

**Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
November 3, 2023**

9:00 am - Principal's Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 9:04am

Attendance: Rebecca Drendel, Katie Davis, Tracie Northan, Shelly Cole, Tammy Jones, Sherese Smith, Melissa Sullivan, Bob Folk

2. [Minutes from the October 6, 2023](#) Exec Meeting - Motion and second to approve. Motion passed.
3. Principal Report (Mr. Folk)
 - a. Beautification: Area along the administration building leading toward the math building was cleared by Colson who will be compensated through the Beautification budget when an invoice is received
 - b. Athletics:
 - i. Big football playoff game tonight at home vs Charlotte Catholic
 - ii. Tennis team is going to states
 - iii. Announcement regarding spectator behavior
 1. Per CMS/Superintendent, winter sports update to expectations is forthcoming (no loitering, no bags/backpacks)
 2. MPHS Administration to enforce a social probation consequence for MP students who are disruptive and disrespectful at after school events: No longer permitted at events for the remainder of the season
 - c. 11th Grade Parent event at Brazwells was great with about 75 people attending
 - d. Freshman/Sophomore Dance - dance canceled this week due to low ticket sales; will try again for a spring event and get it on the calendar earlier
4. Treasurer Report (Tracie)
 - a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses
 - i. 9th Grade Events over budget after the parents' event at The Jimmy due to the high turnout

1. Will move funds from the Special Project line item to rebalance the budget
 2. Discussion about adjusting budget for next year to continue to invest in our incoming students and families
 - ii. Beautification: TNT (yard service) We currently pay \$150/month for monthly service (some spraying for weeds, trimming bushes, mowing one lawn that is not a part of the CMS service). Conversation around continuing with this service is forthcoming
 - iii. Staff Appreciation Holiday Party on 12/19 will be at Suffolk Punch in Southend. Will cost more than anticipated but the committee is well-aware and will make strides to be creative with the remaining budget for the remainder of the year.
 - b. Teacher Grants
 - i. Professional Development requests are down this year over last because of the timing of the communication and recertification schedule. Tracie Northan to write up communication for Mr. Folk to send on to new teachers that this fund is available for their development needs.
 - ii. Surratt request: North Carolina Exceptional Children's Conference reimbursement of \$150 + \$350 for registration and hotel. Motion and second to approve. Motion passed.
 - iii. Jacobson request: Membership fees for MP CSHS (computer program) of \$100. Motion and second to approve. Motion passed.
5. Annual Fund Report (Katie, Shelly)
 - a. Fundraising is on target or slightly ahead of schedule, compared to last year
 - b. List of donors was published this week in the Mustang Express
 - c. The next school-wide announcement will be made on Giving Tuesday
6. Old Business/PTSO Updates:
 - a. **Grade Level Events:** 9th Grade Parent Event and 11th Grade Parent Event; treats for all grades during Spirit Week
 - b. **Staff Appreciation:** Event (Hubee Dees) on October Early Release Day; cafeteria and custodial holiday lunch in Dec; staff holiday party at Suffolk Punch Dec. 19
 - c. **Guidance Support:** Counselor's Breakfast (11/3)
 - d. **Outreach:**
 - More than 23 crisis requests so far
 - Successful supply drive to fill outreach closet

1. Discussion around the missing/stolen supplies - camera, alarm, moving the location? Rebecca will talk with Mr. Folk
 - Gearing up for Thanksgiving and Winter/Holidays
- e. **Mental Health Committee:**
 - Parent, Karey Tom, led relaxation and stretching in the Wellness Center during all 5 lunches on Wednesday, October 25 (4-10 students attended each session).
 - Wednesday, 12/6 speaker will be from the Dilworth Center and will present on drugs/alcohol abuse. There will be a presentation for parents that night as well.
 - “Bark in the Park” day of pet therapy will be on Weds, Dec 13 during lunches in the quad.
 - Foundation involvement through volunteer parent liaison for the management/programming perspective of the Wellness Center will be stepping back and handing over the reins to the MP Mental Health committee chairs.
 - Mustang Express/Social Media communication about events in the Wellness Center is forthcoming

7. New Business:

- a. Campus Beautification Walk Through
 - i. November 18 - mulch coming to further clean up the area between the admin and math buildings
 - ii. Potentially working with In Living Color to extend the rock beds to deal with dirt/mud areas adjacent
 - iii. Work order in to address areas by the Science building
 - iv. Replanting trees in some areas
 - v. TNT Update (see remarks above)
- b. Student Information Form
 - i. Parents must opt IN for the panorama survey and we are eager for the information collected and our numbers are very LOW
- c. Collaboration Request from Selwyn PTA - Lunch Buddy program
 - i. MP kids would spend 1 lunch/month with elementary students who could use a mentor - perhaps a Student Ambassador opportunity through Goodwin? Rebecca will followup.

8. Update from other groups:

- a. SLT (Rebecca)
 - i. Much discussion around the disproportionality of our out of school suspensions

- b. IB Parent Board (Tammy)
 - i. IB programs are full steam ahead
- c. Mustang Club (Melissa)
 - i. Playoff football game tonight
- d. MPHS Foundation (Rebecca)
 - i. Luncheon was a great success
 - ii. Meeting scheduled for next week
 - iii. Replaced a CIS counselor with a Graduation coach at an increase of \$30K/year

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am

9. Other Upcoming Dates:

November

3- PTSO Executive Board

6 and 7- Teacher Workdays

9- Pre ACT for Sophomores

10- Veterans Day Holiday

18- Campus Clean Up

22-24- Thanksgiving