

Myers Park High School
PTSO General Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022
9:00 am Art Gallery

1. Call to Order – 9:10am

Attendance

Executive Board: Ghazale Johnston, Rebecca Drendel, Tracie Northan, Audrey Denham, Jamie Curtis, Katie Davis, Melissa Sullivan

Committee Chairs: Karey Tom, Holly Wood, Kaylee Lundberg, Kathleen Grupp, Brooke Koppang, Kris Humphreys, Jennifer Ewart, Laura Freeman

MPHS: Bob Folk

2. Principal Report – Bob Folk

- a. Update regarding recent death of a MPHS student. Reiterated his continued commitment to the student body, parents, staff and MPHS during this time.
 - i. 5 students lost to suicide in 2 years (all have been 10th graders except one, and all had commonalities)
 - ii. Statistically unusual and is a growing concern for Leadership & Staff.
 - iii. Working with the Mental Health Committee, Counseling department and outside resources to assist students on how to move forward;
 - a. Focus on promoting mental health awareness, emotional well-being (both student & staff), introducing school-wide SEL time during homeroom, recorded video shared with students during school, “Connect Ed” communications sent out for parents, continued “open door” policy with staff, parents & students to continue dialogue, also asking for suggestions/perspectives on what MPHS can do “better”
- b. MPHS 2022-2023 [School Performance Presentation](#)
 - i. High Level Summary -
 1. Please see attached PPT for specific data points on Student Numbers & Performance -
 2. 3442 students as of today (lower than expected as some students transferred to South Meck)
 3. 1000 Students in Freshman class this year
 4. Expect student population to decrease to about 3000 students in the next three years

5. School exceeded growth goals, currently listed with a “B” rating and among top 5% of NC.
6. Still continue to see significant deficits in certain sub-group areas.
7. Not capturing graduation & proficiency within these sub groups, continued work is needed.
8. School has hired a “Graduation Coach” to help students considered “at risk”, with their caseload specific to assisting these sub-groups.

3. Treasurer Report -Tracie Northan

a. Budget Approval

- Will send Mental Health & Tutoring their budgets after the meeting.
- Estimating \$200K in annual fund donations
- Largest allocations are for the following areas:
 - Campus Beautification
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Outreach

b. Notes: \$54K in carryover from last year

- We estimate about \$32K in carryover for the next school year
- Executive Board previously approved the budget on 9/11/23 by motion and votes collected via email. General Board moved to approve and voted in agreement during 9/22/23 meeting.
- Budget will be added to the Mustang Express for others to review

c. Expense Reimbursement / Deposit Procedures

Treasurer reviewed procedures, with emphasis on committees needing to ensure all receipts are attached to their reimbursement requests

4. Annual Fund Report - Katie Davis and Jamie Curtis

- a. Mailers have gone out
- b. Donations have also come in via Back to School forms
- b. Currently at \$83K (before the mailer)

5. Information/Updates:

a. Enrollment:

EC: 6

9th: 1022

10th: 881

11th: 754

12th: 779

Total: 3442

b. Monthly Updates and Calendar - Send updates to presidents.

- Will send requests prior to Monthly meetings, suggest Chairs put a reminder on their calendars a week ahead of the 1st Friday of each month
- Calendar

c. Social Media - Denise Pineno

- Please send any event information including dates, times, and/or any graphics used to Denise via email.
- Include if you have a specific date or dates you would like something posted.
- Send update at least two days' notice if it's going in the Mustang Express
- If appropriate for Social, please send update before or send pictures afterwards if you want to post about a successful event.

d. Mustang Express - Nichelle Weintraub

- Newsletter goes out on Tuesday/Fridays
 - If you want to add anything for Tuesday's ME, then send your info to Nichelle on Monday AM
 - If you want to add anything for Friday's ME, then send your info to Nichelle on Thursday AM

e. Volunteers- Audrey Denham

- First communication with volunteer names has been sent to each committee chair.
- Back to School Form to close mid to late October. Will update Chairs if additional parents sign-up.

f. Mustang Club, IB, Foundation and SIT

- Mustang Club: Encourage ppl to buy season tickets, Bathrooms have been upgraded, and other minor infrastructure updates.
- Foundation: Foundation is funding the new Graduation Coach
- SIT: Group met and reviewed school data in order to incorporate into school improvement plan

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Attendance office: *sign up genius went out last week for attendance office support starting this week (Tuesdays & Thursdays). All slots are filled through January.*

- b. Campus Beautification (no update)
- c. Front office (no update)
- d. Guidance (no update)
- e. Registrar Support- *Support for Ms. Eddington and Mr. Foreman is underway; 6 volunteers going in every M/W/F to provide support on projects*
- f. Health Room: *Implemented some changes to approach in consultation with Nurse Amanda. To streamline supply needs and more closely manage distribution, she will purchase items and get reimbursed vs. having an elaborate SUG. Will use SUG genius for needs as they come up.*
- g. Mental Health Initiative
 - i. Presentations throughout the year
 - ii. Wellness Wednesdays in Art Room
 - 1. Any ideas welcome, or connections for ppl too
 - 2. Freestyle Fridays – come in and draw, paint etc. and the counseling team will staff
 - 3. Communicate that this space is open to anyone and when
 - 4. Should we have ribbon ceremony, and send out a communication on “rules” (yes, communication will go out per Mr. Folk)
 - iii. “Sources of Strength” program starts in October, Teachers will be trained first, then students will be trained. Program already funded, still working on scheduling

Providence HS & Huff HS already incorporate this program.

12 traits of resilience, goal is to change the culture of the school.

Idea is to get a wide range of students (cross section of students) to become peer leaders (maybe like 100 peer leaders), with Homeroom used for this training

Teachers who do not have Homeroom classes, will be our coaches (plan activities, work with students etc.) Ambassadors for peer wellness

- h. School Store/ Hoof Hut: *Hoof Hut has been open for three Thursdays now. NEW this year, the Extensions kids are helping with a teacher's assistant to staff the store during 3rd lunch each Thursday. Sales are underway and new merchandise is being ordered.*
- i. Staff Appreciation (no update)
- j. Staff Luncheons (no update)
- k. Teacher and Student Success (no update)
- l. Teacher Recognition (no update)

- m. Writing Center (no update)
- n. 9th grade events – At The Jimmy, 111 RSVPs to date for 9th Grade parent social
 - i. May need to use PTSO credit card for deposit/payment
- o. 10th grade events (no update)
- p. 11th grade events (no update)
- q. 12th grade events (no update)
- r. Hospitality (no update)
- s. Inreach/ Outreach (no update)
- t. Holiday Outreach (no update)
- u. Avid (no update)
- v. Mustang Roundup: *Turnout was impacted by the downpour! 300-350 students attended, which is much lower than last year. Team improvised and held the event in the auditorium, instead of rotating around campus.*
- w. Open Campus: *A very successful 2-hour event. We had ~15 clubs and interest groups at the picnic tables in the quad. Kona Ice and Taco Truck. The SWAG Wagon had RECORD sales. Reviewing recommendations/improvements for next year.*
- x. Prospective families: *Tour time is now 10:15 start to adjust to the new bell schedule. Families can sign up online. We have a great group of Ambassadors this year and work with Ms. Goodman. We have scheduled training coming up for all new tour guides. Natasha would love to give a tour for anyone on the PTSO committee.*
- y. Student Incentives (no update)
- z. Bulletin boards and signs: A second run of faculty/staff door signs is in process. The bulletin board off the front lobby is being used for “frequently requested” URLs (PTSO website, spirit wear, Mustang Express, school email directory).
- aa. Directory: *20th day is on Tuesday and then student data will be compiled*
- bb. Senior Signs (no update)
- cc. Web Site (no update)
- dd. Testing Coordinator (no update)

Upcoming Campus Events:

September

25 - Teacher work day

October

5- Fall College Night

2-6 Spirit Week for Homecoming and Grade Level Events (Daily Treat)

6- Homecoming Game

7- Homecoming dance

9- MYP information night for freshman and sophomores - 6pm

11- Prospective Parents Tour

11- 9th Grade Parent Social

16- IB information night. 2 sessions:

- **Year 1 Diploma Programme information night for IB juniors.**
- **Information session for IB course candidates.** This applies to **juniors and seniors enrolled in just one or two IB Diploma Programme courses.**

17- IB information night for IB Seniors

18- Early Release Day

Meeting Adjourned at 10:29am