

**Mills E. Godwin High School PTSO Board Meeting  
October 12, 2020  
Microsoft Teams Meeting at 7pm**

**Board Members in attendance:** Peggy Berkeley, Pam Gibbs, Cindi Houtz, Stefanie Harrington, Bryan Stevenson, Leigh Dunavant, Glenn Mott, Tamara Wyatt, Martha Shippee, Cheri Taylor, Heather Schmidt, Debi Knott, Stacy Smyth, Kristin Berrier, Holly Hamilton, Kari Crider, Kenny Campbell, Chloe Borchers, Erin McCarthy, Shriya Pasyavala, Andrew Hamilton, Elsa Hoppe, Shriya Das, Carter Kelly, Padraic Dempsey, Natasha Butchko, Avery Knott, Caden Link

Chris Pearson- Godwin Teacher who is part of the Equity Team also in attendance.

**Board Members not in attendance:** Robin Pfeffer, Kelly Shaffer, Jennifer Kazzie, Robin Lownsbury, Amy Englund, Susan Lionberger, Nate Pfeffer, Josh Burton, Kerrington Dunn and Daniel Vaughn

Peggy Berkeley called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. No action was taken on the September 14, 2020 PTSO Board meeting minutes.

***Reports:***

**Principal: Leigh Dunavant –**

Principal Dunavant started her time by have teacher **Chris Pearson** provide an update on the Equity Team update. Mr. Pearson indicated that they were doing activities with the Equity Team last year when school shut down. At a recent faculty meeting they did a program for teachers called “What’s in a name?” which talked about the importance of making an effort to learn students’ names.

The Equity Team has 15 students considered Equity Ambassadors, a leadership cohort intended to execute plans of the team.

One idea being researched by the Equity Team is providing book options with diverse main characters and situations. Other ideas are hosting a podcast or hosting a cultural night.

Peggy indicated that the PTSO was willing to help. She also mentioned that she has been interested in diversity within the board make up that was reflective of the student population and asked for suggestions on recruiting. Peggy also mentioned that it is important to consider special needs students in inclusivity discussions.

Principal Dunavant then provided the principal report. She started by thanking all who filled out the survey.

Ms. Dunavant indicated that some aspects of school have started to be held in person. Special need students have started to meet in person. Athletic teams are practicing including football, basketball and cheerleading. All activities have been outside to date but will consider moving inside if they establish rules and the teams demonstrate that they are adhering to them.

Student clubs have started but all are virtual. There are discussions about allowing student clubs to do some in person meetings.

Parent- Teacher conferences will be available in early November.

Ms. Dunavant indicated that the students and teachers have been working very hard.

**Secretary: Bryan Stevenson-**

Bryan reminded board members (non students) to get in their disclosure responses if you have yet to do so.

**Treasurer: Robin Pfeffer –**

No Report

**Membership/Eagle Fund: Stefanie Harrington, Cindi Houtz-**

Membership sign ups and renewals continue.

**Cave: Tamara Wyatt/ Martha Shippee-**

Cave is still selling items. The team has been making deliveries to people who have ordered. More hoodies were ordered and will be available for sale.

**Programs: Pam Gibbs-**

The college funding coach program will be taking place virtually on October 28. This requires registration. Program will be recorded for future watching.

**Student Reps: Holly Hamilton-**

New freshman representatives were added to the PTSO. They are Natasha Butchko, Avery Knott, Caden Link and Daniel Vaughn.

**Hospitality:**

Sign up genius exists for the snacks for faculty and staff at the school.

**Legislation: Debi Knott-**

Noted that communication from the school and the HCPS School Board has been good. No updates otherwise.

**Lay Advisory: Heather Schmidt-**

Virtual meetings have been approved. Expects new meetings are coming. No updates otherwise.

**Faculty Rep: Glenn Mott-**

Will work on recruiting faculty as members to the PTSO.

**No updates from Communications, Volunteers, Scholarships, Website**

**Upcoming Dates:**

Next virtual board meeting will take place on November 9, 2020

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted by Bryan Stevenson*