

Upper St. Clair
PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL
General Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023 11:30 am

Call to Order 11:35 am

Pledge

Approval of Minutes - September 6, 2023 (Approved)

Reports

Executive Committee:

- 1st Vice President - Dan Larsen
 - Absent due to illness
- Treasurer - Sarah Cranganu
 - This report covers the financials from the period from September 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023.
 - For the USC PTC's general operating fund, the opening balance was \$13,932.46 and the closing balance was \$3,729.69.
 - No receipts have been posted.
 - Disbursements have been made for the staff welcome and new family welcome events, spelling bee registrations, annual insurance coverage, online directory set-up and service, and transfers back to individual units for memberships collected during the membership drive.
 - For the USC PTC's online purchases processing fund, the opening balance was \$550.00 and the closing balance was \$10,702.69.
 - Receipts posted were from memberships collected during the membership drive and printed directory sales.
 - Funds will be transferred from this fund to the general operating fund this month, details of which will be reported at our next general meeting.
 - These figures have been reconciled with the bank statements from September, October, and November 2023.
 - All units have paid their annual PTC dues and most have provided proof of 2022-2023 audits and IRS filing of tax exempt status. The PTC has an approved audit completed as well as filing with the IRS as a tax-exempt entity.
- Secretary - Jaime Fitzgerald
 - Nothing to report
- Board Advisor - Shanna Caplan (presiding over today's meeting)
 - Thank you for being here this morning.

Standing Committees:

- Spelling Bee - Sarah Cranganu
 - Registration is open at all 5 eligible schools for students in grades 4-8 to participate in the district's 2024 Spelling Bees held in January and February. Please contact me at uscspellingbee@gmail.com if you have questions about registering your child or the Bees. We are in need of parent volunteers to serve as judges for each Bee; please reach out if you are interested in helping out.
- Arts In USC - Bethany Salmen/Becca Ward

- This year's art show will take place in February at the High School. We are in the process of setting up judging. Theme is "My Favorite Place" or "What Makes Me Happy." Information will be sent out before the holidays.
- **PIE - Katherine Zesch**
 - On behalf of PIE I would like to share with everyone our next events.
 - PIE Family Art Night on January 9 from 6-7:30 at Made by: you
 - Coffee Connection on February 7 from 9-11 at The Pie Place
- **Audit - Sarah Cranganu on behalf of Chairs, Karen Anderson & Cathy Cowles**
 - All audits are complete except for Ft. Couch, which is forthcoming.
 - All 990s are complete except for Eisenhower, which is forthcoming.
 - Please reach out for more information.

Reporting Organizations:

School Administration

- **Dr. John Rozzo, Superintendent**
 - The December school board meeting is the reorganization meeting. New President is Mrs. J. Schnore (previously Vice President). New Vice President is Dr. D. Wetzel.
 - Proposed calendar for 2024-25 will be sent to all district families soon. It will be presented at the next board meeting, then feedback will be received before voting occurs at the February meeting.
 - Weather cancellations: We are permitted 5 FIDs per school year, which follow a two-hour delay schedule and count as a full day of school. Many groups/individuals work together to make decisions regarding closures and delays.
 - Thank you to the PTC and building PTAs/PTOs for all of the help given to the district and the events you've supported for students, staff and families.
 - Please consider attending upcoming student performances on 12/12, 12/13 and 12/14.
 - 12/22 will be a half-day. Return to school 1/2/24. 1/15 and 1/22 will be no school for students.
 - Happy Holidays!
- **Dr. Amy Pfender, Deputy Superintendent**
- **Mr. Ray Carson, Sr. Director of Operations and Administrative Service**
- **Mrs. Lauren Madia, Director of Pupil Services**

School Board President (no update at this time)

Unit Presidents:

- **Eisenhower - Jen Zofchak**
 - Please see district website for upcoming events
- **Baker - Kelly Meyers**
 - 11/17 Assembly with Josh and Gab – 1st one since pre-covid and was so fun for the kiddos!
 - 11/28 Author Visit from Josh Funk
 - 12/5 and 12/6 Enchanted Shop wrapping up today.
 - Notes for Neighbors Collection happening this month – aiming to give cards/letters to all 500 residents of Friendship Village
 - 12/19 Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange
 - 12/21 Winter Classroom Parties
 - Spelling Bee and Bingo coming up in January and February!
- **Streams - Sarah Tannenbaum**
 - Hi everyone. Streams has had a great school year so far!! We have been very busy over here with a lot of different events. We are currently having our Snowball Express Holiday Shop (yesterday and today) with all hand picked items from the warehouse in Irwin, PA.

- Since our last meeting we had our ice cream social & book fair night back in September. The ice cream social was run by Brittany Weiler & Karen Anderson and made a profit of \$804. From our book fair, we earned \$3065 in Scholastic dollars. We let each teacher use \$150 to order whatever they would like from Scholastic online and when those items came in such as stem kits, bouncy bands for chairs, indoor recess items, books, organizers, and more, they were organized and distributed to each teacher.
- STRAVAGANZA was held on Friday, October 13. We had a DJ, five food trucks, multiple games including three new games, a raffle room and perfect weather. Stravaganza this year earned over \$15,000!! This was over \$4000 more than last year's Stravaganza in May.
- On Monday, October 23rd - Spirit Night at Chipotle raising \$181.
- Food Drive for SHIM. We had bins in the front of each entrance to the school, and when students would come in, they could drop their food drive items in the bins before going to school and in one week, Brittany was able to deliver 284 pounds of food!!
- We used our sharing is caring funds for three families that are having very difficult health issues and the PTO made three big bags full of fun things for the kiddos to do while they had to be in the hospital including games, art supplies, crafts, coloring books, and more.
- Spirit week at Nothing Bundt Cakes from November 13-18th ((waiting for results)).
- All students at Streams just enjoyed an author visit from Josh Funk!!
- We had multiple field trips over the Fall including Meadowcroft & Simmons.
- We ordered every staff member a shirt from our spirit wear sale that they will receive before the holiday break from the PTO.
- We had our spirit wear sale. We sold 190 items and made a profit of \$570.
- In October we had a teacher appreciation event of spooky donuts and coffee that we delivered to each classroom. In November the teacher appreciation committee had a tailgate stand with hotdog toppings, chips and drinks and in December we will have a Pittsburgh cookie bar with hot chocolate for all staff members !!!
- For afterschool activities so far we had a mad science class, and our next one will be dot & line art classes!!
- Harvest parties and parades were a success and we look forward to our Winter parties!
- Upcoming in January we will be hosting a bowling day on Martin Luther King day for all students at Streams and in February we look forward to having a family bingo night.
- USCHS - Leria Miles
 - Please see district website for upcoming events
- Fort Couch - Elizabeth Taylor
 - Our membership drive has come to an end. We just made our 80% goal.
 - We just started our Reach Out campaign run by our student council. Things are off to a great start. All money raised will go to one of 4 charities picked:
 - Giant Eagle Gift Cards to be distributed by the USC Township Police to needy members of our community
 - Bike MS
 - Hope for Haiti
 - MS Society: Pittsburgh Chapter
 - Our teacher appreciation committee is serving a Holiday lunch to the staff today, and we had parents donate cookies to make a holiday cookie table for the staff to enjoy.
 - Mr. Palmer spoke at our last meeting along with Mike Burch. They will present Bryan's story in guidance classes beginning in January. Mike's son Bryan was a graduate of Upper St. Clair who tragically died of a heroin overdose.
- Boyce - Ashlee Lentini
 - Please see district website for upcoming events

Adjournment 12:09 pm