

**Myers Park High School PTSO Executive Board Meeting**  
**April 12, 2024**  
**Wellness Center**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to Order - 9:06am; quorum present

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

2. Vote to approve [Minutes](#) from the March 1, 2024 Exec Meeting. Katie Davis, motion to approve. Tracie Northan, second. All in favor; motion passed.
3. Principal's Report (Bob Folk)
  - a. 2024-25 allotments are in based on projections: Enrollment will be close to 3100 (down from 3500)
    - i. 900/9th (losing about 100 students; though, there are 30-40 additional students we are trying to keep with siblings here at MP)
    - ii. These numbers will result in the loss of 14 staff positions; however, there won't be that many people "lost," as Mr. Folk has some creative ways to solve for "positions"
      1. One counselor loss
    - iii. MP will still be the largest high school in NC
  - b. End of year activities: IB exams, AP exams on the horizon
  - c. IB Coordinator interviews are next week
    - i. 4 qualified, experienced candidates
  - d. Men's Basketball coach interviews in 2 weeks
    - i. 4 qualified candidates
  - e. Open spot for a Culinary Arts teacher
  - f. The MPHS community is reeling from two student losses over the last week
    - i. Sophie Gordon - Memorial service next Tuesday at St. Gabe's
    - ii. Janey Thompson - Memorial service Saturday afternoon
4. Annual Fund Report (Jamie, Katie, and Shelley)
  - a. Over goal! \$205,505 (102.75%)
  - b. Final numbers and report to the General Board forthcoming
5. Treasurer Report (Tracie)

- a. Grant Requests -
  - i. Peter Kenan (math) requests \$570 to renew certification. Tracie Northan, motion to approve, pending Mr. Folk's approval. Melissa Sullivan, second. All in favor; motion passes.
  - ii. Shundra Allison \$1000 (english) request for National Board certification. Tracie Northan, motion to approve. Rebecca Drendel, second. All in favor; motion passes.
- b. Budget Requests/Changes
  - i. Mental Health committee asking for a small increase in budget to purchase Sources of Strength bracelets
- c. High committee balances (with the exception of 9th Grade Events)
  - i. \$172K in cash to date
  - ii. Beautification has a lot of plans (\$30K-\$50K)
  - iii. Counseling Center updates (\$20-25K)
  - iv. Academic Support will draw a little more, numbers off due to the cycle of accreditation renewals
  - v. Extensive Signup Genius asks of parents has contributed to committees not using the funds they've been allocated. Conversations about budgets and spending will be a focus of transition meetings this spring as Katie and Jamie welcome new chairs into their roles.

## 6. New Business

- a. IB Parent Council discussion (Kathleen Grupp)
  - i. The "school within a school" history of the IB Program at MP has undergone many changes over the years, especially since COVID
  - ii. As we are currently transitioning with new IB Coordinator, the IB Parent Council feels it would be a good time for change
  - iii. "IB for All" at MPHS suggests that we would fit nicely under the general PTSO
  - iv. Projected DP enrollment for 2024-25: 158 in the 11th grade, 127 in the 12th grade
  - v. The DP program students and parents do have additional needs and would likely require a committee under the PTSO, in any event
  - vi. Questions around how we might roll the current IB Council budget (testing requires about \$8K, teacher appreciation, EOY IB celebration for students) into the PTSO budget
  - vii. Remarks and comments from Mr. Folk:
    - 1. AP Capstone is drawing some kids away from IB

2. MYP touches all students in 9th and 10th grade, some kids go on to IB Diploma Programme (2 year program: 11th and 12th)
3. PTSO/CMS are covering more expenses to support the program
4. MPHS is embracing IB as a model and DP is a pathway
- viii. Katie and Jamie will spend some time thinking over the organizational model moving forward and will meet with Kathleen to discuss details such as
  1. Committee formation
  2. Exec Board representation with regard to P&P
  3. Budget/Testing fees
  4. Consolidating community communication by creating a section of the Mustang Express to DP-related information
  5. Retention of the IB student council
- ix. Summary and further discussion of the IB's role in the PTSO will be added to the May Exec Board meeting agenda
- b. 2024-2025 Executive Slate:
  - i. Co-Presidents: Jamie Curtis and Katie Davis
  - ii. Co-President Elects: Jennifer Gunn and Nadija Golden
  - iii. Co-Past Presidents: Ghazale Johnston and Rebecca Drendel
  - iv. Treasurer: Shelley Cole
  - v. Assistant Treasurer: TBD
  - vi. Secretary: Audrey Denham
  - vii. Assistant Secretary: Cecily Hudson

## 7. President's Updates

- a. Dean of Students, Mr. Powell, has been providing snacks and meals for students in Extended Day/Credit Recovery (and getting reimbursed). He would like to hand off this responsibility to the PTSO. Perhaps Hospitality or Student and Staff Success could lend a hand in helping manage delivery?
- b. PTSO Committee Chair EOY Party - TBD.
- c. Staff Luncheon - Planning an end of year dinner at Suffolk punch or somewhere similar.
- d. Teacher Appreciation - No April events but there will be two events in May- a boxed lunch and Nothing But Bundt Cakes. Planning for Staff Appreciation week with events each day of the week of May 8.
- e. Grade Level Events -During the week of 3/18, all grades were given a treat on their designated day.

- f. Beautification Committee - The new beds were installed along the admin building. We are so excited for the new growth and how they will fill in with the spring and summer. The circle has been maintained and the beds in front of the cafeteria are in full bloom and we are thrilled with both installations. We will be working on the area in front of the wellness center when we formalize plans.
- g. Guidance Committee:
  - i. Career and Military Day was a success. The culinary students provided an incredible breakfast spread of yogurt, granola, vegetables, hummus and cookies. Our committee supplemented with fruit, nuts, chips, waters and coffee. Career Fair professionals packed their own breakfast bag. We managed the distribution.
  - ii. We provided breakfast for the MP and middle school counselors in our feeder pattern as a kick-off to the rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration process.
  - iii. Next Up
    - 1. Counselor Coffee, April TBD - We are going to provide counselors with a surprise coffee break and recognize Ms. Goodman on her Counselor of the Year recognition.
    - 2. May 2 - Spring College Night. We are providing waters for speakers, treat bags for student panelists, gift basket for the main presenter, and gift cards for student A/V workers.
    - 3. Upperclassmen and senior awards (if asked to support)
- h. Mental Health Committee: Rolled out Talk Tuesdays - on select Tuesdays, a new video message will be posted to Parent Square and social media informing families of ways to build connection between parents / caregivers and their teens. Some of the brief videos will also highlight wellness efforts that are underway at MPHS. The first two Talk Tuesdays have been rolled out.
- i. Prospective Parents-
  - 1. MUSTANG ROUND-UP: Thursday, August 8, 2024, 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM.
  - 2. OPEN CAMPUS: Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:14am

Upcoming Dates:

- April 12, ACT
- April 18-20, School Musical

- April 24 - Prospective Family Tour, 10:15am
- April 29, Prom Ticket Sales for Seniors
- April 30 Prom Ticket Sales for Juniors and Seniors
- May 8, Prospective Family Tour, 10:15am
- May 4, SAT
- May 8-12, Staff Appreciation Week
- May 11 - Prom
- May 23 - Senior Carnival