

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
October 6, 2023
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order- Ghazale and Rebecca 9:08am

Attendance: Ghazale Johnston, Rebecca Drendel, Tammy Jones, Tracie Northan, Katie Davis, Jamie Curtis, Shelley Cole, Audrey Denham, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Bob Folk

2. [Minutes](#) from the September 1, 2023 Exec Meeting - Motion and second to approve. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report - Tracie
 - a. Cash Balances & income/expense report
 - i. Safety and Security fees have changed. City of Charlotte/CMPD have moved to a different payment platform: Power Details. Payments are made online and there's a new 2% fee. This fee will ultimately calculate to \$40-55/month, resulting in an additional \$400-500/year in spend for us. According to Officer Greene, there is no other option for payment so we need to figure out where to house the expense within the budget. Conversation around the fact that MPHS is able to pay CMPD by check for security at football games. Could we hire/pay Safety and Security officers through MPHS (rather than having the PTSO handle payment)? Yes: Funds will move through Mr. Folk from the general fund, PTSO will then reimburse the MPHS. Mr. Folk will discuss with Angela (MP financial secretary) and Officer Greene.
 - ii. Board reviewed the adjustment regarding how the Auto Club and Culinary funds are noted within our budget.
 - b. Requests by teachers
 - i. Delta Math (used by Math II teachers) -
\$95/year online-only request by Breuer and White-receipt needed
\$145/year second-tier membership requested by Leblanc and Dunn
Motion and second to approve Breuer, Leblanc, and Dunn;
conditionally-approved White. Motion passed.
 - ii. Professional Development request from McKinnon in the amount of \$150 to cover a conference fee for an Exceptional Children event +\$351.70 hotel charges.
Motion and second to approve. Motion passed.
4. Principal's Report - Mr. Folk
 - a. Wellness Center -
 - i. Ribbon cutting in November (Beth Haeni working on details not sure how big/open the event will be yet)

- ii. Large neon mustang installation coming, curtains coming
 - iii. The kids are starting to enjoy the space. Counseling staff is offering Wellness Wednesdays and Freestyle Fridays. Trying to make it organic. Carefully working toward ensuring there is no stigma attached to the space.
 - iv. New signage outside.
 - v. Plaque for Jason Huff coming.
 - b. Homecoming -
 - i. Pep Rally today in the stadium
 - ii. Football game tonight
 - iii. Dance tomorrow night - Tickets sold out quickly, attendance was raised to 1300
 - c. Staffing Update -
 - i. CMS adjusted numbers based on enrollment. No one lost a position at MPHS.
 - ii. Forecasting for our decreased enrollment numbers in the coming years. Will need to be creative and thoughtful about where to make course cuts because we cannot staff full-time positions for courses that have very low numbers of students.
- 5. Annual Fund Report - Jamie, Katie, and Shelley
 - a. Roughly, \$110K collected (bringing us to 60% of goal). Slightly lower than last year when the mailer went out a little earlier
 - b. Announcement and Ask published in the Mustang Express today
 - c. Appreciation message and list of donors will be published in the ME in a few weeks.
- 6. Old Business/PTSO Updates:
 - a. PTSO General Board Meeting 9/22
 - i. Good turnout
 - ii. Budget approval is online and communicated via ME
 - b. Crime Insurance Requirements- Update to P&P
 - i. Given the reasons stated at our last board meeting, changing the P&P to “25% of peak cash flows” allows us to save \$150 a year in our insurance cost
 - ii. A motion and second were made to formally amend our Policies and Procedures document to read “insurance coverage for fidelity / crime should be maintained at 25% of peak cash flows”. Motion and second made. Motion passed.
 - c. **Staff Appreciation** event on 9/20 was a success - Mr. Folk provided lunch with the principal's discretionary and HT money. Staff Appreciation committee provided a popsicle truck.

- d. **Directory** is available online and is password protected (mustangs2023). Families can still opt out.
 - e. **9th-12th Grade Events** - Ice cream truck each day this week for grade levels
 - f. **9th Grade Parent Event**- October 11th at The Jimmy. Over 150 parents are planning to attend. Please encourage parents to Uber/Carpool.
 - g. **Mental Health Initiative** - Suicide Prevention Lunchtime Talks (1,000 attended), 9/27 and evening presentation for parents. Recording available. Working on 2 more topics to cover over the school year.
 - h. **Prospective Parents**- Moving tours to 10:15. Committee moving to digital information sheets vs. folders
 - i. **Outreach**- An unprecedented number of requests for food support this early in the school year have been made.
7. New Business:
- a. Club news in the Mustang Express
 - i. Pre-Covid was not included. Post-Covid was allowed to increase connection. Board discussed pros and cons and has decided to continue including club news for now. It's a great channel of information.
 - b. Mental Health Committee
 - i. Actively led by two parents who are mental health professionals in the field: Kiley Thiel, Katie Boggs. A third parent is also assisting in coordination: Holly Wood
 - ii. Additional parent involvement is welcome. Interested parents should be directed to our Mental Health chairs. Encourage collaboration of efforts between parents, teachers and staff
 - c. Rebecca and Ghazale to be off the grid October 14-21
8. Update from other groups:
- a. SIT (no update)
 - b. IB Parent Board (Tammy)
 - i. Jennifer LaMay is coordinating the MYP Programme
 - c. Mustang Club (Jamie)
 - i. Homecoming going to be great
 - ii. Nov. 8th is Signing Day for our athletes, event planning is underway and there is energy and excitement around the celebration
 - d. MPHS Foundation (Ghazale)
 - i. Having Luncheon on 10/18 (early release) in the small cafeteria for about 100 guests (Staff Appreciation is handing out boxed lunches for teachers from the front office on this day as well.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:09am.

Other Upcoming Dates:

October

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

November

3- PTSO Executive Board

6 and 7- Teacher Workdays

10- Veterans Day

18- Campus Clean Up

22-24- Thanksgiving