Upper St. Clair High School PTSO Meeting – Remote
November 9, 2022
9:30am – 10:30am
Meeting held virtually
Location:
https://meet.google.com/fhg-myqb-wpn

Call to Order

The meeting on November 9, 2022, started at 9:33am virtually via Google meet. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Executive Board Reports

President Report – Kelly Powell

- Kelly welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Discussed increasing membership in the PTSO. The Directory Drive helped increase PTSO membership. Currently at 128 members.
- Asked members to please pay membership dues.

2nd Vice President – Tim Wagner

- Global Education Week November 14th – 18th.
- Teachers of grades 5 -12 participated in professional development with UPMC focusing on depression, anxiety, and adolescent development.
- New staff:
  Kristin Frommeyer - Counseling
  Beth Lash – Counseling
  Courtney Wregget – Kayla Delallo sub
- The days designated for finals are January 17th through the 20th. Finals will be scheduled January 17th – 20th, with January 20th being the last day of the first semester.

1st Vice President – Leria Miles
No report.

Treasurer – John Biedrzycki

- The most recent report will be uploaded to the HS PTSO website.

Membership - Anju Saggi
No report

Secretary - Bridget Gaussa
No report

Advisor – Dr. Maria Cedar
No report. Not in attendance.
Standing Committees

Membership – Priyanka Sharma
No report.

School Board Member – Daphna Gans

- District supporting mental health of students, families, and teachers. Attended training on Monday with UPMC Care Coordinator for mental health services.
- Hoping to begin a broad strategic plan for the district with 5–7-year goals in the Spring.
- Thanked for gift and partnership.

Music Department Liaison - Dawn Predmore
Not in attendance. No report.

Caring & Sharing – Open
No report

Staff Appreciation – Michelle Mandler
Kelly Powell reported that planning stages have begun, and more information will be available as it develops.

Welcome Committee – Kim Megonnell
No report

Wellness Committee – Libby Mascaro
No report.

GATE (Gifted & Talented Education)
No report

PIE (Partners in Education) – Katherine DelGrande-Zesch/Elizabeth Cochran

- Community Awareness with a social media presence
- Collaborates with special education department
- Special Education/PIE Mentor training November 9th
- Offers support for other parents with special needs children
- Coffee connection December 13th 9:00-11:00am at the Pie Place
- Adult Night December 1st 6:00-8:00pm at Whole Foods Café
- Starting a Sibling Support Group next year

Staff Delegate Reports

Janine Despines – Librarian
No report.

Brooke Tarcson - Student Council/Student Activities

- Marina Gzikowski talked about an upcoming event that Student council will be hosting in on December 22, 2022 called the Polar Plunge. Marina participated in last year's event.
  Follow on Social Media Accounts: Instagram - @uscstuco @usc_high_school

- Last week at our NHS blood drive we had 53 Donations -
  That will help 159 people. There will be another drive in the spring.

- Underclassmen School Pictures are being distributed this week in homeroom. Forgot to purchase? Use this link: https://form.jotform.com/221994045963162
- We have a new **yearbook** vendor - Herff Jones. Yearbooks can be purchased using this link: https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/general/homepage?portal=true Our customer number is 4455. We are really excited because we can now offer the option to have the book shipped home so parents and students don't have to wait for our summer distribution days. This is just an option - you do not have to choose it!
- Student Council is hoping to partner with PTSO to celebrate appreciation days this school year. I would love to talk to the PTSO about creating this partnership.

- Upcoming Events:
  Sadie Hawkins Dance is January, 28, 2023!
  November 18 - Substitute Appreciation Day
  November 7-11 - National School Psychology Week
  January 9 - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
  February 7-11 - National School Counseling Week
  February 22 - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
  March 4 - Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
  March 18 - National Speech Pathologist Day
  April 4 - School Librarian Appreciation Day
  April 6 - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
  April 27 - Administrative Professionals Day
  May 1-5 - Teacher Appreciation Week
  May 6 - School Lunch Hero Day
  May 11 - School Nurse Day

- Global Education Week: Planned by World Language, Library, Social Studies, and FACS Wednesday & Thursday - Speakers (classes can sign up)

Monday during ART - Parade of
Tuesday - Human Library - members of the high school community were invited to share their stories of Global Experience. Students can "check them out"
Friday - Global Awareness Fair - Theme "Building Bridges" This is available to USCHS students as well as Monour and Mt. Lebanon students.
Local artist coming in as a keynote speaker, native American dancers coming in to teach, interactive booths run by our own clubs.

Entire week there are collections for Hello Neighbor.

Teacher Representative – TBD

The teacher representative role is open.

Kristen Pardini for Jennifer Kirk - Counseling Department

- PSAT for sophomores (optional) and juniors 500+ students registered.
- SAT 111 students on Saturday and one on Sunday.
- Freshman check in being scheduled with counselors.
- 2506 college apps and 388 colleges applied to.

Dr. Daniel Beck - Assistant Principal

- Executive Committee formed within the activist/multi-cultural clubs to support the No Place for Hate program.
- Dean's List Breakfast last week. Students:

  Emily Barrie, grade 11: nominated by Mr. Torquato, Social Studies

  Kaitlyn Clougherty, grade 12: nominated by Ms. Milovac, Fine & Performing Arts

  Varun Damarla, grade 12: nominated by Mr. Coffman, Mathematics

  Joey Lucca, grade 12: nominated by Mrs. Zirnigbl, SHOP@USC

  Mia Manalo, grade 9: nominated by Mr. Mathews, Counseling Office

  William Schultz, grade 12: nominated by Mrs. Ramsey, World Language

  Sarah Spencer, grade 9: nominated by Mr. Mathews, Counseling Office

Ms. Cara Senger - Assistant Principal

- Local historical leaders will be at the school on Veteran's Day to talk about the history of Veteran's Day. There will be a display in the Arts Hallway outside of the LGI all week celebrating veterans.

Reporting Organizations

Youth Steering – Dr. Dan Beck
Youth Steering Committee is on hold for this year.

Community Foundation – Open

Old Business

Looking for High School PTSO volunteers:

Open Committees

New Business

Next PTSO meetings:

January 12th, 2023

Upcoming Dates:

November

11: Marching Band, Veterans Day Parade, Downtown Pittsburgh

16: USCHS Jazz Concert, 7 p.m.

19: Madrigal Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Westminster Church

21: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

23: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

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December

5: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

15: USCHS Band Concert, 7 p.m. USCHS theater

16: USCHS Radio Christmas Carol Livestream, 7:30 p.m.

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20: USCHS Choir Concert, 7 p.m., USCHS theater

22: EARLY DISMISSAL

23-31: NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess

Next PAC Meeting: February 8, 2023 - 9:30am in the LGI

Next PTC Meeting: February 1, 2023 – time TBD, virtual

Next PTSO meeting: January 12, 2022 - 9:30am Virtual

Adjournment 10:22am