

**Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board  
Meeting  
December 2, 2022  
Minutes**

Call to Order- 9:07am. Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Ghazele Johnston, Michele Mangan, Laura Tenzer, Kim Bowman, Tracie Northan, Kelly Coley, Bob Folk

Minutes from the November 4, 2022 Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes were approved.

Minutes from the October 7, 2022 Executive Board Meeting  
were updated with financial information and were approved  
over email.

Principal's Report- Mr. Folk

- a. The District will be giving \$60,000 for the year, \$30,000 per semester to pay teachers to help with Credit Recovery for students needing to recover/retake credits for graduation. Mr. Folk will compensate 6 teachers to teach core subjects and provide necessary accomplishments for credit recovery.
- b. The District is tracking Endorsements for students. Endorsement requirements are a minimum of 2.6 GPA and a 23 on ACT. Fifty percent of the class of 2022 received/earned Endorsements, the District is working to increase the percentage to 65% with the Credit Recovery program. The District is also providing funding for ACT preparation for students. The Writing Center is funded through Mustang Matters and is only available during school hours. Mr. Folk is hoping to provide additional help/hours for the Writing Center through funding.
- c. Attendance Policy- The 10 day Rule was adopted by the CMS BOE since the early 1970's. The policy states 10 absences are permitted per course. Parents are expected to write notes to the Attendance Office to have absences coded. MPHS has had an absence waiver for sick, homebound, dr note, obstacles out of

child/family's control. Currently there is not a waiver at MPHS.

Educational opportunities, tours will not be excused.

- d. Math III Teacher hire is very possible to start after the New Year. Teacher would be transferring from AG Middle School.
- e. Mental Health- over 900 students attended the Mental Health Suicide Awareness Lunch and Learn assembly. Next Mental Health program will be February 15- representatives from The Dilworth Center will speak on Substance Use and Abuse.

#### Treasurer Report

- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses are up to date.  
Motions for changes to Budget  
Campus Beautification currently is over-budget due to the mulch purchase last spring. Money will be moved in the coming months to balance that line-item.  
Bulletin Board Signs are over-budget. Motion to move \$107 from Facilities and Learning Environment to cover the \$107 deficit. Motion was approved.  
The College and Career Center lost check. Motion to move \$186 from Guidance to College and Career. Motion was approved.  
Website and Communications are down \$158 to cover the annual cost of Zoom Calls. Motion made to move \$158 from Teacher supplies to Website to cover deficit. Motion was approved.  
Prospective Parents is down \$596 due to increased printing needs and cost. Motion to move \$150 from Teacher Supplies, \$196 from Hospitality and \$250 from The Writing Center to cover the deficit. Motion was approved.
- b. Teacher Grants

Professional Development request documents will be revamped and language will be improved and clearer for teachers and staff.

Greg Giese-CTE- holding request for \$1,000 for National Board Certification.

5. Annual Fund Report - Ghazele As of 12/2/22 we are tracking 90% of the budget with gifts and matches, about 85% without gifts and matches.

Giving Tuesday Mustang Express and ConnectEd were very successful in their push for giving. Special thanks to Jo Ann Saldarini for help with these communications.

6. Old Business/PTSO Updates:

- a. Staff Holiday Gifts- All staff will receive Target gift cards on December 16 and 17. Teachers will sign for their cards. We signed up for a Target Business Account which provided 10% savings on a \$12,5000 purchase.
- b. Article and Ad in Stroll magazine- committee of Sherese, Melissa, Rebecca will outline advertisements for January- May. Denise and Tracie will compile the article for print. .

7. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT (Melissa) - no update at this time.
- b. IB Parent Board (Laura) - no update at this time.
- c. Mustang Club (Melissa) Working on reserved seating during home basketball games.
- d. MPHS Foundation (Sherese and Mandy) No update at this time.

8. School and Committee Announcements:

- a. Prospective Families Event- very well attended, great job by the committee
- b. Campus Beautification- postponed due to weather
- c. InReach/Outreach- purchasing more gift cards for students and families in need. Sarah Ryan working on cards for families.
- d. Staff Appreciation- The Staff Appreciation Committee and IB Council are hosting the MPHS staff holiday party on Friday, December 16 2:30-4:30 at Reid's. We

are providing a holiday lunch for our cafeteria and custodial staff at MPHS on Tuesday, December 13 at 1pm. Our volunteers are providing the cash and gift cards for our famous Holiday Raffle! No event is planned for January.

- e. Mental Health Suicide Awareness Lunch and Learn- 953 children attended the sessions during lunch. 14 parents attend the on-line session. Working on how to have more/better parent involvement.
- f. AVID- Mentors have been busy. Over 10 Seniors working with mentors on college applications. They also have classroom mentors going in every Thursday and Friday to work with all grades. They've had speakers present to students on Executive Functioning skills, test taking skills and caring for mental health. Currently scheduled upcoming speakers to talk about jobs in hospital setting, mental health profession financial literacy and choosing a career.

#### 9. Other Upcoming Dates and Calendar Changes:

##### **December**

December 3- SAT

December 7-8- Dance Concert

December 7- Prospective Family Tour, 9:30am

December 10- ACT

December 12-13- Band Concerts

December 14- Orchestra Concert

December 15- Chorus Concert

December 16- Staff Holiday Party, 2:30-4:30- Reids

December 20-January 2- Winter Holiday

January 6- PTSO Executive Meeting- canceled- Sherese and Melissa will be working together and can be reached via email/text or call with updates/questions/etc.

Meeting Adjourned 10:45am