

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting

June 6, 2023

Minutes

1. Call to Order- 9:07am. Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Ghazele Johnston, Rebecca Drendel, Michele Mangan, Laura Tenzer, Tracie Northan, Mandy Rencher, Tami Jones, Katie Davis, Shelley Cole, Audrey Denham, Bob Folk
Absent- Kim Bowman

2. Minutes from the May 12, 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes will be edited and approved via email.

3. Principal Update- Mr. Folk

a. Teacher Grant Requests for the 2023-2024 school year will be submitted to Liz James and will then be passed on to Mr. Folk, who will make recommendations to PTSO for funding. Paperwork for Grant Requests will be updated to reflect Liz James will be the submission person.

b. Testing and EOC Exams have gone very smoothly. It is important to try to achieve 95% in attendance for EOC exams- specifically Math I, Math III, English II and Biology. These four subjects are what Myers Park is “graded on” and attendance and performance in these four areas are measured.
CIT testing is this week and is going well and smoothly.

c. Graduation/Senior Class Statistics

Rehearsal was Monday, June 5 at 6pm. Students were prompt, attentive and well-behaved. We have approximately 850 graduating Seniors this June, coupled with 100 mid-year graduates, to give an approximate 950 students graduating this school year.

83.8% of students that entered the MP co-hort, attending MP or tracked for all 4 years of high school will graduate. This percentage includes the students projected to graduate in August upon completion of Summer School. The current 83% of projected graduates is larger than the three previous years due to the pandemic. 2020-2022 graduation rates were at or lower than 80%. Mr. Folk's goal for graduation is 85% of the class. CMS's goal for graduation is 90% of the class.

Senior Awards will be today- 4:00-6:00 pm of the self-reported scholarship money, over 10 million dollars has been earned/received by the 2023 graduating class.

Self-reported numbers indicate 73% of the graduating students applied to college for the upcoming year, this is roughly 606 students

208 will attend in-state university

152 will attend an out of state university

28 will attend a community college/2 year college

54% are currently undecided

2.9% withdrew applications

12.7% were not accepted

IB/AP Classes

412 -AP classes were taken during the school year

164- IB classes were taken during the school year- 100% of these students completed all of the required Service Learning/ Community Service requirements

86- students took both IB and AP classes this year

d. Summer Projects/Capital Improvements

The Student Wellness Center construction and improvements will start this summer. The Foundation has approved the funding request for the new AV system, speakers and new Promethean Board will begin today- 6/6/23.

The PTSO has approved funds to help with the installation of a new AV system, amplifier, overhead projector- all concert quality to give a sound overhaul to the auditorium.

e. Staff Updates- No teachers are retiring this year. Several teachers are not returning to MP next year.

f. Summer Camp will be 2, 2 week sessions over the summer for rising Freshmen to MP.

4. 2023- 2024 slate of officers voted on and approved via Mustang Express. Welcome to our new Board Members:

Co-Presidents- Rebecca Drendel and Ghazale Johnston

Co-Presidents Elect- Katie Davis and Jamie Curtis

Past Presidents- Sherese Smith and Melissa Sullivan

Treasurer- Tracie Northan

Assistant Treasurer- Shelley Cole

Secretary- Tammy Jones

Assistant Secretary- Audrey Denham

Over 150 PTSO members voted to approve the slate via The Mustang Express.

g. Freshman Connection- Mr. Folk working to create 2 week camp/2 sessions for incoming Freshman to have an overview of high school curriculum, expectations, etc. CMS Covid Relief funds will fund the camp.

5. President's Report

a. Committee Updates:

i. Outreach- The Senior Sendoff went very well this year! Thanks to the outpouring of generosity from the MP community, we were able to provide donated dorm kits (a full complement of dorm supplies) to 14 MPHS seniors who will attend 4 year colleges next year, and gift bags containing \$200 gift card and a

super-soft fleece blanket were given to 34 MPHS seniors who will be attending CPCC, trade school, or will join the workforce and/or military. In total, 48 students were assisted. Most of these gifts were distributed on Friday, June 2; however, a few are being delivered this week. The staff and students were incredibly grateful as many of these students quite literally would have no supplies as they headed into the next phase of their young adult lives. Many have overcome unimaginable circumstances to reach this point, and our school has been a haven for them. We are thankful for a supportive school community that can help them launch!

ii. Staff Appreciation

The Staff Appreciation Committee treated our staff to a buffet to go lunch from Moe's on Tuesday, May 9 in the Art Gallery and a sweet treat, Harris Teeter sheet cakes on Friday, May 12 in the Front Office. We also had a daily staff gift basket raffle; each basket was estimated at \$75 value. The raffle winners were Micheal Selan, David Dunn, Summer Sartain, Debbie Ingram and Tangania Moffett. Our next event will be in September.

iii. End of the Year Staff Luncheon will take place on Friday, June 9. Box lunches from Panera will be served and there will also be a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream stand.

iv Senior Carnival took place on Thursday, May 25. It was well-attended with an ice cream truck, blow ups, games and JJ Red Hots food truck.

6. Treasurer Report- Michele

Reviewed budget, all committees are within their budgets.

The PTSO remitted a check of approximately \$37,000 (the check included \$2,000 of sales tax that will be included in the next sales tax refund claim). This is for the PTSO portion of the auditorium sound system update that is to be done this summer that the school asked the PTSO to fund. The total renovation is approximated at \$90,000. The PTSO budget account of Facilities and Learning Environment funded the account. Since the \$35,000 was not budgeted at the beginning of the year, the PTSO had to reallocate the following budget items to account for the negative balance in Facilities and Learning Environment:

Motion to reallocate Summer Support Labor- \$5,200.00

Motion to reallocate Academic Support- \$7,465.00

Motion to reallocate Principal Discretionary Fund- \$8,844.00

Motion was approved.

Michele has suggested the following for the Executive Board to consider updating the treasury policies/regulations for the next year for the following:

*discretionary tips for services/meals, etc.

*expenses submitted after the end of the financial year- *hotels, Ubers, acceptable levels for speaker gifts

*tip policy on acceptable tipping on prepared lunches

Annual Financial Review- Date to be determined

7. Update from other groups:

- a. SIT- Melissa- Next meeting 6/8
- b. IB Parent Board- Laura- Katie Willet continues to do an amazing job with finishing the year with Seniors. IB Senior Night is tonight, 6/6 at 6:30pm.
- c. Mustang Club- Melissa- Finished up the year with meeting 6/5. May 25 Senior Athletic Awards were well received and attended. 41 Seniors will be continuing to play sports in college.
- d. MPHS Foundation- Mandy and Sherese- no report at this time

8. Transition Business- Rebecca and Ghazale - Transition meetings have gone well and people are preparing for next year.

9. Recognition and Gratitude for Board Members Who Are Rolling Off and Celebration of Current Board

- a. Mandy Rencher and Kim Bowman- Past Presidents
- b. Michele Mangan- Treasurer
- c. Kelly Coley- Secretary

Recognition of Sherese Smith and Melissa Sullivan

Upcoming Dates

June 9- EOY Staff Luncheon

June 9- Last Day of School

June 12- Graduation; Spectrum Center at 7:30pm

June 30- End of PTSO Fiscal Year

Meeting Adjourned 10:15am