

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
September 10, 2021
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 9:05 In attendance: Mandy Rencher, Kim Bowman, Beth Feit, Melissa Sullivan, Sherese Smith, Shelby Patrick, Boo Viser, Kelly Coley, Maureen Furr, Allyson Davis
2. Last meeting minutes were approved via email (August 13, 2021)
3. Principal Report - Dr. Furr (MF) and Allyson Davis (AD)
 - a. Introduction - Get to know Dr. Furr! Very communicative, gets things done!
 - b. Start of school - MF reports it has been very smooth. Credit goes to everyone - students, parents, staff. There was a great level of trust and grace for which MF is grateful She's dealing with things that she never has been before i.e. COVID-19. COVID protocols - MF No change. Lunch is the hardest part. There is value in kids figuring things out such as wearing a mask when they feel uncomfortable whether at a sporting event or outside. Mecklenburg county requires MP communicate with families at least every 14 days regarding COVID cases. Close contact students will get a personal phone call. If students are exposed but they are vaccinated and have no symptoms they can come to school. MP is using guidance from the county and the district. If students are out for quarantining purposes, it's like being sick, students need to keep up with their work and communicate with teachers.
 - c. Title IX update - MF There has been lots of training for administrators, teachers and students and there has been an overall positive response. If a report comes in, MP must report to a website set up specifically for Title IX reports. When in doubt, report. If police are involved, police have to complete their investigation before MP can investigate. Victims need to speak with police first for the most accurate account possible. Students now feel more free to report. Teachers are being very responsive. Being open and responsive promotes reporting. Reports are confidential. Everyone has a voice and something will be done. Off campus incidents are also reported. Taking care of students is the driving force behind Title IX.
 - d. Unsafe action contract for students regarding the woods - MF. Kids cannot be in the woods without a reason, such as science with a teacher. Students cannot be in an unsafe area. There are consequences for doing

so. The first time a student is caught violating the rules, they must sign an agreement stating they will not do so again. Second time is ISS (In School Suspension), and third time is community service. There has to be a stop to this. If you're where we can't see you we can't keep you safe. Only students who get caught have to sign it.

- e. Security update - MF Safety is a big concern, she knows things are possible and with yesterday's threat at other local high schools, all was taken very seriously. The safety team, faculty etc worked together very well. Our resource officer, school security were on top of it. There are very qualified cyber security people within CMS. MF doesn't take anything for granted, protocols are in place if and when there is a threat to our campus and they will be followed.
- f. Lunch / assigned seating - MF Assigned seating is important for contact tracing. Kids need to respect the rules in place.
- g. Staffing and vacancies - AD HR is on overload district wide. We currently have a science department opening, very difficult to fill. NCVPS (North Carolina Virtual Public School) and other teachers are currently covering the classes. Second opening art department, have a recommendation in for that position so waiting for that to be approved. NCPVS and other art teachers are teaching the classes left by the opening. EC (Exceptional Children) also has an opening that needs to be filled. Currently being covered by others in the department. MS Kara Edwards last day is 9/10 She is counselor for students A thru Bru. Students are being spread out by grade to other counselors.
- h. Curriculum Night - AD It will be all virtual. If two parents come for each student, classrooms could be too full. Keeping everyone healthy. A lot of advantages to doing it this way. Very accessible. Intended to create the best possible event with getting the information out to parents. Teachers are recording videos Links will be sent out via connect Ed, social media outlets, the website and ME. Parents can watch at their pace. Will send out 3 or 4 different links so that the traffic can be spread out. The link will send parents to a site that has links to all the teachers' videos. Videos have had great response in the past. Videos will stay up until the next curriculum night. Things that are normally done at the PTSO portion of the meeting will be done via a stand alone ME including budget approval, announcing the board and promoting the annual fund. Cathy Bradley can manage the actual voting. Connect Ed goes on website as well as e-mail E-mail Kory Forman if you want to receive connect Ed emails. Requesting the phone calls can be done through parents PowerSchool.

- i. Sporting events - MF Are we cancelling with schools that are experiencing COVID? Yes, similar to Mallard Creek football game that was cancelled. Masks are not required. Kids need to learn to take care of themselves, distance etc. Safety - do we play schools where the threats took place on 9/9? We don't play any of them.
- j. Traffic - MF What we can do is somewhat limited. District is trying to help. Our resource officer is very very good. Neighborhood is furious at the way MP students are parking, blocking driveways etc. Their best move is to call the police, MP admin is not able to do anything. More students are riding busses but less busses are running. Bus routes are being adjusted which causes confusion among the students. Traffic is a very big problem. Traffic lights are also affected with the backups. MF was able to work with DOT to have lights timed more favorably for dismissal onto Runnymede. Working on traffic flow with school safety office for the district, Kevin Erp.

4. Treasurer Report (BF)

- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses, see budget attached
- b. Annual fund donations stayed the same, 200,000. Income is pretty much the same as well. Direct school expenses, pretty standard. Helios is included in safety and security
- c. Expenses are more than income from annual fund. Lots of committees have asked for more money, costs are increasing in general. Beth has not given lots of committees the overage they asked for as it sets a precedent for future years that cannot be sustained. If the annual fund does bring in more then do we give it to the committees? If it does happen, we can vote to reallocate. Lots of the funds have been given in the past for big ticket wish list items, that doesn't mean their budget is bigger every year. Facilities are usually the big ticket items. Beth will communicate to committee chairs.
- d. 2021-2022 PTSO Budget Approval:
 - i. Summer Carryover
 - ii. Miscellaneous requests/standardization need 2 way radios. Motion to approve. 2 more radios approved
- e. Budget approval via Mustang Express.
- f. Grant Requests go through Dr. Furr. Need to be approved prior to the funds being spent. Not all grants are approved
- g. Motion to approve the budget for 2021-2022 school year. Approved.
- h. Zoom account do we need a subscription? Asking AD do we use it one off or get a subscription? Webinar is better because it has more control for

the user. When do we use the webinar function? Used it 3 times last year. This year we will have 4 IB nights, also senior night etc. Faculty prefers webinar features. IB can share the cost Worth the cost of the subscription but will pay monthly. Who will be in charge? Staff or volunteer ? It needs to be the same person each time to get the learning curve, maybe a staff person. Will be paid by credit card so the person has to be reimbursed so maybe year is best so that the reimbursement is more smooth Motion and approved to be yearly subscription. Approved. AD will get exact dates so that parent volunteer and staff will need to commit to.

5. Annual Fund Report (Sherese, Melissa, Michele) as of 9/10/21, \$93059, with matching it is actually \$103,774 which is about 52% of the goal. It's going well. Thank you notes have been written, putting stickers in before mailing as a thank you. Doing another ME next week to highlight what the annual fund actually does. Board and leaders of the school should be participating.
6. Update from other groups:
 - a. SLT (Mandy) No update. First meeting on 9/16.
 - b. IB Parent Board Laura Tenzer, not in attendance
 - c. Mustang Club (Kim) - Fall Tailgate with Sweet Lew's BBQ. Friday Sept. 24th at 5:00.
 - d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine) first meeting next week.
7. Committee Updates:
 - a. Staff appreciation- snack break" to kick off our monthly events for staff. Staff will be invited to pick up some popcorn and a drink during lunch periods on Sept 15. Our October event, Hubie D's food truck will be on the early release day, Wednesday, Oct
 - b. Staff luncheon- served Publix boxed lunches on 8/13, went smoothly. Staff was appreciative
 - c. InReach/Outreach, extremely busy already. Needs are great
 - d. Campus Beautification clean up went well. Had athletes as well. Still need hand railing on the steps. Still hoping CMS will pay
 - e. 9th grade events - Facebook Live on 9/10
 - f. Open Campus - We hosted three in-person sessions on 8/19 and a live virtual event on 8/13. Everything went really well. Congrats to Natasha Scrivener and her committee.
 - g. Senior signs - sold 220
 - h. Mental Health Initiative Kiley Thiel and Katie Boggs have volunteered to help. They will be working with guidance who is really busy. They have

made a pamphlet about anxiety and school support options that will go to every student.

- i. Directory - Live on September 23. Password: mustangs2021
8. Old Business:
- a. Wrap-up - Back to school - letters, mailings, website, teacher luncheon, forms
 - b. HELIOS system for Math Building, missing the gym and SC building as well and something wrong with VA as well. Punch alert does PTSO always pay as opposed to CMS?
 - c. Picnic Table donor plaques are being installed today
9. New Business:
- a. Social Media Updates Joe-Anne Saldarini can post anything we need - she is doing a fantastic job!
 - b. Curriculum Night and PTSO General Meeting- 9/14 above
 - c. Memorial Garden - Jackson Campolmi
 - d. New Board Position - Zoom Coordinator. Motion to approve. Approved. Need to find someone to fill the position.
 - e. Gift for teachers in partnership with IB Council We still do a gift, maybe in October. Will revisit
 - f. Foundation - Art For The Park, January 29th Bojangle's Entertainment Complex

10. Other Upcoming Dates:

- 13 - Virtual 9th/10th IB MYP Information Session, 6pm
- 14 - Virtual Curriculum Night and PTSO General Board Meeting, 6pm
- 15 - Staff Appreciation Event
- 21/22 - Senior Night
- 23 - 9th Grade Parent Social, 6pm, location POSTPONED
- 24 - PTSO Committee Chair Meeting, 9am, Art Gallery
- 28 - Virtual Fall College Night, 6pm, Art Gallery
- 28 - Senior IB Night

Adjourned at 11:06