

Myers Park High School PTSO

Executive Board Meeting

March 11, 2022

MINUTES

1. Kim called the meeting to Order at 9:07. In attendance: Kim Bowman, Mandy Aycock Rencher (audio), Beth Feit, Michele Mangan, Kelly Coley, Boo Viser, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Laura Tenzer, Bob Folk - a quorum is present
2. Minutes from the February 12, 2021 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Principal's Report, Bob Folk
 - Clear backpacks will be distributed to pilot schools first. When MPHS receives and implements, there will be new rules for athletic bags, lunch boxes, etc.
 - Tardy sweeps are being done at random, but not during first block. They are announced and students should have ample time to get to their class. If not, they are sent to the cafeteria for the remainder of the block.
 - Staffing update- we have one social studies teacher on medical leave. The football coach position will be posted this spring.
 - Professional Development - Mr Folk hopes to send more faculty to IB training. He is also looking for more training on differentiation for teachers in the fall.
 - Dress Code - the dress code will be more enforced in the coming weeks. The dress code is simple, non-specific and gender neutral.
 - CMS is not sponsoring a camp this summer. BF is hoping to do a summer Bridge Program - pending. Seniors will have the opportunity to make up credits as needed to graduate over the summer.
4. Presentation of 2022-2023 Executive Board Slate (Sherese and Melissa) Co-Presidents: Sherese Smith and Melissa Sullivan
Co-Presidents Elect: Rebecca Drendel and Ghazale Johnston
Past Presidents: Kim Bowman and Mandy Aycock Rencher
Treasurer: Michele Mangan Assistant Treasurer: Tracie Northan Secretary: Kelly Coley
Assistant Secretary: Tammy Jones - The slate was approved by the board.
5. Annual Fund Report (Sherese, Melissa, and Michele) - see attached
6. Treasurer Report (Beth)

a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses

a. Grant Requests (due Mar 25). Discuss & vote @ April mtg.

i. All forms were revised for Grant Requests and General funding requests. These have been provided to the front office, teachers, and posted online at PTSO website. Copies have also been placed in the mail folders.

b. Budget Requests/Changes

- i. Possibility of moving certain Outreach expenses to Academic Support - tabled
- ii. Sponsor Outreach student for DECA Nationals Tournament Approved from outreach budget.
- iii. Getting revised Helios quote for 3 buildings
 1. Not doing GYM bldg per request of teachers
 2. 3 Buildings we ARE doing include: Guidance, Math, Social Studies

7. Update from other groups:

- SIT (Mandy) - no update
- IB Parent Board (Laura) - IB testing is on. Location is set, and will need parent volunteers. They are adding the "Connect with Katie" meetings. Topics will include Math and Science, TOK and an alumni panel.
- Mustang Club (Kim) - they have some open positions and will be working on fundraising this spring.
- MPHS Foundation (Mandy) - Art for the Park– Silent Online Auction: March 12-18, In-Person Event: March 18, 7:30-10:30 PM They are using Handbid for the auction and have 75 pieces to sell.

8. Proposed Changes to Bylaws

- **Add Testing Volunteer Committee Chair - Approved**
 "The chair of this committee will work with Sarah Wade, Testing Coordinator, to provide support and recruit volunteers to help proctor on standardized testing days throughout the year. Responsibilities may include meeting with Ms. Wade at the beginning of the year to understand testing dates and times, communicating dates and needs in the Mustang Express, and sending out a sign-up genius to recruit volunteers in advance of testing dates. In addition, the Chair will assist Ms. Wade with any other testing needs she may have."
- **Add Video Conferencing Committee Chair - Approved**
 The Chair for this committee will assist with any Zoom or Webinar type meetings for the PTSO and Administration, manage the Zoom subscription, and coordinate conversion of recorded meetings for upload onto the PTSO social media platforms. Examples of virtual meetings may include Prospective Family Meetings, IB/Curriculum meetings, speakers or updates from Principal/Administration. Approximately 6 events per year lasting 1 hour each. The ideal candidate is available for scheduled evening meetings and has Zoom experience. This is not a technically difficult job once you learn how to use the platform. Interface with administration, Social Media Chair, Mustang Express Chair, Website Chair, and MPHS Librarian (this person converts the recording to a YouTube video.)
- Remove C3 Committee. - Approved
- Remove Corporate Rebates Committee. - Approved
- Remove School Fairs/Programs (this work will roll up under the Guidance committee). - Approved
- Remove English 3 from Mentoring. - Approved
- Add 9th Grade Mentors under the Mentoring Committee. - Approved

9. President's Updates

- Picnic Table Donations - Michele- 16 families have donated so far, plaques are in process.
 - 10th Grade Parent Event at Reids on 2/27. Went great, about 40 people attended
 - 12th Grade Event - Ice cream truck on 3/25 or 4/1 during lunch
 - Coffee/Donut Truck Teacher Appreciation Event on 3/2 was very well attended and appreciated.
 - Prospective Student Tours - Added 3 new tours since Rising 9th Grade is virtual. Tours have been at full capacity. 242 participants on Webinar.
 - Mental Health Initiative Committee Update - Parent Webinar on March 23 at 6:30 by Hopeway. Substance Use and Misuse in Adolescents. May is mental health month and we are hoping to host an in person panel of speakers for a student audience.
 - PTSO Committee Chair EOY Party on 5/12 at Natasha Scrivener's Home.
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- Attendance Office- Volunteers helping on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and will follow this schedule for the remainder of the year.
 - Health Room - Our amazing MPHS nurse, Becky Hartline, has requested items for our "sister" school, Eastway Middle School, which she supports and has very limited resources and no PTSO funding. Sign-up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a8a82fa1f49-health>
 - Staff Luncheon - Year end lunch scheduled for June 9th. Box lunch so staff can grab and go as they finalize grades.
 - Avid Update: We have some wonderful guest speakers scheduled for the AVID class. JP and Karen McBryde shared about their experiences traveling and working in developing countries. They discussed the array of affordable ways that one can travel and experience different cultures. Later this month we will host Julie Wentz who is the School Partnership Ministries Coordinator for MPUMC. We also have a speaker from Generation Nation coming in April to discuss the importance of civic engagement and to offer voter registration to eligible students. Some AVID students will also be joining other CIS students from the school on upcoming field trips to UNCG and A&T and, hopefully, to USC and the Columbia zoo. It will be a great opportunity for these students to be exposed to these schools and campus life. Finally, we are in the process of matching mentors to rising AVID seniors who would like extra support with their college application process. These mentors will begin forming relationships with the students this spring in order to better help them over the summer and early fall.
 - Inreach/Outreach: Our biggest requests have been for rent/hotel assistance and help with essentials like food and clothing. We have had a number of students needing Uber gift cards because they still don't have school transportation or need to go directly from school to work and there's no better option. One particularly heartbreaking situation was an unaccompanied youth who was evicted and had minutes to gather her things per law enforcement. So she needed help with clothing and the basics. Upcoming events are prom (we give \$150 gift cards to identified students for dress/tux) and EOY graduates' gifts. In the meantime our supply closet was depleted, but the community responded generously. Finally we have had requests for more

backpacks. We've bought some for the time being but we're hesitant to order lots due to the CMS clear bag policy/promise. If anyone has more info on that situation it would be helpful.

Upcoming Dates:

March 15 Prospective Student Tour, 11am

March 17 Prospective Student Tour, 10am

March 18 Art for the Park, 7:30 PM BoPlex

March 19 Campus Clean-up, 8:30 AM

March 22-25 Mid-Term Exams

March 28 No School: Teacher Workday

Kim adjourned the meeting at 10:41