

Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting
March 1, 2024
Student Wellness Center
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 9:08am

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

2. Vote to approve [minutes from February 2, 2024](#): Tracie Northan, motion to approve. Sherese Smith, second. All in favor; motion passed.

3. Principal's Report, Bob Folk
 - a. Sources of Strength has kicked off. Student Ambassadors are in place and trained. Campaigns (parent lunch day as an example from Hough) will be planned at the first meeting next week. This program is similar to a version of what the Dream Team used to do.
 - b. Wellness Center Grand Opening/Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was a huge success. It was impactful, heartfelt, and a community-building event.
 - c. Talk Tuesdays are kicking off. This will be a parent resource put out via social media once or twice a month. The initiative stems from our Mental Health Committee. The first push will come out next week. The information/resources will cover many topics and provide quick access for parents.
 - d. Student Focus Groups update. Our seventh meeting is underway. The prompts for this discussion were provided by the Mental Health Committee. Looking to understand what students need from us to have better success and wellness.
 - e. ACT for juniors on Wednesday until 11:30am
 - Freshman and Sophomores will be in homeroom.
 - Senior Meeting to be held that day at 12pm.
 - Students will then have lunches, report to 4th block for attendance.
 - f. EOC Scores look great
 - g. Basketball games tonight as our boys and girls teams work toward state championship titles
 - h. Student Enrollment: Projected numbers for 2024-25 are lower, as expected. Incoming freshman class should have about 600 from CMS (plus extras from independent schools). We would like to land around 700 total for this class. Projected overall enrollment will be about 3100.

- Will lose approximately 2 positions in each content area for freshman
 - i. Katie Willet, IB Coordinator, will be leaving MPHS to open the Ballantyne Ridge High School. She will be here through the end of March and then helping out with assignments, projects, and testing. Mr. Folk will fill the position this spring. He has many solid applicants. Suggestion that Laura Tenzer sit on the interview committee as a parent participant.
4. Nominating Update (Jamie and Katie) - Executive Board and General Board
- a. Things are going great. The committee is fantastic. Lots of new names from Sedgefield/Dilworth/Eastover. Working hard to fill open positions. Set a soft deadline for March 15th.
5. Annual Fund Report (Jamie, Katie, and Shelly)
- a. Campaign total to date, \$197,338 (not including \$4,978 expected from matches)
 - b. 98.67% of Budget/Goal
6. Treasurer Report (Tracie)
- a. Cash Balance and Income/Expenses
 - Committees have been slow to spend money this year
 - Aside from 9th Grade Events, no one is over-budget
 - b. Professional Development Grants
 - Sarah Burns \$570 for National Board Renewals. Tracie Northan, motion to approve. Rebecca Drendel, second. All in favor; motion passes.
 - Karen Thomas (has spent \$475x3, is asking for the max: \$1,000) for National Board Certification. Tracie Northan, motion to approve. Sherese Smith, second. All in favor; motion passes.
 - Deleisha Webb, McKinney Vinto Social Worker, has requested \$250 for a NC Schools Social Work Conference and \$659.57 for a hotel (\$909.57 total for fee and hotel). Rebecca Drendel, motion to approve, Sherese Smith, second. All in favor; motion passes.
 - a. Grant Requests (due Mar 28). Discuss & vote @ April mtg.
7. Update from other groups:
- a. SIT (Rebecca)
 - i. No report. No meeting.
 - b. IB Parent Board (Tammy)
 - i. IB Coordinator is leaving.

- c. Mustang Club (Melissa)
 - i. Working on getting a date for their senior athletic celebration. They are targeting April because they have to wait until all seasons have ended. Starting to work on nominating.
 - d. MPHS Foundation (Ghazale)
 - i. Art for the Park was a roaring success. Waiting for final expenses to come in before totaling profit. There are 7-8 pieces of art available. Great night!
8. President and Committee Updates:
- a. Vote on updated P&P: Rebecca Drendel motion to approve updates. Tracie Northan, second. All in favor; motion passes.
 - b. Special Project Funds (\$15K)
 - Counseling area: desk, waiting area updates with Carrie Frye
 - c. IB World Conference Professional Development in DC this summer
 - Bob Folk must attend. He would like to also take the incoming IB Coordinator, 2 admins, and 2 teachers. It would cost about \$15K for flights, hotel, and fees.
 1. Mr. Folk has \$3K in a fund to put toward the cost
 2. The remainder \$12K could come from our Professional Development funds
 - d. Dedication of Student Wellness Center was on Wednesday, February 21. Thinking through the future roles of PTSO/Foundation/Staff partnership.
 - Foundation is stepping back from the management, programming, and operations but will continue to be involved with financing asks
 - Counseling department is taking the lead in those areas.
 - e. Staff Appreciation Event: Hosted a candy bar for staff on Valentine's Day.
 - f. Mentoring Committee: AVID will be discontinued next year... No more field trips this year.
 - g. Front Office: Twenty volunteers take turns working every other week. Considering that subs should fill a spot 1 time per year to stay on the sub roster. This helps to make sure we are filling all spots with people who are willing and available to work. We had a holiday gathering in December. The "seasonal support" has been fantastic with 2 volunteers stepping up monthly to bring homemade goodies as well as a few store bought items to bring cheer to our ladies in the front office including Christy, Jane, Liz, and Angela Murphy. We do need to make sure all receipts are turned in for reimbursement!
 - h. Staff Luncheons: End of the year staff luncheon is set for Monday, June 10th. Discussion about having end-of-year staff event at Suffolk Punch

instead of boxed lunches. Mr. Folk coordinating with the committee based on remaining budget.

- i. Attendance office: Volunteers are filled until end of school year.
- j. Prospective Families:
 - The 2/1 Rising 9th Grade and New to CMS evening tour and program was a great success! We had many hands helping, and the turnout was fantastic!
 - We moved the 3/6 tour to 3/7 due to ACT testing.
 - The scheduled tours continue to be of high interest to families.
 - We seem to have an increase in international students, which is really great. I have found that it is a little tough for some to adjust but somehow, they have found other international students to lean on. At one time, there was a Transfer student club. Not sure who ran it but we need it back!! To help anyone that transfers meet people, join clubs, homework, etc.
- k. Mustang Roundup and Open Campus:
 - Have sent an email to request the dates for both events, which are in August.
 - Trying to move the date of Open Campus this year due to the conflict of the opening Varsity football game at the Bank of America Stadium the same night.
 - Once I have dates, we will send out save the date notices to feeder schools.
 - Both events will start to be planned in March/April
- l. Guidance - Provided periodic meals and snacks during these registration periods and meals for counselor appreciation week. The approach to register students was a new one this year and the volunteers were invaluable in helping students move through the process. Guidance will be helping with rising 9th grade registration with feeder schools, Career and military day on March 15, Spring college night on May 2, and Senior awards.
- m. Mental Health - The Mental Health Committee had "Cocoa and Kindness" during school lunches this week, for February Wellness Wednesday. It was a huge success, and many of the students wrote kind notes and posted them on our "kindness wall." Kindermourn counselors came at end of January for another Wellness Wednesday, where students made bracelets in remembrance of someone and got information about grieving. Our subcommittee, led by Holly Wood had their first focus group with MPHS students last week and the second one is this Friday. Our initial "Talk Tuesday" will be posted next Tuesday.

- n. No Outreach update
- o. PTSO Committee Chair EOY Party TBD

Meeting adjourned at 10:22pm

Upcoming Dates:

- March 5** - Teacher Workday
- March 6** - juniors take ACT, senior meeting
- March 7** - Choir Concert
- March 7** - Campus Tour
- March 9** - SAT
- March 13** - Early Release Day
- March 28** - Q3 ends
- March 29** - Teacher Workday
- April 1- 5** - Spring Break
- April 12** - PTSO Exec Board Meeting
- May 11** - Prom
- May 17** - PTSO Exec Board Meeting
- Spring Campus Cleanup - TBD**