

Upper St. Clair Parent Teacher Council

Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2021 9:30 am

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Previous meeting minutes:

- October 6 minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes. Motion Approved.
- https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/cms/lib/PA01000033/Centricity/Domain/53/10_6%20Meeting%20Minutes.pdf

Reports

Executive Committee:

- President – Gina Swanson
- 1st Vice President – Shanna Caplan
- Treasurer (and Statement of Treasurer)- Lindsay Beck
 - The USC Parent Teacher Council's General Fund had an opening cash balance on Oct 01, 2021 of: \$11,549.41
 - Receipts totaled: \$0
 - Disbursements totaled: \$300.00
 - The USC Parent Teacher Council's General Fund had a closing cash balance on Oct 31, 2021 of: \$ 11,249.41
- Secretary - Laura Lisien.
- Board Advisor – Kerstin Goodworth

School Board Director – Dr. Daphna Gans

Unit Presidents:

- Eisenhower – Justine Walker
- Baker – Sarah Cranganu
 - Baker will host its Fall Book Fair next Monday and our 2-week online book fair is open now.
 - We've had a successful stock the pantry drive for Baker staff so that they have snacks and beverages for November's in-service and conference days.
 - At the end of the month we will start collecting cards for our community friends at senior living facilities – Notes for Neighbors. We're asking students to make cards at home or at school and they will be delivered at the end of the year. Not necessarily holiday-themed, just a friendly note.
- Streams – Jennifer Clougherty
- Boyce – Pam Secureman
 - Collecting Activity Fees this year - \$40 cash or check made payable to the Boyce PTO, and \$41.50 using PayPal
 - Membership - approx 395 fees paid, total amount collected \$13,000
 - planning to raffle off a USCCF stadium blanket on December 1st to one lucky winner!
 - Seeking VP
 - Audit - need one for 7-1-21 to 10-11-21, about to start
 - Taxes, due 11/15, ready to be e-filed by the accountant
 - Spirit Night - November 23rd from 10 am to 10 pm, Olive Oil's Pizzeria, owner Frank Funera, USC grad and current resident
 - Staff Appreciation - planning to collect money and have a food truck in December
 - Spirit Wear - ran through October 31st, had 103 orders, representative is calculating our profit now
 - Deer Valley - catalog fundraising due November 5th
 - seeking a couple of volunteers, November 8th and 9th, to help me organize the orders

- Socks With A Mission - Socktober very successful! Collected over 2,000 pairs of socks and raised around \$600 to support homeless and less fortunate in the Pittsburgh area
- Friendship Shoebox Project - starting soon
- **PTO General Meeting, November 10th, 9:30 am**
- Fort Couch – Sarah Beitler
 - Continuing with Spirit Nights once a month. And will be reminding parents via email and Facebook the morning of. Next Spirit Night is November 9th at Toss.
 - The PTSO will be distributing the Spirit Wear items this month.
 - Since we are not able to have socials this Fall, the PTSO is working with Principal DeMar to sponsor a fun snack for all students during the lunch period. Like hot chocolate and marshmallows and maybe a winter themed cookie. We will revisit the idea of holding a social early next year with the Valentine's Day social.
 - Starting to talk with Fort Couch to organize for Caught you Being good this December. Parents can donate their leftover halloween candy. Info on this will be posted to our FC Facebook Page.
 - Warm Winter Wishes will be organized early December for Staff Appreciation.
- USCHS – Maria Cedar

Standing Committees:

- Directory – Kerstin Goodworth
- Partners in Education - Katherine Zesch

Partners in Education (PIE), a committee of the Upper St. Clair School District Parent Teacher Council, provides support to families of students who have 504's and IEP's. The committee offers a variety of programming for parents of children of all ages. In addition, PIE provides an informal opportunity for parents to meet, share resources and build relationships.

On Tuesday, November 16, Partners in Education will hold a **virtual meeting** at 7:00. District leaders in Student Support Services about programming and opportunities in the district will be available to talk with parents. Prior to the meeting, we will give you a chance to register and to submit questions to district staff that they can address during the meeting.

Elizabeth Cochran and Katherine Zesch are the parent leaders of USC Partners in Education, feel free to email them if you have any questions.

- Spelling Bee – Sarah Cranganu
 - Plans are underway for Bees at the five eligible schools – Baker, Boyce, Eisenhower, Ft. Couch, and Streams. Competitions will be held between mid-January and early February. Our hope is to have in-person Bees subject to district guidance at the time of the Bees. Communication about Bee dates/times and study guides will be sent to eligible students and their families by the end of November.
- Wellness Committee - Libby Mascaro

School Administration:

- Dr. John Rozzo - Superintendent & 2nd Vice President
 - Concluded first 9 weeks of school. The closures due to COVID has had a large impact on kids mental well being. Good news is that there has been minimal impact on our kids and the district is monitoring situation.
 - District does not know when mask mandate will be lifted. That is a State decision.
 - District is not hosting any more vaccine clinic.
 - District will not mandate vaccines or test kids for COVID.
 - Remote Learning is Asynchronous model. However, if have to close schools for a period of time, live instruction will be provided. If it is a FID day, then there will be a 2 hour delay and live instruction will be provided.
 - In person volunteers are limited and field trips have started back up again.
 - District will be kicking off planning for strategic plan. Looking for community support in creating plan.
 - Deer Valley has been moved to one day because of staffing issue and don't know in May what COVID will look like and don't want to risk an overnight stay.
- Dr. Sharon Suritsky - Assistant Superintendent
 - Reading intervention program- will be participating in Letters training. 5 teachers will be participating.
 - District is looking at FACTS program to see if any enhancements need to be made.
 - Some robotics and coding is available in courses at the middle school.
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- Mrs. Amy Pfender - Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Lauren Madia - Director of Pupil Services
- Mr. Brad Wilson - Director of Strategic Initiatives
- Mr. Ray Carson - Senior Director of Operations & Administrative Services

Please note there will be no PTC meetings in December or January: next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022.

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

November

- 1: [HS Senior Yearbook Portrait deadline](#)
- 1: **NO SCHOOL** for students, Teacher In-Service
- 2: **NO SCHOOL** for students, Teacher In-Service
- 3: Second Quarter Begins
- 3: PTC meeting, 9:30 a.m., virtual
- 5: Baker Book Fair Preview
- 8: **NO SCHOOL** for students, Teacher In-Service
- 8: Baker Book Fair
- 8: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10: Fall High School Band Concert, 7 p.m., USCHS Theater
- 10: Boyce PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m., [Register online](#)
- 11-12: Streams Book Swap
- 11: [Boyce Picture Day](#) – Make-ups
- 11: Veterans Day Program, 9:30 a.m., Upper St. Clair Veterans Park
- 11: Baker PTA meeting, 9:30 a.m. (*please note time change*)
- 11: Streams PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m. (*please note date change*)
- 12: Eisenhower PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 15: First Quarter Report Cards
- 16: FAFSA Completion Night, 6:30 p.m., USCHS LGI

16: High School Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7 p.m., USCHS theater
16: Fort Couch PTSO meeting, 9:30 a.m.
16: Partners In Education, virtual meeting, 7 p.m.
17: High School PTSO, 9:30 a.m., virtual
20: Madrigal Dinner, 5 p.m., Westminster Church
22: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
24-26: **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Recess