

Poolesville High School PTSA
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
7:00 pm
Membership Meeting Minutes
[Meeting Recording](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Start time: 7:06 pm

Present: PTSA Board Members, Mr. Carothers, Dustin Construction, MCPS Capital Projects team, 56 attending plus guests

Conducting meeting in hybrid format

PTSA President, David Griffith, brings meeting to order

2. President brings meeting to order. Offers President's report

- a. Hybrid meeting
- b. Virtual participants muted
 - i. Chat box being monitored and moderated
- c. Session being recorded for posting on PTSA website
- d. Poolesville Day

3. Review and approval of May 2021 minutes

- ✓ Sandra Baggett made motion to approve May 2021 PTSA Meeting Minutes
- ✓ Michele Hobart seconds the motion
- ✓ May 2021 PTSA Meeting Minutes are unanimously approved

4. Introduction of officers

- a. Sandra Baggett – 1st Vice President
- b. Jacqueline Zeranski – 2nd Vice President
- c. Andrea Stokes – Secretary
- d. Michele Mirowicz Hobart – Treasurer
 - ✓ As this was still an open position at the end of the 20-21 school year, Michele Hobart was nominated and approved by PTSA Board of Directors on September 13
- e. Cluster Coordinators – Jane Lehrman and Hannah Donart

5. Committee reports -- Jacqueline will post links below in chat. Requested volunteers for various committees as we revitalize the PTSA community this year. PTSA will look for opportunities to meet in person such as outdoors. Students can participate in PTSA and can earn SSL hours.

- a. Membership appeal – Jacqueline
 - i. Please join – <https://poolesvillehs.memberhub.com/store#>
 - ii. Volunteer appeal
- b. Communications
 - i. Facebook page
 - ii. New Facebook group! - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/258005189525652>
- c. Fundraising – Fundraising Committee Chair is Lynn Schaeber
 - i. Amazon smile – smile.amazon.com
 - ii. Select Poolesville HS PTSA as support group
- d. Post-prom Committee

- e. Staff appreciation/Hospitality Committee
 - f. Bylaws Committee
 - g. Cultural Arts Committee
 - h. Reflections Committee– Theme this year is “I will change the world by...”
6. Treasurer’s Report – Michele Mirowicz Hobart
- a. Financial review completed- Held an annual audit, encouraged attendees to join Financial Review Committee which will meet in July. We welcome volunteers. Treasurer reported that every penny is accounted for. We had 53 members last year, and we have more than that already this year.
 - b. Treasurer reports carryover PTSA balance of approx. \$20K into 2021-22 School Year. We are still waiting for \$2k in donations.
 - c. Budget review will be in October meeting, and Treasurer will have budget available for vote in Oct. meeting
7. President thanked anyone who came out for Poolesville Day and stopped by our Booth and joined the PTA. President, as the PTSA rep, met with county and state leaders to ask for an expanded gym and facilities in the construction project. Thank to the leaders for including the PTSA in this event on Poolesville Day.
8. Poolesville Cluster Meeting with Board of Education
- a. October 14—here at PHS, more information coming on this
 - b. Hybrid format-online and in the gymnasium to emphasize needs of our cluster and the need for a larger gym.
 - c. More info to follow
9. PHS Principal’s report
- ✓ Welcome from Mr. Carothers. Great to have students back for 7 or 8 periods a day. Kids have been great with patience and masks. Three parts of campus now open so students have figured out directions to get from point to point on campus, gives students an opportunity to go outside to portables.
 - ✓ Celebrations for Niche ranking of #2 of DC area
 - ✓ Diligence of masks is stressed with the kids and needs to be stressed
 - ✓ Frustrating TikTok challenge in terms of vandalism in school restrooms, we have not had a big issue at PHS with this. Staff is checking bathrooms continuously throughout the day. Stressed students be respectful with each other. Wants to focus on student section at games be respectful of reps and opposing teams.
 - ✓ This Friday during advisory, there will be a club fair. Younger grades didn’t know how to get involved, this was feedback that came from Student Survey. Only have 25 minutes, will be outdoors.
 - ✓ Testing over course of 7 weeks for 9th and 10th grade students. Last year some 8th grade tests were waived. Oct 13. Is PSAT. Full schedule will be posted in weekly message.
 - ✓ Safety drills conducted with students and staff on Oct 8 which is a half day. Will be focus of the day.
 - ✓ Great start to the year. Today is 14th days of school. Staff is thrilled to have students back in the building.
 - ✓ This Friday is last advisory for a few weeks, Oct. 15.

Question from Sam Baggett (student): Sponsors/Advisors of clubs don't know what is going on; is communication better with club officers and club sponsors; would be good to appoint a student point person.

Question: How do kids hear daily announcements? Mr. Carothers response: No TV production class this year. Ms. Hunsicker Blair will try to develop a TV production club that will have announcements students can hear. Students do not hear announcements over the PA. There are announcements in the email.

Question: Senior pictures: Mr. Carothers response: If students had pictures over the summer, they don't have to do it again. There are make up days Oct. 18 and 19 make up day for pictures. Photographer will open a signup in the next few days. More info will be place in Mr. Carothers weekly message. Will have more info soon.

Question: due to virtual learning. How has PHS assessed learning loss esp. in Math? Mr. Carothers response: Staff discussed over the summer. Map-M for 9th and 10th will help assess. Also current math teachers are identifying students that may have had some learning loss in math, also in other subjects such as world languages.

Question: Will school be willing to use the PA system to do announcements? Mr. Carothers response: Staff is discussing.

Question: How to address learning loss based on results of tests? Mr. Carothers response: Teachers will examine results but not only way they will identify.

Question: Is the construction going on currently? Mr. Carothers response: nothing going on right now. Some work done over the summer. Some areas are inaccessible now in prep for work to be done over winter break. Nothing going on while students are in the building.

10. VMDO architects PHS School Construction Update:

- ✓ Brandon from MCPS welcomed everyone to the session.
- ✓ Gary - director of construction for MCPS; mentions they have been asked to add a full-size gym, they are working on a design for a new full-size gym. They are putting together a design and are just starting to work on this.
- ✓ Shawn Mulligan, VMDO Architects: Mentions VMDO has great partners at MCPS. With him Rob Winstead and Ken Daker and also Jen Roberts from Dustin construction
- ✓ Recap of the design has come to the end of the design phase, have appreciated working with staff, students, and parents and community. Thank you for opportunity to build a school that will be an asset to the community.
- ✓ There is a MCPS page with constructions updates and details
- ✓ VMDO design update. Two-month bidding and negotiation process. Then first of new year, construction will start. VMDO showed site plan, "classic" building, science annex, new building, etc.

11. Meeting Q&A Session

Question: What will future additions will look like?

Response: Dustin explained where these would be built

Question: Where are we at in the new gym?

MCPS response: Trying bid the new gym with the bidding process starting in October.

Question: The gym is only part of the issue with the athletic facilities. Will facilities be updated? How will bidding of gym be conducted?

MCPS response: gym bidding will be running concurrently with other bidding. Will be captured in pricing from bidders.

Question: Is this a full athletic renovation?

MCPS response: At this point, only the gym will be considered. Will take a little longer than what the bidding process is. But we have been directed to add the new gym to the project.

VMDO response: All existing spaces that are not being torn down are being fully renovated including locker rooms and other athletic facilities.

Dustin Construction: Jen Roberts introduced herself and is looking forward to getting started on the project. Then she showed the schedule.

Question: How does the bidding process work?

Response: Dustin is construction is the management firm. Dustin will be bidding out to subcontractors.

Question: Will there be practice spaces in phase 2 before the playing fields are completed?

Response: Will use old practice fields until new fields come online.

Question: What will bathrooms look like? Also school is not ADA compliant right now.

Dustin+VMDO response: School has a mix of inclusive bathrooms and changing rooms distributed around the school per MCPS request. All level one of the new building will be at same grade level. Accessible ramp that will allow for movement between buildings and there will be elevators.

Question: Est completion date now changed to early 2025? Why has this changed?

Dustin response: Fall of 2024 will be the move-in date for staff+students, rest of final work (i.e. the punch list) will be completed through fall 2024.

Question: What is status of greenhouse in new plan?

Response: Will be renovated otherwise greenhouse itself is in good shape except for some HVAC work.

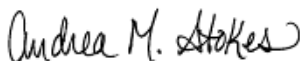
Question: Is the media center much smaller in new plan?

MCPS response: VMDO will meet or exceed the MCPS team on the volume count for media center. Space will not get smaller.

12. PTSA President's closing remarks

- a. PTSA President thanks VMDO and Dustin for sticking with us through the process
- b. Next meeting Tuesday, October 19 – 7:30 pm
- c. Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Vote to adjourn. All in favor of adjournment.

PTSA Secretary Signature: _____



Date: October 19, 2021