

Myers Park High School PTSO General Board Meeting
September 22, 2022
MINUTES

In attendance: Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Ghazale Johnston, Michele Mangan, Alison Dalton, Catherine Hensley, Kathleen Grupp, Kelly Coley, Trina Cone, Shannon McKnight, Laura Tenzer, Annie Lamb, Laura Carvaletti, Mandy Rencher, Holly Wood, Bob Folk, Tammy Jones, Ginger Salmon

Call to Order at 9:07 am.

Committee Introductions

Mr. Folk Update- Welcome/Thank you for your time and volunteering- you help make MP so special.

Shared *Profile of the Class of 2021-2022* to showcase Myers Park High School and provide a snapshot of MP achievements to colleges and universities. Gives a final overview of the class of 2022. The data is self-reported from students through Naviance. IB/AP data is tracked and is comprehensive. ACT scores will be from 2023, no scores from 2022. SAT scores are from on campus testing. Extra curricular and athletics are highlights- not comprehensive. Provides CMS grading school information, and NC Public School Graduation Requirements.

Smooth start to the beginning of the year. Staffing Update- 3 Math II vacancies to fill, English vacancy to fill soon, Exceptional Children vacancy to fill. The district is struggling to find teachers and staff.

Stampede went very well. All clubs and extra- curricular activities were well represented and the students all enjoyed themselves. Very proud of how well everyone behaved and worked together.

Football Game Themes have been enjoyed by students.

Homecoming Game is next Friday against Ardrey Kell (rescheduled for Oct. 15 due to weather). The Homecoming Dance is sold out- 1,200 tickets were sold. No students from other schools are allowed to attend Homecoming. It is designed for only MPHS students to attend and enjoy. Chaperones are needed for all time slots for the dance.

There will be several activities and opportunities for learning and enrichment in the coming weeks. The staff works to create an Enriching and Learning Environment everyday at MP. All Instructional Staff participated in Engaging Schools to learn Best Practices for all learners and students. Professional Development over the summer to support MYP/IB method. Mr. Folk remarked that IB is not a curriculum but a lens in which to learn through.

Treasurer Report- Michelle Mangan- Budget emailed to everyone for review. We are almost half way to our Annual Fund goal, which is great news. Expenses are up to date and if you have a check request for your committee or event, please see the PTSO website for directions.

Reminders:

- We are reimbursed for sales tax
- All 2 weeks for reimbursement checks to be cut

Annual Fund- Ghazele Johnson- Annual Fund drive is going well. 9% of the school community has participated thus far, 19% of the school community participated in total last year; Pledges plus matches will put us ahead. Advertising on MPHS Social Media/Mustang Express. Participants receive an email receipt and Thank you for their gift.

Enrollment Numbers- Melissa Sullivan- numbers are still fluid through the 20th day- which is 9/27/22. No shows will be taken off of the register.

School calendar of events is updated by Liz James- please be sure to communicate with Sherese and Melissa with upcoming events.

Committee Reports:

Prospective Families- Alison Dalton- In Person Tours are starting this 9/28. Tour Guide training is coming up and Student Ambassadors will help with tours.

AVID- Holly Wood- 4 Mentors working with Seniors to help with college application process. Training for new AVID mentors will be 9/27. Speakers scheduled for the class to cover topics variety of topics Executive Functioning, mental health issues, money management. AVID is now an honor's level class.

Senior Events- Shannon McKnight and Ginger Salmon- The committee is working on Senior Events for Senior Fun. Working on Senior item to distinguish Seniors-

lanyards/stickers/bracelets are possible options. Senior Movie Night coming up in early November. Working with SGA to help designate area for Seniors.

Sophomore/All Grade Events- Anne Lamb- October Event for Sophomores (either popcorn or candy) Looking for inexpensive items for students. Will do the same thing for all grades.

10/11- Seniors
10/13- Sophomores
10/19- Juniors
10/20 - Freshmen

Freshman Parent Night- 10/12 Legion Brewery

Staff Appreciation- Catherine Hensley- Coordinating once a month events for staff.
9/21- Ben and Jerry's; October- Hubee Dee's; November- no event; December- Cantina Staff Party

Mental Health- Mandy Rencher- Suicide Prevention Assemblies will be modeled like last year. Assemblies will be held during lunch periods with speakers and parent information session during the evening. The Jason Huff Memorial Fund has \$44,000, the committee is trying to decipher the best way to use the funds to make the most impact.

In Reach/Out Reach- Laura Calvaretti and Laura Tenzer- Donations coming in from the school community. The Amazon sign up genius for Wish List items for the students in need is coming out. Currently there are 450 people on the list- more being added for significant need.

IB- Laura Tenzer- IB is not a curriculum, it is a lens to see the child and information. The faculty is very driven to learn and implement the IB format. The format is to help provide consistency among teachers and classrooms. The IB model is very successful at other schools, 10 MPHS staff participated in training to gather ideas/best practices to implement at MPHS.

Beautification- Campus Clean up is scheduled for November 19th.

Meeting Adjourned 10:45