

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
September 9, 2022
MINUTES

In attendance: Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Rebecca Drendel, Ghazale Johnston, Michele Mangan, Tracie Northan, Tammy Jones, Laura Tenzer, Kim Bowman, Bob Folk
Absent: Mandy Aycock Rencher

1. Call to Order at 9:04 am.

2. Last meeting minutes were approved via email (August 2022).

3. Sherese thanked everyone for their extra help with the beginning of school activities/areas of need:
 - * Rebecca and Ghazele mailing the Annual Fund mailed and contributions coming in.
 - *Ginger Salmon for Swag Wagon sales and Senior Sunrise event, held on 9/9/22- large crowd and successful event.
 - * Tammy Jones for work on PTSO Bulletin Board.
 - * Michelle Mangan for diligent work with all Treasurer request at the beginning of the year.
 - * Natasha Scrivener for organization of Open Campus and collaborating with many students to have representation of all areas of MPHS campus and student life.
 - * Michelle Mangan, Tammy Jones, Suzy Hood and Kelly Coley for handing out Freshman T-shirts during all 6 lunches.

4. **Committee Updates:**

A. Guidance- Huge thanks to all volunteers who helped with the first week of school. Guidance Department appreciates all the time and it helps the Guidance Department manage their workload the first week of school. Volunteers helped to manage the number of students and families who require extra help, assistance with missing documentation and new student registration. Guidance will provide volunteers to hand out flyers at Senior Meetings, as well as help with NC Countdown to College. Students will be able to register to NC state schools free of charge during this designated week. Guidance is available in the library during this week to help students with the registration process during lunch periods.

Volunteers will provide lunch for students and counselors during this week and during each lunch period.

B. Open Campus - Thank you to all volunteers, parents, staff and students. It was the best attended Open Campus in last 5 years.

Things we need to implement/ change for the upcoming year:

- Shorten event to 2 hours
- Add more tables to the front of school to invite more groups/vendors to event
- Add more visible directional signs/ signage on sticks throughout campus to help direct traffic and people through the buildings and campus
- Only focus on Semester 1 for Open Campus- having Semester 2 confuses some of the students/parents
- Information video coming to help with our marketing and what to expect and do during our Open Campus Event.

C. Staff Appreciation- Staff Appreciation will hold its first event on Wednesday, September 21 (Early Release) 11:00-12:30. Ben and Jerry's will provide the staff with a Sweet Treat. Final details and location for the event are being planned. Food Truck is planned for Wednesday, October 26 for the staff. We are working with Hubee D's and other possible options.

D. InReach/Outreach- The committee has met and organized and cleaned out the Outreach closet and filled it with needed supplies, backpacks and toiletries. The committee currently has \$2000 in Visa gift cards from the last purchases before the end of the last year. The committee will organize an Amazon/ Sign up genius list for MPHS community to donate items. Storage space is limited for items, so asks will be specific and when needed. CIS and MKV social workers will no longer provide Ubers for students when bus passes are available.

E. Campus Beautification- October Campus Clean up has been moved to November 19.

F. 9th-12th Grade Events- The combined group of parents met on 8/31 to discuss how to work together so that all grade levels would receive some type of "treat" around the same time each month. Each grade level is planning to do something the week of October 10. The Senior Committee planned the Senior Sunrise on 9/9.

G. Mental Health- The plan for the year is to have the student/lunch session each quarter. A speaker will come during each lunch and provide an opportunity for parents to participate/learn about the specific topic as well. Currently there is \$40,000 in the Jason Huff Memorial fund that will be used towards Mental Health initiatives.

H. AVID- The mentor committee is up and running. There are 3 mentors working with seniors to assist in the college application process. The committee is still seeking mentors to help with the application process, please contact Holly Wood at hollyboowood@gmail.com if interested in helping. There is a good slate of speakers lined up to speak to AVID students this fall about testing skills, mental health, Executive Functioning skills and money management. New mentors will meet to train in the coming weeks.

I. Hoof Hut- The Hoof Hut opened on 9/8 for the first time this school year. It will be opened on Thursdays during lunch periods.

5. Treasurer's Report- We are off to a good start. Budget adjustment to reflect the Security Guard's hourly pay increase. The total line item will be \$40,000 which includes the HELIOS cost and Security Guard compensation. The carry forward cash balanced changed due to 2 checks being re-issued from last year.

Net income \$9,000- change to \$1,078.

Teacher Supply line item depleted due to all \$100 Visa gift cards have been purchased for beginning of year costs.

Professional Development line item- Two Grant opportunities for teachers will allow teachers to request Continuing Education in September and April. Teachers can request up to \$1,000 or less for educational opportunity. Mr. Folk requests that Professional Development form be revamped for review for teachers to apply for grant money. This will help him to manage the requests from staff. He will email the staff to instruct and share the Professional Development opportunities.

6. Principal Report (Mr. Folk)

A. *Scholastic Cup*- Mr. Folk requests funds and support and to reinstate our membership in the Scholastic Cup. Myers Park has participated in the Scholastic Cup in previous school years and was heavily involved and done very well. Middle and High schools, typically in smaller counties. The competition is now divided into size of county and size of school to level the competition field. Schools are able to participate in the Scholastic Cup in the following areas of study/competition:

- Science Olympiad
- Dance
- Art
- Dance
- Quiz Bowl
- The Quill
- Choir

Teachers would like to participate. Mr. Folk would pay the \$3,000 membership dues through school funds. Competitions are free once you have paid membership dues. Extra costs come with participation. In previous years, teachers were paid an extra stipend for leading a competition group. The PTSO will support all money needed and requested for the Scholastic Cup.

B. *Staffing Update*- currently have 3 Math II teacher openings. 1 EC teacher opening.

C. *CMS Attendance Policy*- District-wide policy that is being reinstated. Ten absences for high school class will result in failing grade. There will be a process to recover missed time from class to be eligible to redeem failing grade.

D. *Air-Conditioning*- several issues with unites and parts being on back-order and not yet installed. Classrooms using fans, LA, SET and Social Studies buildings are impacted.

E. *Dress- Code*- Mrs. Richards is addressing dress code concerns. Students that are not following dress code requirements are given a MPHS t-shirt to cover/address the problem.

F. *Curriculum Night*- Moved from in person to on-line on September 14. Decision was made due to better parent feedback and participation with on-line option for parents to attend. The link will be available for several weeks following September 14.

G. *Guidance Department*- over 1000 schedule changes/requests were made in the first weeks of school. Guidance and volunteers handled the workload very well.

H. *Class Numbers as of 9/2/22*
Freshman- 1102

Sophomores- 901
Juniors- 844
Seniors- 867

7. Annual Fund- Annual Fund donations are up to date. Thank you notes will be automated from Pay Pal. A gift of \$1,000 or more will receive a hand-written note. Social media outlets will be used to track progress of giving.

8. IB- MYP for all Freshman and Sophomores this year, 1,680 students in the program compared to 800 last year. Teachers and students are adjusting to the new program and expectations. Juniors and Seniors will focus on the IB Diploma program. IB Parent Night will be in person in October. IB Testing 21-22 school year- 139 students took the exam and 81% passed.

New Business:

Social Media- Jo Ann Salderini running Instagram and can help with any event posts that need to/would like to be made.

Upcoming Dates:

September:

- 16- Club Rodeo during Lunch periods
- 21- Early Release
- 22- PTSO Committee Chair Meeting- 9am ,Art Gallery
- 23- Prayer for Elijah Kickball Game
- 26- Teacher Workday
- 27-30- Homecoming Spirit Week
- 28- Prospective Family Tour- 9:30
- 30- Homecoming Football Game/ Mustang Club Tailgate

October:

- 1- Homecoming Dance
- 4- IB/DP Meeting for Parents 6pm
- 5- Teacher Workday
- 7- PTSO Executive Board Meeting- 9:00am

Meeting Adjourned- 10:55am