

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
April 8, 2022
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 - Quorum is present In attendance: Mandy Rencher, Kim Bowman, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Beth Feit, Michele Mangun, Laura Tenzer, Boo Viser, Kelly Coley, Bob Folk
2. Minutes from the March 11, 2022 Exec Meeting were approved via email.
3. Principal's Report, Bob Folk
 - a. Staffing - The transfer period goes through May which is helpful for new hires. Bob is excited about the opportunity of hiring some great new staff. Projection for the student body next year is 3500 which determines our number of staff. We are in great shape!
 - b. Suicide Prevention Student Information Sessions - the Mental Health committee has been very busy They are working on a model for hosting speakers during lunches - the 3rd block set up is a great opportunity for this. It will be paired with a webinar for parents. There is hope to host a suicide prevention talk in April or May with a NC representative from the national suicide prevention network. They will work from this model and go forward next year. Should there be an incentive for kids to attend?
 - c. IB Teacher Training will be in August for 8-10 teachers and admin going will attend. IB parent council is funding and participants will bring back great info.
 - d. Bob also hopes to provide differentiation training for all staff which would include training, manuals, lunch, etc. It will potentially be a 2 day event in August. IB Parents Council has also offered to fund this training.
4. Annual Fund Report (Sherese, Melissa, and Michele) they have met their goal! Over \$200,000
5. Treasurer Report (Beth)
 - a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses
 - a. Grant Requests (due Mar 25). Discuss & vote @ April mtg. -Bob Folk
 - i. See List of All Requests - all meet the criteria, a lot are national board certification. Two requests went above the \$1000 limit and were APPROVED. Discussion about one request from an AP computer science teacher, she would like a grant for a drone for her students to build - it is a teaching tool as well as a piece of equipment \$950 - her class is part of CTE, but the drone will be owned by the school. Will benefit lots of facets of MP school life APPROVED. One request was not

approved due to not meeting objectives of benefitting MPHS students. All others APPROVED

- ii. National Counselor conference - discussion around sending one counselor each year. Funding will come from Bob's professional development budget.
- iii. Some issues with not using correct forms TABLED
- iv. Can we do away with the annual request and separate form and just use 1 document since teachers/staff still aren't using the forms accordingly? TABLED

b. Budget Requests/Changes

- i. Teacher Appreciation budget - need funds for May Teacher Appreciation week if possible (funds will come from Guidance Support \$2,100 - who does not need their funds) APPROVED
- ii. Vote to move remaining \$16,000 from safety & security to Facilities & learning environment to cover the cost of benches. APPROVED
- iii. Line items that need money allocation:
 - 1. Plagiarism Software \$175 (cost went up this year)
 - 2. Uncategorized - Bus Driver Appreciation (needs \$842) - and Mental Health (needs \$150ish) funds will be reappropriated to cover APPROVED
- iv. Beth reached out to all committees outside of Direct School for updates on what they plan to spend. She hasn't heard back from many and will email them again after Spring Break
- v. Direct School Budgets
 - 1. Will send out to admin heads to let them know balance remaining and ask for update as to what may NOT be spent.
 - 2. Who is now covering budget line items for Mr. Holt? Mentoring/Outreach Currently Michelle Richards is helping. Going forward, Courtney Armstrong Will be taking over the mentor piece
 - 3. Clubs - currently only dance team and dream team has used. Michele Richards
 - a. Clubs & Mentoring / Outreach School Programs
- vi. Are we going to do anything with \$1500 in Back To School bags line item? No current plans

6. Update from other groups:

- a. SIT (Mandy) no update
- b. IB Parent Board (Laura) revising budget Will likely help with IB training and conference in August
- c. Mustang Club (Kim) looking to implement standard hiring process
- d. MPHS Foundation (Mandy) AFTP was a success on 3/18. Thank you to all who supported. We are working to find new board members and set our slate for

the upcoming year. Looking at future dates for AFTP of 2/24 and 2/25 as well as 3/4.

7. Proposed Changes to Policies and Procedures TABLED, Sherese will send via email after spring break APPROVED via e-mail
 - a. Vote on removing the following from the General Board of Directors/Committee Chairs Heading:
 - Media Center Liaison
 - Senior Exit Review Board Chair
 - Ticket Distribution Committee
 - b. Vote on removing the following from the Committee and Volunteer Opportunity Heading:
 - ESL Tutoring
 - Senior Exit Review Board
 - Ticket Distribution

8. President's Updates
 - a. Picnic Table Donations - Mandy working on plaques
 - b. PTSO Committee Chair EOY Party on 5/12 at Natasha Scrivener's Home.
 - c. Staff Luncheon - Year end lunch scheduled for June 9th. Box lunch so staff can grab and go as they finalize grades.
 - d. Staff Appreciation is requesting 250 \$20 or \$25 gift cards to give to staff as well as for families to send in notes/cards. Also, they will have cake in workrooms around campus.
 - e. Senior events – The seniors had an ice cream event on Friday, 3/25. About 300 seniors came and ordered ice cream. While there, Mr. Folk asked if we could help with the mandatory senior meeting on 3/31. We provided doughnuts to all seniors upon leaving. The last event of the year is 4/29. It is the senior carnival and we are providing volunteers and hopefully drinks/snacks.
 - f. Beautification Committee - successful campus cleanup; front circle installation - plan is being created and front circle will be planted with annuals next week
 - g. Staff Appreciation - served boxed lunches from Reids on 4/6. Thinking of plan for teacher appreciation week.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 7, 6:15pm Community Engagement Virtual Meeting for Relief School
- April 11-15 - Spring Break
- April 18 - Teacher Work Day
- May 2, 6am - Senior Prom ticket sales begin

- May 3, 6am - Junior Prom tickets sales begin
- May 4, 6pm - Spring College Night
- May 12 - PTSO Committee End of Year Celebration, Natasha's House
- May 13, 9am - PTSO Exec. Board Meeting
- May 14 - Prom

Adjourned 11:04