

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

1. Call to Order - Kim called the meeting to order at 9:03. In attendance: Maureen Furr, Robert Folk, Kim Bowman, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Beth Feit, Boo Viser, Kelly Coley, Laura Tenzer, Michele Mangum
2. Minutes from the November 12, 2021 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Introduction of Mr. Bob Folk - incoming principal Board introductions
4. Principal's Report - Dr. Furr and Mr. Folk  
Mr Folk introduced himself to the board and provided some of his background, which includes, among other things, an early internship at MPHS. Mr Folk has a strong connection to this community. He is looking forward to being here at MP and to working with Dr Furr as he transitions. Dr Furr is happy to help! The board presented Dr Furr with a gift of thanks for her service and warmly welcomed Mr Folk into his new role.
5. Treasurer Report (Beth)
  - a. Cash Balances \$211,097
  - b. Sent Committee Chairs updated budget balances this week.
  - c. Currently we do not have a wish list of funding items. May work on over winter after Mr. Folk gets settled. Looking forward to working on this in the spring
  - d. Tissues for the classroom vote. Currently they have plenty of tissues. Are there any other supplies currently needed? Does PTSO want to provide anything? We have \$700 left in account. Motion was made to use the funds as needed to purchase teacher supplies. Approved
  - e. Teacher Grant requested by Roselyn Coyne in Social Studies Department. Vote to give her for \$275 for the convention. Approved.  
Some clarifications around the process were made. Needs to be done prior to the event or purchase. Beth will work on forms to be clearer and then will communicate again to faculty and staff. The information will also go in the faculty handbook at the beginning of the year. Mr Folk will review and put out to the faculty. The goal will be to do more upfront planning for the funds and to create structure for self regulation among departments.

- f. National board certification grants Vs professional development. Need to clarify language and budgets and refine boundaries before putting it out to teachers
  - g. Donors Choose program is another possible avenue for funding
  - h. Back to School Bags reallocation vote to move cash to Holiday Gift was approved. PTSO would like to give teachers a holiday gift, \$50 per faculty member. Cost is roughly 12,000. We have a deficit of about \$3,000. IB is looking into making up the \$3,000.
  - i. French department field trip to Amelies. Motion was made and approved to supplement any funds needed for the French Department field trip to Amelie's.
  - j. Turning point uniforms - MPHS students who attend Turning point may encounter difficulties acquiring the required uniform. It was decided that guidance would be made aware of this potential problem and assist via Inreach/Outreach.
  - k. Discussion and clarifications were made surrounding outreach for Christmas help to families and students in need
6. Annual Fund Report (Sherese, Melissa, Michele) - Sherese and Melissa are hoping for more participation. They plan to do an update in ME for December and another list of donors in January. Hopeful for some year end gifts!
7. Update from other groups:
- a. SIT (Mandy) - Will meet again in January
  - b. IB Parent Board (Laura and Kim) - testing will be done in church again. Will need volunteers for the testing. Will start getting volunteers in January for April - May testing Student council is being put in place, there is a parent overseeing that.
  - c. Mustang Club (Kim) - December meeting will be to watch the women's and men's basketball games.
  - d. MPHS Foundation (Katharine and Melissa) - Art for the Park is scheduled for March 18 in person as well as an online auction. The Foundation is working to rejuvenate Mustangs Matter as well as on the mental health initiative and new fundraising avenues.
8. School and Committee Announcements:
- a. Prospective Families- Open House Webinar, 11/16/21 - 153 attended
  - b. Campus Beautification, November 20 - Well attended
  - c. InReach/ Outreach - 22 families adopted, cash and Visa gift cards still needed.

- d. Staff Appreciation - Lunch for 20 cafeteria and custodial staff members on Thursday, Dec. 16 onsite. Holiday party at Cantina 1511 for 160 staff members on Friday, Dec 17. Will include food and nonalcoholic beverages. Cash bar available. IB helped sponsor. There will also be a raffle 50 various gift cards and a bunch of cash.
- e. Mental Health Initiative - Speaker series 11/16/21 Kindermourn speaker on Grief - 22 attended. 12/8/21 - Tarik Sloussi from Southeast Psych on Teen Mental Health - 136 registered, 64 attended. Speaker series will continue in the spring
- f. Mentor Committee - 4 areas of impact
  - English 3: 12 active mentors are working with students needing help on their English 3 Research Projects. Mentors were oriented virtually and have started meeting their students during class. Some mentors have been matched with students, and others are providing general classroom help. We hope to get more permission slips completed by students to allow them to meet with mentors one on one in the library.
  - Mustangs Matter: Currently has 3 volunteers and all have completed training and have begun working with the club after school. We are still hoping for more. A few new potential volunteers have reached out from Queens University just in the past couple of weeks.
  - Writing Center: Currently has 2-3 volunteers committed for the year. Co-chairs and Emily Mullinix fill in as needed. Volunteers have reported positive feedback thus far and have had a few students showing up weekly.
  - AVID — We have 4 mentors paired with separate seniors who requested guidance with the college application process. We have a check-in scheduled with these mentors this week. One, in particular, has been a great help to her student ... assisting with his application for scholarships. We also have training scheduled this week for several other mentors who will generally assist during AVID class time on Thursdays and Fridays.
- g. Guidance - We were happy to be able to help with registration this year after not doing so last year. In October we provided volunteers and snacks and drinks for the students who participated in the NC Countdown to College event. NC Countdown to College is a week in which students can apply to certain NC colleges for free. The Guidance Department sets up counselors in the Media Center and students are invited to come during their lunch period to help apply to NC colleges for free. Lastly, we are currently organizing Holiday Treats for the Guidance Department, in which we include the 504 Coordinators, the Nurse, the school Psychologist, the McKinney-Vento Counselor, the Testing Coordinator, the CTE Coordinator, the Registrar, and Stephanie Eddington who works at the Student Services front desk and is a jack of all trades! We will be giving each person a loaf of cinnamon chip bread from Great Harvest and a \$15 gift card to

Starbucks. Thank you to our awesome committee who has donated virtually everything we need to pull that off. We'll be rolling into 2022-2023 Registration assistance in February.

- h. Hoof Hut - In late November we got the store up and running. It's been open twice thus far and will be open everything Thursday during all lunch periods. There are some new items including girls' athletic shorts. Come shop for your Mustangs or up-and-coming ones!
- i. Student Incentives - Ms. Wade is the new testing coordinator. She requested snacks for 270 students and 250 teachers who will be taking and proctoring EOC exams. 1000 snacks from Costco were delivered on December 2.
- j. Nursing Room - We have fully stocked the nurse's room with their needs including adding a new privacy curtain and breastfeeding cape for the students that come into the nursing office to breastfeed and need and deserve some privacy.

#### 9. Other Upcoming Dates and Calendar Changes:

December 11 Theater Performance

December 14 Orchestra Concert

December 15 Band Concert

December 16 Chorus Concert

December 20 - January 3 No School: Winter Break

January 14 - PTSO Board Meeting

January 14 - 21 Exams

January 17 No School: Holiday

January 28 - PTSO Board Chair Meeting

Kim adjourned the meeting at 10:28