

**Mills E. Godwin High School PTSO Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023
Hybrid Meeting at 6:00pm**

Board Members in attendance (“X”):

Nevine Anderson		Lee Dolan		Carter Kelly	X	Emily Perkins		Alexandra Wassmer	
Carly Bond		Leigh Dunavant	X	Bobby Knaupp	X	Erin Pfeffer	X	Andrea Wassmer	X
Natasha Butchko		Pam Gibbs		Debi Knott		Benjamin Rosengren		Allison Wright	X
Maha Chandran	X	Davis Hollister		Vaiden Lindsey		Mauli Shah		Tamara Wyatt	X
Ria Chandran	X	Elsa Hoppe		Susan Lionberger		Martha Shippee	X	Annie Yuan	
Kari Crider		Mary Hutcheson	X	Robin Lownsbury		Stacy Smyth	X		
Shriya Das	X	Reeves Kapel		Andrea Mulvaney		Bryan Stevenson	X		
Padraic Dempsey	X	Jennifer Kazzie	X	Shriya Pasvavala		Luis Vaughan			

Meeting started at 6:03PM

REPORTS:

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Tamara Wyatt)

Tamara Wyatt shared the following updates:

- Asked group if there were any changes to the November 14, 2022, minutes that were distributed by email earlier today from Bryan Stevenson.
- Asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes.
- Motion was made by Allison Wright and seconded by Stacy Smyth and voted on as approved.
- Tamara asked Leigh to send her the attendee list from tonight’s meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Debi Knott)

Bryan Stevenson shared the following updates:

- Bryan sent out the Treasurer’s report earlier today.
- Membership is down but otherwise expenses should be about the same. Some expenditures on Administrative needs and Hospitality.
- If there are any questions about the Treasurer’s report, or a financial need, please email Debi and cc: Bryan so he is aware.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Leigh Dunavant)

Leigh Dunavant shared the following news and updates:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year!
- Welcomed Maha to the Board.
- Thank you to the PTSO for the wonderful luncheon in December. It was creative and made the teacher’s day.
- Not a whole lot going on in January. Course selection for next year starts on 1/17/2023. On the 18th during Common Study they will be showing kids how to pick classes. Parents will have until the 27th to help students with choices.
- Counselors are going to middle schools this week and next to talk about course selection for rising 9th graders.
- Next week after kids pick classes there will be a Virtual Town Hall for parents to hear about the Course Selection process from 7-8PM.

- District band, chorus, Robotics, Basketball are activities that will be getting started in February. It's a very exciting time. Mr. MG is coming up to make money for Make a Wish Foundation.
- Additional Holiday now on February 20th so kids will have a four day

MEMBERSHIP (Susan Lionberger)

Bryan Stevenson shared the following updates:

- Susan has been posting requests to sign up on social media and Leigh has been reminding folks in the Godwin news each week.
- Bryan will share info with the parents of rising 9th graders in tonight's event.

HOSPITALITY (Mary Hutcheson, Andrea Mulvaney, Martha Shippee)

Martha Shippee shared the following updates:

- December 11 was a Winter Extravagnaza luncheon with soup, salad and chili. It was a big success.
- Next event will either be a hot chocolate bar or a Valentine's surprise in February.

CAVE/SPIRIT WEAR (Kari Crider, Lee Dolan)

Lee Dolan shared the following updates:

- The CAVE has been open every other Friday and will continue to do so moving forward.
- Pop-Up Store was a big success. Total Orders: 105 for 230 items.

SCHOLARSHIP (Stacy Smyth)

Stacy Smyth shared the following updates:

- There is a school list of scholarships that we are trying to get our PTSO scholarships added to.

LAY ADVISORY (Allison Wright)

Allison Wright shared the following update:

- If you have any feedback you'd like her to share at the next meeting on January 17 at 7:00PM, please get it to her by January 16th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Bryan Stevenson)

Bryan Stevenson shared the following:

- Welcomed Maha to the Board. She will be the new head of VP of Programs.
- Bryan reached out to the County about the 8th period proposal. It looks as if the County is heading in that direction so if there is anyone who has concerns about this they should express them to the County soon. He discussed some of the benefits and drawbacks outlined in the County materials. He shared with the group what he wrote to the County. (Leigh mentioned that there were other schools that went to 8 periods during COVID. The primary goal is to allow kids who fell behind to catch up and teachers wouldn't have more than 150 students in a school year. Middle schools have already transitioned over. She is concerned that there is no cap on the number of AP classes that students can take but she will do whatever the County decides.
- No update on the Traffic Committee other than it's going to be a long haul.
- Next meeting is February 13th. The plan was to do a substance abuse awareness night but the details are still being worked out.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- No comments or questions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamara Wyatt.