Upper St. Clair High School PTSO Meeting – Remote
January 12, 2023
9:30am – 10:30am

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Call to Order

The meeting on January 12, 2023, 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 everyone and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- PTSO membership has increased to 176 members.
- Focusing on strengthening the relationship between the PTSO and parents and the students.
- The PTSO will be more engaged in the Community.

Vice President – Leria Miles
No report

Treasurer – John Biedrzycki
No report

Secretary - Bridget Gaussa
No report

Membership – Anju Saggi

- Membership has increased to 176.

Standing Committees

School Board Member – Daphna Gans
Not in attendance. No report.

Music Department Liaison - Dawn Predmore
Not in attendance.

Caring & Sharing – Open
No report.

Staff Appreciation – Michelle Mandler
Staff Appreciation Day
The Staff Appreciation Committee is looking forward to another Staff Appreciation Day for the 2022/2023 school year.

We will host a catered luncheon on April 27th.

While we plan to work with a local restaurant for the main courses, there will be opportunities for donations from the high school families.

In the weeks leading up to the luncheon, we will send out a Sign-Up Genius with donation and volunteer opportunities.

We will also collect "cash" donations that will go directly toward this year's luncheon. Be on the lookout for and email the first week of April with all of the information.

Welcome Committee – Open
No report

Wellness Committee – Libby Mascaro
USC PTC Wellness Committee, January 2023 Report

- Month of February
    - Friday, February 10
    - NAMI Keystone PA Youth Mental Health Conference: The Pursuit of Perfection and the Impact on Youth Mental Health (Child, Adolescent, Transition Age Youth Mental Health Conference)
        - https://www.namikeystonepa.org/education/conferences/camhcon2023/
        - Admission is FREE for high school and college students
        - All are welcome, but must register
            - https://namikeystonepa.salsalabs.org/CAMHCon2023/index.html
        - Members of our districts will be attending, any students wishing to attend, please let me know
        - I will be a panelist giving insight from a parent and a coach's perspective
- Upcoming Events/Programs
    - AFSP, "It's Real" Program/presentation
    - 'Broglie Box" collab
    - "Listen Lucy" program
    - Mental Health Awareness Month
        - Spring sports teams involved (Green Out Games)
        - Stand Together Collab
        - Mental Health Awareness Week activities
- Contact Info:
    - **libby.mascaro@gmail.com**

GATE (Gifted & Talented Education) - Open
No report

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

- Have a planning meeting scheduled, will have update for next meeting.
- Save the Date for Sensory Movie Night, April 17th at the Bridgeville Phoenix Movie Theatre. Will be capped at 50 families.

Staff Delegate Reports

Brooke Tarcson - Student Council/Student Activities

- New PTSO Representatives from Student Council
  Dylan Childs, Lylah Kateeb, Bella Donnelly, Josh Anand, Ben Seewald

- Winter Dance – Sadie Hawkins Dance - Masquerade Ball January 28, 2023
  Only handheld masks are allowed in the dance

- After the dance, Student council will be planning Community Day which will be held on May 20th.

- Marina Gzikowski talked about an upcoming event that Student council hosted on December 22, 2022 called the Polar Plunge. Marina participated in last year's event.
  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** were distributed 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:
  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)
Conservation work, Esports Eco System, Student Panel on studying/living abroad

- New events
    - Human Library - members of the high school community were invited to share their stories of Global Experience. Students can "check them out"
    - Global Awareness Fair - Theme "Building Bridges". This is available to USCHS students as well as Montour 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.

Janine Despines – Librarian
No report

TBD –Teacher Representative

- Tim Wagner provided update on Teacher Representative

Bethany Lash - Counseling Department

- Natural Helpers will post positive messaging throughout the school, provide snacks, show movies, etc for students.
- Feb 14th class registration process will begin. Registration will close on March 31st.
- Feb 7th College seminar, "How to become a competitive college applicant". Information available on the counseling website.
- Feb 8th National Association of College Counselors at the convention center– Juniors will be excused for field trip if they attend.
- March SAT Prep Classes available – link available on counseling website.
- 8th grade Parent Night – January 31st 6:30 in the High School Auditorium.
- Parkway Tech rep will be available on January 24th during all lunches.
- Stand Together program "New Year, New Me" focusing on self-care will be at all lunches on January 25th.

Dr. Tim Wagner – Principal

- Curriculum approvals available on the school board website
- First time since 2020 there will be end of semester finals this month
- No second semester finals due to State testing that takes place

Dr. Daniel Beck - Assistant Principal

Not in attendance.

Ms. Cara Senger - Assistant Principal

- A group of students presented their ideas for improvement to EA Fabricating.
- STEAM related job presentations Lunch and Learn series will occur for students to learn during lunch rather than missing a class.
- Special Olympics Bocci Team – next Friday – life skills and regular students will participate.

Upcoming Dates:

Next PTC Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - 9:30 am - virtual

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

Next PTSO Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023 - 9:30am - virtual

January

16: NO SCHOOL – teacher-in-service

23: NO SCHOOL – teacher-in-service

23: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

28: USCHS Semiformal Dance, 7:30 p.m., USCHS

February

1: PTC meeting, 9:30 a.m., virtual

7: College Seminar: Becoming a Competitive College Applicant, 6:30 p.m., USCHS theater

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Adjournment 10:09am