

September Board Statement

The MKCHS Board met on September 17 for its monthly meeting, welcoming members of the administrative team, who reported on summer preparations to accommodate the added challenges of Covid-19, successes thus far, and their goals for the school year.

Kelli Mahan, Dean of Academics:

- Teachers participated in summer training with a focus on technology and distance learning.
- Counselors host virtual meetings with distance learners for ongoing feedback.
- Progress report alerts were sent via email to students and parents. At-risk students were identified and intervention protocol was created to ensure their success. There will be a follow up with these students at minimum, every two weeks.
- Two seniors have been named National Merit Semifinalists based on their Fall 2019 PSAT results and have begun the application process to proceed to Finalist status. They are the only National Merit Semifinalists in the Southeast Texas area.
- AP results were stellar with a passing rate of 78%, the highest since 2011.
- There were 29 AP scholars, highest since data collection began for this benchmark in 2012.
- Testing info: SAT School Day option for senior students and PSAT administered to grade 9, 10, 11 on Wednesday, October 14.
- Exploring the option of offering PreACT to students on second testing day.

Laurence Williams, Dean of Students:

Coach Williams has focused on increased involvement with our students. Student feedback was that the teachers and administrator need to get to know our students better.

- Created Senior Advisory group
- 21 students taking part
- Goal is to strengthen the relationship between students and faculty by giving them ownership in school policies and implementation of

senior privileges (for example, allowing hoodies, creation of a senior hang out room & coffee bar)

- Mrs. Clayton assisting to start a diversity group.
- Service updates: helped to fill sand bags and prep our school before the storm; tremendous participation with support of St. Louis High School. Black box theater filled with 18 pallets of supplies.
- Raised \$7,000 in donations for St. Louis Catholic HS
- Working on Homecoming plans, no dance but will have activities throughout the week.
- Football: Upcoming games will be based on TAPPS and local/state regulations and guidelines. 50% capacity – all must wear masks. Working for a broader range for streaming games with the National Federation of High School Football.

Lindsey Ramey, Advancement:

○ Grants:

- Received: \$20,930.00
- Pending: \$35,012.00

○ Marketing:

- Kelly decals
- Creating a social media video showcasing first month of school
- Planning throw back posts for alumni social media during homecoming
- Media coverage: Back to School in the Examiner, Service project in the Examiner, 12 News interviews for Lake Charles donation drive, Coach Smith interviews for football

○ Development:

- Currently undergoing BlackBaud, Razor's Edge training to aid in alumni and donor relations
- Developing an Alumni Newsletter "Homecoming" addition

Carrie Aulbaugh, Admissions:

- Fish-O, Howdy week a success despite an interruption from Hurricane Laura
- Continuing to plan virtual recruitment activities to reach the maximum amount of students

- Some activities, such as 8th grade Shadow Day, will be postponed until the Spring
- Mostly newsletters sent to feeder school parents
- Creating a virtual tour using Peapod Designs
- Participating in a ZOOM conference by Independent School Management for Admissions and Recruitment.

In new business, the board continued its research and discussion regarding the mission statement and updating the strategic plan. It will be an extensive process to study and update all the factors that influence the vision of Kelly High School in 3-5 years, thus guiding the strategic plan. The board voted to create a special Mission/Strategic Planning Committee to fill the need.