

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
November 12, 2021
MINUTES

9:00 am - Principal's Conference Room

1. Call to order - Mandy called the meeting to order at 9:02. In attendance: Mandy Rencher, Kim Bowman, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Beth Feit, Michele Mangun, Boo Viser, Kelly Coley, Shelby Patrick, Laura Tenzer, Maureen Furr
2. Minutes from the October 8, 2021 Exec Meeting were approved via email
3. Principal Report - MF
 - a. New Principal - Mr. Bob Folk has been announced as the new principal of MPHS. He will start January 1. MF believes it should be a smooth transition as coming from AG. MF and BF will work together, she is here to help him, share information, etc. It will be great to have the principal in place to make decisions regarding the future realistically as he will be the one here. For example, spring events, performing arts, etc.
 - b. Staffing - still have some open positions. Now have guest teachers, which is actually a permanent sub. Still need science, EC and assistant principal.
 - c. State of the School - about as normal as we can expect under the circumstances. Big problem is still teacher absences. Leads to discomfort for the students. CMS is now paying for coverage. Covering teachers do their best to maintain continuity. MPHS has been doing flex time which can only be redeemed on teacher workdays. CMS is now saying they will pay if the entire block is covered. Teachers can currently choose payment or flex time. There is some concern regarding teachers missing planning time - may not be a visible issue now but over time will become more evident.
 - d. South Meck-MPHS football situation. Several South Meck students came down from the stand after game and went down to the tunnel where MP players were. SM students were gesturing, cussing and spitting. Admin saw it coming and did their best to diffuse the situation. SM students would not relent. Our students reacted. Football team felt ambushed. We have footage that shows how it actually went but media is covering it one sided and disparaging MPHS. The team, coaches and administrators don't know who hit the SM student. The SM students were wearing unique clothing so easily recognizable on videos. Our administrators responded quickly and appropriately. MF has suggested more prominent signage

relating to mandatory exits for visitors. Gates, lighting and camera improvements have been requested on the field and near the tunnel. An additional safety measure could be players staying on the field with coaches after games until fans have left rather than the long walk to the locker room. There are paid off duty police officers at the games. Also campus security is at our games. South Meck did have administrators at the game. The administrators for both schools need to be at the games to monitor the spectators.

4. Treasurer Report (Beth)

- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses -\$196,000
- b. Tax Return Update - COMPLETE
- c. Communication/Website: Need to increase budget for Communications/Website to pay for Zoom and webinar costs.
 - i. To date (through 11/19) will have spent \$282. Monthly Zoom fee is \$15. Webinar fee is \$79. Assuming we continue the monthly \$15 fee and use Webinar 2 more times (PTSO portion - Not IB).
 - ii. Question as to whether purchasing the monthly \$15 zoom is necessary to also purchase the Webinar account. Is there a need to keep a monthly Zoom account?
 - iii. Total Communication/Website budget is \$1,200 for this year and past years. In the past costs have been approximately \$988 excluding Zoom.
 - iv. Zoom costs end up being:
 1. Monthly \$15/month x 12 months = \$180
 2. Zoom Webinar (PTSO piece) \$79 x 5 times = \$395
 3. Total additional Zoom costs = \$575/year
 - v. Next year will need to add \$400 to budget
 - vi. Vote to move \$400 from Unallocated to Comm/Website. Approved.
- d. Teacher Appreciation: Staff Christmas Party. Costs have gone up significantly for the event at Cantina. However, IB has generously offered to cover \$1,500 of costs. That would put the total event budget to \$4,000. We have spent \$2500 in past years.
- e. Status of Helios? Emailed with Allyson, Debbie, Mr. Jeffus, & Mr. Holt and awaiting response. As of 11/10/21, Mr. Jeffus was looking into the past emails about this to give me a status update.

5. Annual Fund Report (Sherese, Melissa, Michele) refer to spreadsheet. Currently at 84% of goal. Giving has slowed down significantly
6. Old Business/PTSO Updates:
 - a. 9th Grade Ice Cream Truck was very successful but did have issues with students showing up from other grades.
 - b. Staff Appreciation Event - Hubees D's was brought in for October. Cheryl's Cookies on November 10 along with a nice note of thanks. December will be the party held at Cantina 1511
 - c. Directory - password info shared in Mustang Express (mustangs2021).
 - d. Appreciation Gifts for APs and front office staff - frozen lasagnas were given out in September. November gift was a gift card to Viva Chicken. Goal will be every other month. PTSO president's discretionary fund is used to cover the cost.
7. New Business:
 - a. Mental Health Committee- Kaela O'Donnell from Kindermourn and Tarik Sloussi from Southeast Psych presenting webinars; The committee is also awaiting the results from the Student Needs Assessment to make future plans.
 - a. Staff Appreciation Holiday Party - Dec 17 at Cantina 1511, \$1500 contribution from IB Parent Council.
 - b. Prospective Families Virtual Information Session -Thursday, November 18, 8:30-9:45 AM. Pre-Registration is required and the event will be capped at 500 registrants. The session will be recorded for later viewing. No on-site tours yet. Hopefully in the spring. It is a CMS decision
 - c. Attendance Office - Ms. Wright has received a promotion. She will be missed as she did a great job! Hopefully the systems are in place and we can move forward seamlessly. What are current consequences for tardiness and absences?
 - d. Social Media PTSO insta has gained lots of followers. Would like committees to send in photos and interact with posts.
 - e. Zoom/Webinar Coordinator- working on a replacement
 - f. Memorial Plaques - Katharine Bolt is handling. Plaques are in process.
8. Update from other groups:
 - a. SIT - MR No update. Committee will meet again in January when Mr. Folk is in place.

- b. IB Parent Board - LT, IB budget has been worked out. They are happy to be helping with faculty party. IB student council is up and running. They are giving the students jobs more ownership by giving them roles that the parents used to cover, including maintenance of the IB website. They are excited and working hard! Katie Willett is doing a fabulous job. IB express only sent out as needed, helpful to have less influx of info.
- c. Mustang Club - KB, they have turned around the concessions stand, now making money instead of breaking even. They will be creative with their income. Potentially they can fix the rails at stadium.
- d. MPHS Foundation - MR. The Foundation held a half day retreat last week with updates from CIS counselors and leadership team. Also, Toussaint Romain led a workshop entitled "What if Kanye West was President?" Art for the Park is set for the spring, in person.

9. Other Upcoming Dates:

November

- 12 - PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 9am, Principals Conference Room
- 16 - KinderMourn Kaela O'Donnell - Mental Health Initiative Speaker, 7:30-8:30pm
- 18 - Prospective Parent Program- Webinar, 8:30-9:45am
- 20 - Campus Cleanup

December

- 2 - Prospective Student Tour of Campus, 9:30am
- 8 - Southeast Psych Tarik Sloussi - Mental Health Initiative Speaker - 6:30-7:30pm
- 10 - PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 9am, Principals Conference Room
- 13 - IB Diploma pick-up for May 20/21 graduates
- 17 - Staff Holiday Party, 3-5pm, Location TBD

Adjourned at 10:09