

Upper St. Clair
PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL
General Meeting Agenda
April 6, 2022 9:30 am

Call to Order

Opening Ceremony

Approval of Minutes- March 2

- Motion was made by Andrea Amorose and seconded by Lindsay Beck; minutes approved
[Minutes from 3/2](#)

Reports

Executive Committee:

- President – Gina Swanson
 - March meeting - presentation on Cyber Security
 - <https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/Page/10001>
 - Please review if you have a chance
 - Athleta Staff Appreciation – Athleta have offered our staff special shopping discounts and incentives as a show of appreciation
 - Revisions to the PTC By-Laws
 - <https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/domain/53>
 - Proposed revisions are to make sure by-laws reflect current practices and are in line with our insurance and generally accepted accounting practice requirements
 - Community Day
 - The PTC will be hosting a booth at the May Community Day, with games and prizes for the kids; we will also be using this as an opportunity to thank the PTO Volunteers throughout the schools
 - Some of the unused funds from the Welcoming dinner will be re-classified and used to fund the Community Day activities
 - Officers Needed: PTC Vice-President, PTC Secretary
- 1st Vice President – Shanna Caplan
 - No report from the Vice-President
- Treasurer (and Statement of Treasurer)- Lindsay Beck
 - No disbursements/ receipts in February so ending balance is \$12,337.54
 - March, one receipt of \$25 from Blackbaud Giving Fund to bring the closing March balance to \$12,362.54 No disbursements were made during the month.
 - Mrs. Beck presented the proposed 2022-2023 budget, which is available to view here: <https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/Page/12790> Note that unit dues will be increased to \$500 per school; minor changes to the budget include leaving some as “Misc”, and some line items which have not had expenditures in the past several years have been eliminated.

Secretary - Laura Lisien

No report from Laura Lisien

- Board Advisor – Kerstin Goodworth
 - Not available on the call due to scheduling conflict

School Board Director – Dr. Daphna Gans

- Dr. Gans enjoyed the cyber security presentation from the previous meeting; noting this is an important and relevant topic and we have professionals with expertise on our school staff, so its wonderful to learn
- Also, excited to see PTC have a booth at Community Day — she said the PTC has participated in this event in the past.
- Dr. Gans said the School Board meetings are back to the traditional schedule: students have been able to report and perform; the Board also had a lesson on how elementary math is taught. The Board is happy to be back to working on what they do best, which is taking care of the students from all levels from cognitively, emotionally, and socially.

Unit Presidents:

- USCHS – Maria Cedar
 - No report from the High School
- Fort Couch – Sarah Beitler
 - Social was held, with photo booth, pizza, dj, snacks, games in the gym; over 300 students attended
 - Staff Appreciation Drive is underway to host week long celebration and end of the year luncheon for teachers
 - Mr. Palmer presented Brian's Story with an account of the perils of drug addiction
 - Yearbooks are available for sale
 - 8th grade farewell party/ field day planning is underway
 - The PTSO will have kona Ice for all during field day
 - Looking for a VP and Treasurer
- Boyce – Pam Secureman
 - Looking for a VP candidate and have positions available on various committees for next year
 - Proposed budget will be presented soon
 - Pop tabs are being collected to benefit Ronald McDonald House
 - Spirit Night upcoming with Primo Hoagies, which is owned by USC residents
 - The PTO is proposing to purchase yearbooks for all students
 - Staff Appreciation has multiple events upcoming; including stocking the staff lunch room, raffle prizes for Teacher Appreciation week and a food truck end of year luncheon.
 - The PTO will pay for some of the testing snacks
 - Spirit Wear has ext. Profit of \$450
 - Many national appreciation days are being celebrated, along with the Student Council
 - May 24 will be authors day with Aisha Saaed, with 4 presentation to the students
 - Celebration of Learning will be May 25
 - Field Day 6/3;

- 6/6 Will be a 4th grade parent move up
- 6th grade graduation party will be held during the school day on 6/8
- 6th grade move up will be the evening of 6/8
- Eisenhower – Jenny Hecht
 - Doing the same type of things;
 - Spring Carnival - outdoor event on 5/13; fun games, carnival snacks, teamed up with Trucks for Maddox Website is www.eisenhowercarnival.com
 - Staff Appreciation – theme is Hollywood Red Carpet, you're a star
 - Book Fair and Star Night will be occurring during the Staff Appreciation Week
 - Field Day upcoming
 - 2700 pounds of food and personal items donated to SHIM
 - Fundraise at Evereve was held; 15% of sales will be collected; total is TBD
 - Looking to have a spirit night at OTB Hastings
 - 72 submissions to the Arts in USC
- Baker – Sarah Cranganu
 - Looking forward to community night on 5/20; not a fundraiser – just a chance to be together
 - PTA sponsoring some upcoming field trips
 - Hosting a personal care item drive for SHIM
 - Staff appreciation - various activities planned for the staff
 - Field day upcoming
 - 4th grader end of year party will be held at Montclair
 - Penultimate meeting upcoming for officer nominations, budget, etc.
- Streams – Jennifer Clougherty
 - April general meeting had guest speaker for transition to Boyce with Mrs. Antonio, Dr. o'rourke and Boyce PTO
 - Children for Children is ongoing; will be doing a different donation each month to the Greater PGH Food Bank; over 3000 pounds of food collected thus far
 - Arts in USC was great for the kids
 - Upcoming is the Book Fair, with an ice cream social
 - Grade Special Nights are being held in person! Story teller, Mad Science, Cartoonist, and Magicians have been the themes; Will have an outreach event with the special nights, to benefit Beverly's Birthdays
 - Staff Appreciation will have a Totopo food truck on May 12
 - Will be singing the National Anthem with the Pirates; will also sing at the Wild Things game; tickets will be available to all Streams families
 - Meeting in May will be turnover luncheon
 - Stravaganza will be on May 13 – with games, prizes; food trucks will be available for food, and they will donate a portion of the food sales to the PTO; shuttle service from Boyce; tickets on sale on the website
 - 4th grade graduation will be 6/2 at the Montclair pool
 - Kindergarten Olympics will be 6/2; field day will be 6/6
 - Revisions to By-Laws, proposed budget, and Standing rules will be available for review, to be voted on in May

Standing Committees:

- Arts in USC - Kathy Ginsburg/ Micki Takac

- Currently wrapping up the contest, with the theme “A Salute to Animals” had a tremendous 244 entries; all 1st place art is being judged to determine the district winner;
 - Looking for more help from the elementary and middle schools next year
 - Many thanks to all those who chaired at each of the individual school.
 - A slideshow of all work will be available on the district website.
- Wellness Committee - Libby Mascaro
 - Committee is working with Shannon Dressler and Stand Together Club at High School, for the Mental Health Awareness week
 - Spelling Bee –
 - At the Western PA Regional Bee Nikhil Chandran, 8th grader at Fort Couch, finished in 2nd place. Arjun Kairi, 5th grader at Boyce, competed in the bee as well. Congratulations to both for this accomplishment and for represents the USCSD so well in the community.

School Administration

- Dr. John Rozzo, Superintendent
 - Excited that getting back to ‘normal’ and restoring a lot of end of year activities for the students
 - A very busy Spring is upcoming at all levels of the District, up through June 9 which is Graduation and the last student day of school
 - The parking lot at Boyce has been disrupted since the first week of the school due to a water main break. The entire lot will be repaired and resurfaced at the beginning of the summer break.
 - Facilities access — with HS stadium, the hours are posted on the website; during the school day, all access is closed. (Updated weekly)
 - Budget will be presented for public comment at the end of april; will be finalized in June
 - Federal money related to covid pandemic was not used for recurring costs; fund balance was not used for recurring costs due to covid. Tough decisions were made during the pandemic, but the choices were made to not bankrupt the future of the district.
 - Very happy to have students attending the Board meetings, to highlight the accomplishments of students, including elementary students and upcoming meeting will feature Parkway
- Dr. Sharon Suritzsky, Assistant Superintendent k-8
 - End of Year celebrations Star Night and Celebration of Learning will be occurring in person
 - Ft. Couch Musical will be May 6-8
 - Standardized testing; PSSA in ELA, Math and Science
 - Any questions on testing can be addressed with the school counselors
- Mrs. Amy Pfender, Assistant Superintendent 9-12

- Testing is upcoming
- Keystone in HS; bio and literature May 17/18 Algebra 1 May 25/26
- IB Art Show - April 28
- Week of April 25 is Student Appreciation
- Awards Night is May 17
- NHS is May 18
- Senior - very busy!; banquet May 19; picnic May 26; pickleball tournament
- Dr. Judy Bulazo, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development
 - Finally back to normal summer offerings
 - Remedial offerings k-8 available in math and reading; also for those at HS level who have not passed English and Math
 - Elementary School Steam camps - already filled; additional week may be added, if staffing is available
 - STEAM - from Elementary to HS level
 - Leadership Academy - middle school through HS
 - Registration and class descriptions are available on the USCSD website

NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2022 - Stay tuned for details!

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

April

- 6: Parent Teacher Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., virtual
- 7: Streams Book Fair – evening hours, 6-8:15 p.m.
- 7: Baker PTA meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 7: Boyce Choral Concert, 7 p.m., HS theater
- 8: Third Quarter Report Cards (K-8)
- 8: Stream Book Fair
- 8: Eisenhower PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 11-15: NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess
- 18: NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service
- 20: Boyce PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m., [Register online](#)
- 20: USCHS Principal's Advisory Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., virtual
- 23: Spring Theater Club Cabaret, 7 p.m., HS LGI
- 25: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26: USCHS Jazz Festival, 7 p.m.
- 26: Deer Valley Parent meeting, 7 p.m., Boyce theater
- 30: Streams Pirate Game Outing, 6:35 game time

May

- 4: PTC meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 5: Elementary S.T.A.R. Night / Early Dismissal for elem. only (12:45 p.m.)
- 6: Fort Couch Musical – Grease, 7:30 p.m., USCHS theater
- 7: Fort Couch Musical – Grease, 7:30 p.m., USCHS theater
- 8: Fort Couch Musical – Grease, 2:30 p.m., USCHS theater
- 9: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

- 10: Streams PTO luncheon, noon
- 11: HS Choral Performance, 7 p.m.
- 12: Fort Couch Celebration of Learning / Early Dismissal for FC only (1:15 p.m.)
- 13: Eisenhower PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 13: Eisenhower, 5 p.m.
- 16: Boyce - Deer Valley, Team Wind
- 16: High School Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- 17: Boyce - Deer Valley, Team Energy
- 17: Fort Couch PTSO meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 17: High School Awards Night, 6 p.m.
- 18: Boyce - Deer Valley, Team Solar Power
- 18: Baker Spring Picture Day
- 18: High School PTSO, 9:30 a.m.
- 19: Baker PTA meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 19: Boyce - Deer Valley, Team Eco
- 19: Fort Couch Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- 19: [USCHS Senior Banquet](#), 5:30 p.m., Valley Brook Country Club
- 20: Eisenhower Cultural Arts Day
- 20: Fourth Quarter Progress Reports
- 20: Eisenhower 4th Grade Farewell, 5:30 p.m., High School
- 20: Baker Community Night, 6-8 p.m.
- 21: [USC CommUNITY Day](#)
- 23: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24: Author's Day, Boyce (tentative)
- 24: Eisenhower Kindergarten Field Day
- 24: Elementary Strings Concert, 7 p.m., High School
- 25: High School Mentor Retreat (tentative)
- 25: High School Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.
- 25: Boyce Celebration of Learning / Early Dismissal for Boyce only (1:15 p.m.)
- 26: [Senior Picnic](#)
- 26: Spring Into Kindergarten, Elementary Schools
- 26: Eisenhower Field Day
- 26: Elementary Band Concert
- 30: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- 31: FC - Rising 7th Grade Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.