

**Myers Park High School PTSO**  
**General Board Meeting January 28, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order - Kim Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:02 In attendance: Bob Folk, Mandy Rencher, Kim Bowman, Boo Viser, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Michele Mangan, Andrea Smith, Katherine Bolt, Nicole Arendale, Deanie Albright, Catherine Ohmstede, Emily Blair, Ghazale Johnston, Katharine Bolt, Kiley Thiel, Nichelle Weintraub, Sarah Ryan, Alison Dalton, Joe-Anne Saldarini, Sally Harriss. April Lewis, Samina Hassan, Lauren Ball, Catherine Hensley A quorum is present.
2. Approval of minutes from September 24, 2021 meeting - Approved
3. Principal Report - Mr. Bob Folk
  - a. Mr Folk encourages families to watch the recent webinar regarding academic changes. It is available via Mustang Express, website, etc. BF thanked the PTSO for help with the webinar. He also wants to let incoming freshman families be aware of the webinar and changes to curriculum.
  - b. Thank you to the PTSO for funds for 30 more picnic tables. Currently the custodial staff is putting them together and moving to the quad.
  - c. BF is working on a new bell schedule, SEL will now be in third block along with lunch. There will be an additional lunch so there will now be 6 full 20 minute lunches. All students will be able to eat in the cafeteria or quad. To start, grades 9 and 10 will be in the cafeteria, 11 and 12 will be in the quad.
  - d. Gates are going to be locked during the day for safety and security. Class pass system will be implemented. Teachers will now use neon stickers instead of paper. Easier to recognize when students are moving around the campus.
  - e. Sadie Hawkins (MPHS students only) and Prom are happening. As well as a Battle of the Bands, which will be the culmination of a Mental Health week hosted by the Dream Team.
4. Myers Park High School Foundation Overview - Ghazale Johnson Overview of Foundation. See attached.

5. Treasurer Report - Michele Mangan, Assistant Treasurer, reporting on behalf of Beth. Budget - see attached. Picnic tables are not yet reflected on budget. Michele and Beth would like each committee to look ahead and get an idea of funds they will be using for the remainder of the year.
  
6. Co-President Elect Report - Sherese Smith and Melissa Sullivan
  - a. Annual Fund Update have collected roughly \$184,000
  - b. Committee Chair Slate for 2022-23 year - still in process
  
7. Vote on Audit Committee: Approved  
Chairs: Beth Feit and Michele Mangan  
At Large: Tracey Galloway, Kathryn King, Laura Tenzer
  
8. Vote on Nominating Committee: Approved  
Chairs- Sherese Smith and Melissa Sullivan.  
At Large- Ali Hoce, Elizabeth Taylor, Jamie Morrow, Natasha Scrivener, and Trish Moody
  
9. Committee Reports -
  - a. Staff Appreciation - Sarah Ryan, Catherine Hensley, Helen Burns- SR reports they have been very busy. September - popcorn party, there was some difficulty getting the staff to the Art Gallery. October - food truck well attended. November - cookie in mailroom boxes. December - holiday party at Cantina, 43 gift cards were given away and cash, \$1800 value. Cafeteria staff had a lunch and each received a \$20 Walmart card. February will be a candy bar in the front office. They are also looking for ideas or feedback.
  - b. Prospective Families - Fran Saunders, Alison Dalton, Emily Blair- FS reports the committee met this week and got the go ahead for in person tours. Will begin on February 3rd continuing through May. Will use SignUp Genius. Tours will remain outside, masked, etc. Tours will include a class change. EB is updating folders now as well as printing since they will now be handed out. They have been and will continue to be available in the front office. March 10 - new family event. Planning for virtual, but ready to pivot to live if possible.

- c. Campus Beautification - Nicole Arendale, Andi Hallinan, Deanie Hanley - NA reports excitement about circle mustang as well as forthcoming plans from In Living Color. The Mustang will need repairs as a result of winter weather. Beds can be installed when In Living Color is ready. Campus cleanup on March 19. NA will be planting pansies in planters up front.
- d. InReach / Outreach - Sarah Ryan, Laura Tenzer, Stefanie Groot, Catherine Austin, Lisa TenEyck, Kelli Rush- SR reports they are continually helping students and families. Holiday gifts were coordinated by Kelly Rush, \$4525 in gift cards via SUG which were given out to approximately 45 families at Thanksgiving. \$4675 at Christmas in \$25 gift cards, 201 students were given a gift card and a MPHS hoodie. 29 families were sponsored by our community and were given items off their wish list. Biggest needs are transportation, bus passes and Uber gift cards for getting students to and from school. \$6200 has been given to help with rent, food, etc.
- e. Mentors - Sally Harriss, Holly Wood, Emily Mullinix, Sarah Wilson- SH reports mentoring has been going very well. 3 types - English helped with research papers in the Fall. Going forward, 9th grade English students will need assistance. Mustang Matters meets on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. AVID volunteers are working on guest speakers and college visits.
- f. Health Room - Sameena Hassan, Astrid Jain, Catherine Ohmstede - SH reports they have been supporting Rebecca Hartline as her needs arise. They have provided the room for nursing mothers.
- g. Writing Center - April Lewis, Sloan Dosser- AL reports the writing center Jessica Lee (faculty adviser) keeps it staffed and the committee fills in with volunteers and snacks.
- h. 11th Grade Events - Nichelle Weintraub, Jamie Curtis- NW reports working on February date for hot chocolate and donuts. Ice cream truck in spring Also parent event late April regarding what to expect senior year.
- i. 12th Grade Events - Katharine Bolt, Victoria Hollidge, Ashley Walker, Mary Catherine Chesney, Jill Colcer - KB reports they have a new SGA adviser who they plan to partner with for spring events. Seniors will have the

opportunity to vote on their spring events in addition to the scheduled carnival. No parent event - student focussed!

- j. Mental Health Initiative - Kiley Thiel and Katey Boggs- KT reports they have had lots of support from the community. Brochure passed out to students regarding anxiety - symptoms and coping skills etc. DECA is also doing mental health initiatives. They helped deliver the brochures. 2 zoom workshops in the fall - KinderMourn, grieving teens. And Southeast Psych, anxiety with teens, Tarik Sloussi. Currently on Zoom. Lots of partnerships are forming.
- k. Staff Meetings - report shared from Crystal Smyth, Penni Stritter, Elizabeth Barte- MR reports they have had one meeting in person and received a treat.
- l. 9th Grade Events - report shared from Ginger Salmon and Rachel Rempson Ice cream truck in the fall, working on spring event
- m. 10th Grade Events - report shared from Trish Moody and Jamie Curtis - Event coming up for parents at Reids Southpark and ice cream truck in April.
- n. Guidance and Registrar Support - report shared from Lauren Ball, Liz Bundon, Jen Fowler, Mandi Bell, and Lucy Williams. [SignUp Genius link](#) for the next two weeks of guidance support for registration and appreciation. LB reports volunteers helping Stephanie. Holiday gift for teachers - Great Harvest and Starbucks, Working on help with registration and providing meals for guidance counselors for the next 2 weeks. Our school nurse, 504 counselors and other support staff are also included.
- o. Hoof Hut - report shared from Lauren Ball and Kursten Callahan- LB reports HH is up and running as of November.
- p. Other committees who wish to share update Joe-Anne Saldarini - social media, she would like to have more info and links from committees so she can put on social media.

## 10. Miscellaneous

- a. Picnic Table Drive - 30 new tables in addition to last year's purchase.
- b. Mustang Club is looking for key leadership positions of Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, President Elect, Concessions Committee Chair

- c. End-of-Year Party at Natasha Scrivener's home - date TBD!
- d. Hosted Curriculum Update Webinar on January 20 - 275 registered, 160 attended. MR encourages everyone to watch the webinar.
- e. Front Office and Conference Room Refresh BF reports not a major overhaul - Bob wants it to be more warm and welcoming - a fresh coat!
- f. HELIOS security systems for Math and SC Buildings- BF reports there are 3 spaces, SC off quad, SS building and Math building. Adding 3 more may be a challenge. Technically and the buzzing in of 3 more sites. Will need front office to be fully staffed by PTSO volunteers to help offset that. HELIOS is a safety measure so that buildings can be locked but requires a person to look at the camera and let the student or staff in.
- g. Holiday Gift for all full and part-time employees of MPHS - \$50 check from PTSO and IB Council -We gave out 256 checks for a total of \$12,800.

Upcoming Dates:

February 9- Staff Appreciation- Candy Bar

February 9 - Early Release Day, 11:15 a.m. dismissal

February 10 - Mid-year Graduation

February 10- Spring Curriculum Night

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

February 12- Sadie Hawkins Dance 8pm MPHS Gym

February 20 - 10th Grade Parent Event, Reids- Southpark, 6:30 pm

Mandy adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am