

Myers Park High School
PTSO General Board Meeting Minutes
November 8th, 2024
9:00 am - Wellness Room

1. Call to Order – 9:10am

Attendance

Executive Board: Jamie Curtis, Katie Davis, Nadija Golden, Shelly Cole, Katy Harvey, Audrey Denham

1. Principal Report – Bob Folk:

- a. Finished 1st Quarter, Midterms went well.
- b. Current Activities Underway:
 - i. Sources of Strength; working on letter writing campaign with students, teachers & committee
 - ii. Wellness Committee; hosting a speaker on 11/12 for parents, very excited about continuing broad education outreach for mental health.
 - iii. Capturing Kids Hearts; in-classroom program to help build relationships with students, and within their student community. A new component this year, implementing a “what’s good?” discussion time to foster positivity & community. Teachers are allowed to use this time as needed.
 - iv. 9th grade parent event; Large turn out with a lot of excitement and engagement. Received a lot of positive feedback from Parents about their child’s 1st Quarter..
 - v. Fall/Winter Treat Event for All Students; Ice Cream Truck during week of Nov. 18th, Seniors will be hosted on November 21st.
 - vi. Upcoming Holidays - Planning Holiday Party for MPHS Staff at Legion Brewing. PTSO planning on providing mid-year Gift for (240 staff members) to be distributed at the party. (estimated at around \$40 per staff member)
 - 1. PTSO to donate excess Target Gift cards, to be used for Teacher Raffle during the mid-year event.
 - a. Half will be donated for the Mid Year party, with the remaining donated for the End of Year party raffle. All attending Board members agreed with stated plan.

2. Treasure Report Principal Report – Shelley Cole

- a. Treasurer provided monthly report out, budget on track
- b. Confirmed that the PTSO will order additional picnic tables for the Quad. Update to be provided at next meeting.
- c. IB student contribution update; Total budget goal of \$6K, but to date only \$3,800 has been paid, will need to send out another communication to IB parents.

- d. **Action Item:** Need General Membership Approval for '24 budget - Treasurer will ask Kathy Bradly for PTO Membership list, and will send out communication for vote. Board needs at least 20 votes to pass the budget. Update will be provided at next meeting.
- e. **Grant Approvals:**
 - 1. **Educational Development/Classroom Grants** - *Shelley Cole can provide a detailed spreadsheet as needed.*
 - a. **Approval Requests:**
 - i. Lisa Holder, (2) Digital Cameras \$998 + tax, for photography class
 - ii. Peter Kenan - (2) Microphones (direct buy, not reimbursed) \$534
 - iii. Arthur Balm - Conference registration
 - iv. Eric Dieks - Training Class (school will fund classroom supplies, if PTO will fund conference) PLTW Vex Python Course, Computer Science \$149 (online class) - Shelley Cole to confirm how to pay, reimburse or pay direct.
 - v. Hough - Classroom supplies/activities reimbursement for "extensions" classroom \$152.57
 - vi. ***Mr. Folk Approved all requests; Motion to approve, Audrey Denham / 2nd Katie Davis, All Approved***
 - b. **Note**, One teacher request put on hold for further review, Mr. Folk to discuss with the requester. Board to revisit at an upcoming meeting. .
 - 2. **Development National Board Certification Requests** - *Shelley Cole can provide a detailed spreadsheet as needed.*
 - a. **Note**, Board reviewed rules around what can be submitted and reimbursed by the PTSO, Mr. Folk agreed.
 - i. PTSO will pay for initial national board certifications (\$1K), and renewals
 - ii. Next meeting, PTSO & Mr. Folk will propose an updated fiscal year for grant payments
 - b. **Approval Requests:**
 - i. Barbara Mills-Henrick, Reimbursement request for initial certification.
 - ii. ***Mr. Folk Approved, Motion to approve, Katie Davis / 2nd Audrey Denham, All Approved.***
 - iii. Discussed other outstanding grant requests, Board agreed to review again in the spring once all paperwork is submitted. These included reimbursement requests for initial certifications for the following teachers - Toth & Smith, Mr. Hunt

4. Annual Fund Report

1. Annual Fund - 60% of estimated goal, \$12K in outstanding matches.

5. Committee Updates & Other Information:

1. **Mustang Club** - Soccer & Tennis two fall sports competing for state competition.
 - a. Fall Signing Day 11/13: 4 students will be acknowledged; Lacrosse, Swimming, Field Hockey, & Golf
 - b. Working on getting a new Football field score board
2. Other Committee Updates - None at this time
3. Next Executive Board Meeting will be held 12/13/24

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am