out PTSO forms.

- Old Business/PTSO Updates:
  - a. Staff Appreciation - slowly getting volunteers back on campus. Were able to have a few volunteers to help with staff appreciation boxed lunches. This event went well and was well attended.
  - b. Teacher supply checks - were distributed at the Staff Appreciation event.
  
- New Business:
  - a. Hoof Hut/Spiritwear - Mustang Club wants to work with other vendors and promote online through Shopify. We still want to have a school store once the kids are on campus. Mustang Club wants to revamp some of the spiritwear. Will still work with This, That and More for some items, but will also work with other vendors. Everyone would go to the Shopify link for all spiritwear.
  - b. Policies and Procedures update/vote - Beth is collecting names for PTSO membership, including Sunshine Funds members. So Katharine has changed that in the policies/procedures document. The wording in the P&P for Assistant Treasurer will now say, "Collect and maintain list of Membership and Sunshine Fund members. Give a list of membership to the Secretary to maintain for audit purposes." Katharine made a motion. It was seconded and approved.
  - c. Campus Beautification - clean up event planned for Nov 21.
  - d. Outreach - going strong. Providing snacks at Grier Heights, still doing school supply drive and taking them to various communities. Also doing coat drive now.
  
- Update from other groups:
  - a. SLT (Katharine) - Have not had a formal meeting so no update.
  - b. IB Parent Board (Ana) - No updates. Catherine stated they are going through their audit. Mark stated they did a multi year audit (middle and diploma programs). Mark was very pleased and thought the feedback was good and actionable.
  - c. Mustang Club (Sarah or Catherine) - Catherine gave update that we got Regional awards (ejection free) and won Wells Fargo cup again (# of championships in the conference). Teams are starting to practice (cross country, swimming, volleyball and basketball). Will have to make some cuts to maintain low numbers. Kicking off a new website this coming week

and trying to raise money as a whole, not individual teams. Also kicking off nominating.

- d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine) - Biggest thing is for the next three weeks, we are sending kids to Camp Thunderbird to do remote learning. Can take part in the afternoon activities after remote learning. The kids are having a blast. Foundation is sponsoring 20 kids, Camp Thunderbird got a grant to sponsor kids and Bragg Financial also are supporting kids. We will do this for 4 weeks.
- Other Upcoming Dates:
  - 10/13-16 - Midterms
  - 10/19 - No School, Teacher Workday
  - 11/11 - No School, Veteran's Day
  - 11/13 - PTSO Exec Board Meeting, 9am
  - 11/21 - Campus Clean Up

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am.