

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
January 14, 2022- 9:00am (Virtual Meeting)
Minutes

1. Call to Order - Mandy called the meeting to order at 9:03. In attendance: Robert Folk, Allyson Davis, Mandy Rencher, Kim Bowman, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Beth Feit, Katherine Bolt, Laura Tenzer, Michele Mangum, Shelby Patrick, Kelly Coley

2. Minutes from the December 10, 2021 Exec Meeting were approved via email.

3. Principal's Report - Mr. Folk
Mr Folk informed us that Covid is going through the community quickly, impacting teachers and students. Direct Impact for MP- 20-30 teachers have been absent each day since returning from the holiday break. Many student absences, hard to tell if the absences are Covid or other illnesses or reasons.
He has been very impressed how the staff has been able to manage the staff absences and are covering classes for each other. Departments manage and handle coverages for each other within their departments.
Exams started today, 1/14/22. Google form was provided on the website for students to be able to have early dismissal during the school day. Over 2000 forms were completed for students to be granted early dismissal. Exam days have been extended to full day dismissal to provide more "seat/instructional time" for students. With the additional Teacher Workdays that have been added to the calendar, students have less instructional/seat time. The extension of exam day schedules is a way to put time back into the calendar.
Academic Changes for 2022-2023
Bob Folk, Allyson Davis and Katie Willet will host a webinar on January 20 at 6:00pm to introduce and further explain the change for 9th and 10th grade academic options. The webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend the virtual meeting.
An audit of IB last Fall, it was noted that the Middle Year Program (MYP) was not open and accessible to all students of Myers Park. MYP is a methodology of what and how teachers teach, not a curriculum. The administration with the support of the teachers and staff have decided to implement the MYP option for 9th and 10th graders as an option for academic classes. The goal is for teachers to use the IB methodology with all students to help provide a path to help the student decide which direction is best for their educational journey at Myers Park.

The MYP pathway will be considered an Honors pathway. MP will have AP, Honors, Scholars pathways in conjunction with the full IB pathway. Mr. Folk and administration will work to enhance Career Promise, Technical Pathway for our students. Counselors will help students register for classes next year. Middle School counselors are being informed/educated about the change prior to 9th grade registration.

Security Update- There continues to be regular security sweeps of buildings, students. Students are not permitted to leave during the school day- the gates are locked during the day. The clear backpacks have not arrived and the district has not given a specific date of their arrival. Proposed metal detectors for schools are still being considered at the District level.

More security staff would be the most beneficial to help with the number of students and size of the campus. Mr. Folk is looking at the Tardy policy, lunch schedule and the number of minutes in between each class as possible ways to help with managing the number of students who are moving through campus and tardy issues.

Mr. Folk requested funds for an additional 30 picnic tables to be placed in the quad. He is very motivated for students to have access to outside seating and space during the school day. The picnic tables will provide space for lunch as well as classes to use during the day. The motion was proposed and approved. Mr. Folk is supporting many of the student-led initiatives proposed by SGA and other organizations. He wants the students to enjoy opportunities of fellowship as they have lost several opportunities and events due to Covid.

Mr. Folk would like to work on improving the Front Office and conference room spaces. He would like them to be more welcoming and more useful in their space.

4. Treasurer Report (Beth)

- a. Cash Balances \$211,572
- b. Teacher reimbursement of \$60.00 for license for certification. Mandy and Kim will be working on revision of procedures and communication for fund reimbursement and spending to be shared with all staff.
- c. Committee Chairs and Staff have been encouraged to begin spending their budgets for the year.
- d. Teachers were appreciative of the Holiday gifts received before break. Thank you to Beth for her hard work in getting the gifts prepared and ready to distribute.
- e. January Filings- 1099's and sales tax returns have been filed.

5. Annual Fund Report (Sherese, Melissa, Michele) -
We have received \$184,057 to date. The total with matching gifts is \$203,770.
We have received very generous donations, however the number of people donating is down compared to previous years. Sherese and Melissa are planning to post the list of donor names in February.

6. Update from other groups:
 - a. SIT (Mandy) - Met in January to learn more about curriculum changes for MYP.
 - b. IB Parent Board (Laura and Kim) - Changes to the curriculum will impact the training of more staff. The largest part of the IB budget is training. One person is trained per department and is able to train other teachers in the department.
Working on updating the IB website.
In the process of launching student/advisory IB website.
 - c. Mustang Club (Kim) - Mustang Club is doing well financially and will participate with rising 9th grade activities providing the Swag Wagon. February 14 Spring Sports try-outs.
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.
MPHS Foundation Luncheon will be next fall and scheduled around Homecoming week.
The grant that funds the students are able to attend Camp Thunderbird will be extended for students to tour colleges and universities in our area.

7. School and Committee Announcements:
 - a. InReach/ Outreach - During Thanksgiving MPHS provided \$4,525 in gift cards and holiday breads to 59 families. For the Holidays, \$4,675 in \$25 gift cards and MP hoodies were provided to 201 students. Additionally we sponsored 29 families, who received gifts from their wish lists.
 - b. Staff Appreciation - Holiday lunches for staff and teachers were a big success. Teachers had their party at Cantina 1511 for 160 staff members on Friday, Dec 17. Cafeteria and Custodians were provided lunch at school.
All teachers and staff were given a \$50.00 check for the holidays.
Permanent substitutes were given \$20.00 Starbucks gift cards.
There will be a Faculty Candy Bar on February 9.

- c. Approve Nominating Committee-
Chairs- Sherese Smith and Melissa Sullivan.
At Large- Ali Hoce, Elizabeth Taylor, Jamie Morrow, Natasha Scrivener,
and Trish Moody
- d. Approve Audit Committee-
Chairs: Beth Feit and Michele Mangan
At Large: Tracey Galloway, Kathryn King, Laura Tenzer
- e. Beautification Committee Master Plan- Pat Linton will design and update
the front circle.

8. Other Upcoming Dates and Calendar Changes:

January 14 - PTSO Board Meeting

January 14 - 21 Exams

January 17 No School: Holiday

January 28 - PTSO Board Chair Meeting via Zoom

February

February 9- Staff Appreciation- Candy Bar

February 10- Spring Curriculum Night, AP/IB/Stem Information Meeting and
PTSO General Board Meeting, 6pm via Zoom

February 11- PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 9am Principal's Conference Room

February 12- Sadie Hawkins Dance 8pm MPHS Gym

Mandy adjourned the meeting at 10:35