

Myers Park High School
PTSO General Board Meeting
September 24, 2021
9:00 am via Zoom
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 9:02 In attendance: Dr. Furr, Mandy Rencher, Kim Bowman, Beth Feit, Boo Viser, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Michele Mangan, Nichelle Weintraub, Katharine Bolt, Paula Kranz, Trish Moody, Tenzer, Emily Blair, Diana Jones, Clara Dalton, Andee Smith, Deanie Albright, Margaret McBryde, Natasha Scrivener, Sally Harriss, Sloan Dosser, Stefanie Groot, Nicole Stotts

2. Principal Report - Dr. Maureen Furr, Interim Principal Introduction from Dr Furr, she is delighted and honored to be here at MPHS. She is working together with students, staff and faculty to ensure smooth transitions. She's easy to reach by e-mail and she will respond! Feel free to reach out. Title IX update, it is not new but it is getting more attention. Provides a safe and harassment free environment, right now the focus is on sexual harassment, but it is broader i.e. bullying. Complete training with staff and administration was done prior to the start of school. Students also received training the first week of school. If there is a concern, please report it. She is confident that every opportunity for students and faculty to report is there. Every complaint is taken seriously. There is a district wide portal where complaints and reports are recorded. Tight process and good record keeping. MPHS takes all sexual harassment and bullying claims very seriously and with sensitivity.

3. Treasurer Report -Beth Feit

a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses - \$184,000 total cash, income is \$111,000 expenses to date are \$34,000

b. Audit Report - Annual review, everything went well No changes needed.

c. Budget Changes- Budget didn't change a lot. However a lot of committees did request additional funds. Beth wasn't able to increase budgets as much as she would like. Additional AF funds raised over expected revenue can fill in the gap between requested funds and budgeted funds.

d. Check Requests - Forms are on the PTSO website under the Minutes and Forms Tab. Please scan and email to Beth. Turnaround is about 2 weeks.

e. Fundraising Policies - We cannot take money in that would be allocated to a specific committee, with the exception of Outreach/Inreach.

g. Gift cards- When purchasing for a committee, can only be used as gifts, not to cover expenses. Please use *Shop with Scrip* which is a program that we can buy gift cards from and we receive a little monetary benefit.

4. Annual Fund Report - Sherese Smith and Melissa Sullivan update, in net deposits \$107,00, 54% of goal of 200,000. Request to all board members to consider donating to the Annual Fund as leaders of the school. Also encourage committee members to donate.

5. Information/Updates:

a. Enrollment:

EC Extensions - 11

9th Grade - 1,048

10th Grade - 923

11th Grade - 818

12th Grade - 781

Total - 3,583

b. Calendar: send updates to Kim Bowman

c. Zoom Coordinator - Paula Kranz new to school and helping with Zoom. Very acquainted with Zoom! MPHS is so grateful to have her expertise.

d. Picnic Table Initiative - 30 have been installed as a result as of last year's fundraising initiative

e. Social Media & Mustang Express - Joe-Anne Saldarini (instagram, Facebook, and twitter) and Nichelle Weintraub (ME). Please follow PTSO social media accounts. Send updates to Nichelle in advance to be included in ME.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Directory is now online, password mustangs2021 - Christie Hinshaw

b. Mustang Club - Margaret McBryde Happy to have fans which serves as income, ran low after last year with no fans. BBQ tonight at football game as a fundraiser. 2 initiatives - bringing fundraising inhouse instead of selling things via outside vendors. Also working on concession stands, encouraging student athletes to work concessions instead of paying for the labor.

c. Mentoring Committee - Sally Harriss Recruiting volunteers, after pandemic, mentors are needed more than ever. Mentors are there to help with organization, staying on task and encouragement. They are there as a mentor, not necessarily to teach. Needed for English 3, Mustangs Matter, AVID and the Writing Center. Have put the request out all over social media - including Queens and CPCC. As of now, the mentoring committee has only received 12 responses. There will be training sessions. Holly Wood is the main contact for questions. Also, potentially need folks for IEP meetings when parents are not available. Also need speakers for AVID program.

d. Writing Center - Sloan Dosser Working with Jessica Lee to determine when the program will start. It will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Media Center. Already doing snacks, but no volunteers yet. Volunteer will serve as a parent chaperone to walk around and help as needed. No specific expertise needed to volunteer.

e. Prospective Parents - Fran Saunders, Emily Blair, Allison Dalton Virtual setting for tours at least until January, keeping numbers down of external people coming on

campus. Virtual coffee in November. The green folder traditionally given out to families at tours will now be updated and available online. As a result, the printing budget is down! They are also using Natasha's videos on the website. Physical folders available at school as needed. Hope to return to inperson tours in the second semester.

f. Campus Beautification - Deanie Hanley Powerwashed 75% of the school, still working. Beautification is trying to get things on a regular schedule. CMS doesn't help much. Clean up went really well, mulching especially. Tree trimming coming up beginning October 15th. Also hoping to work with Living Color to have a master plan. Will be helpful for future chairs and be on the same page. Planters will be changed out soon. Outdoor classroom etc should be cleaned up in the next 3 weeks. Next campus cleanup is October 16th.

g. IB Council - Laura Tenzer Still building with the help of Katie Willett. KW is very hands on and enthusiastic, interacting a lot with students. Parent Board is figuring out how to support KW and the teachers. Upcoming teacher training.

h. Foundation - Katharine Bolt The Foundation works to meet the needs of students. We have one CIS worker from CMS and the Foundation funds 2 others. Mustangs Matter (after school program) - training to get that back up and running and refocused. Main fundraiser is Art for the Park, the Foundation is working to decide how that will run this year. It is very much needed for income. The Foundation has a new focus which is the Alumni Family Tree. They hope it will help with having alumni engaged. Mental Health initiative, working with PTSO, brochure for all students regarding the help MP can provide. Need some classes or initiatives regarding anxiety and stress. 2 co-chairs are Katie Boggs and Kylie Thiel. Both are licensed mental health care professionals and are open to doing more. SGA, homeroom etc are helping with coping skills.

i. Staff Appreciation- Hosted popcorn and drink in September, Hubee D truck coming in October

j. 9th Grade Events - Coffee and Ice Cream Truck - Trish Moody 9/10 grade coffee went great online, they got great feedback. 240 logins for coffee versus 30 usually attend in person. There will be an Ice Cream Truck for 9th grade students on Friday, October 15th from 10:30am – 12:45pm.

k. Student Council Representatives - Emsley Jones and William Corely will be the 2021-22 SGA reps

j. Open Campus - Natasha Scrivener - Covid has forced revisions on Open Campus night but they have adjusted each time! But Natashe is even thinking about improvements for next year.

k. Inreach/Outreach - Stefanie Groot Assisted 15 families so far, given out about \$2600 in assistance, toiletries, clothing, bus passes, Uber cards etc. Transportation has been a struggle. They met with staff last week to ascertain future needs. Will have coat drive and necessities (toiletries, school supplies etc) drive this fall.

Purposity app may help to offset needs that MPHS can't cover. Trying to get ahead of Thanksgiving and holiday needs. Usually give spirit wear for Christmas gifts.

l. Staff Luncheons - Provided box lunch on teacher work day

m. New initiative for Mental Health Katie Boggs and KylieThiel are co chairing. They are working on brochures which will be given to all students. They include ways that MPHS can help as well as important resources such as the Suicide Hotline. They are coming at the initiative in many different ways. The school needs some classes or initiatives regarding anxiety and stress. Both are licensed mental health care professionals and are open to doing more. SGA, homeroom etc are helping with coping skills.

o. Homecoming - will be limited to spirit week, online voting and social distanced crowning at the football game. Dance is canceled.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 10:10

Upcoming Campus Events

September

28 - Fall College Night, 6pm, Virtual

October

5- ACT Makeups - 12th Grade

6 - Early Release Day

7 - Financial Aid Night, 6pm, Zoom

8 - PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 9am, Principals Conference Room

11 - Pre-ACT 10th Grade

13 - Staff Appreciation Event

13 - PSAT 10th and 11th Grade

16 - Campus Clean-up