

**Upper St. Clair
PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL
General Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2020 7 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting**

PTC 2020/2021 Executive Board Positions – Installation of board positions:

The following nominees were presented for election to fill the open positions of the 2020-21USC Parent Teacher Council Executive Board:

President – Kerstin Goodworth

Vice President – Gina Swanson

Secretary – Laura Lisien

Treasurer – Yesha Katukota

Board Advisor – Batool Nulwala

Batool Nulwala held formal nominations for each position and each nominee was unanimously elected. The above board was formally presented as the new PTC board for 2020/2021.

Call to Order

Opening Ceremony (pledge of allegiance)

Approval of Agenda- motion to approve agenda- approved. Agenda stands approved.

Statement of Treasurer -

- There was a clean audit for the year 2019-2020
- There were no transactions for the month of July and August so our ending balance stands the same as the opening balance of \$13060.12.
- Also, we are going to waive unit fees of \$450/unit for all units/schools due to current circumstances and we will revisit the decision later in the year depending on how the circumstances change.

Reports

Executive Committee:

- **President** – Kerstin Goodworth
- **1st Vice President** – Gina Swanson
- **Treasurer-** Yesha Katukota
- **Secretary** - Laura Lisien
- **Board Advisor** – Batool Nulwala

Administrators: (See video recording of meeting posted on PTC website for full transcript of meeting)

- **Superintendent & 2nd Vice President** – Dr. John Rozzo
 - Currently working with the reopening teams to create a full in person reopening plan. October 12th board meeting will identify timeline for a full return.
- **Assistant Superintendent/Deputy Superintendent-** Dr. Sharon Suritsky
- **Assistant to the Superintendent-** Mrs. Amy Pfender

- **Senior Director of Operations & Administrative Services-** Mr. Ray Carson
- **Assistant Director of Student Support Services-** Mrs. Lauren Madia

School Board Director – Daphna Gans

Unit Presidents:

- **Baker – Jackie Barefoot**
 - We welcomed over 20 new families to Baker in August. Many of the families joined Dr. McClintock-Comeaux and myself in a virtual Meet & Greet on August 27th. The following day PTA executives assisted in offering small group, socially distanced tours of the Baker building to the new students, and their family members. We are thankful that we were able to safely offer this opportunity to our new students prior to the start of school.
 - We have sold over 80 School Supply Kits thus far. Our Supply Kit sale was/is open to the entire district this year, and kits are customizable. The sale will conclude on October 31st. If you would like to order supplies visit Schooltoolbox.com and select Baker Elementary.
 - Baker PTA VP, Sarah Cranganu, created an amazing new bulletin board in the front office of Baker promoting “Staying Connected” in order to tie into the PTC’s current initiative.
 - Baker PTA will be working on implementing a Monthly Newsletter this fall. We plan to include the students in the naming of the Newsletter, which will focus on events happening at Baker, as well as Staff Spotlights, and ways to stay connected with those in Baker, as well as the community.
 - Upcoming events include: Our first General PTA meeting is tomorrow, Thursday September 17th, at 10am via Zoom. Registration is required via the link that was sent out. The Fall Spirit Wear Sale will begin at the start of October. This sale will include the sale of Class Level T-Shirts, as well as general Baker/USC gear. The Fall Book Fair will take place the first two weeks of November online through Scholastic.
 - Lastly, we are always looking for volunteers. We will be sending out communications with a Sign-up Genius Form soon to request volunteers for Homeroom Coordinators. At this time we also are in need of a Chair/ or Co-Chairs for the Outreach Committee. Please email me if you are willing to fill this spot.
- **Eisenhower – Kristin LeBeau**
 - To kick off the school year, the PTO provided a welcome back lunch for the Eisenhower faculty and staff. It looked different than in past years but we provided individually boxed pizza lunches from Cucina Bella. We were happy to have the chance to support a local business, too! Teachers and staff sat spaced for lunch in the newly configured nutrition center – affectionately referred to as “Café Ike”. It gave teachers and staff an opportunity to experience what it would be like for students when they returned to school.
 - The PTO further showed our appreciation by displaying a banner that said “We Love our Teachers and Staff” made by Courtney Schott, an Eisenhower parent who owns a small personalization business. We snuck over the evening before the first day of “in-school” instruction for students to display it with balloons at the entrance. The PTO also placed a small gift in the classrooms and offices of each

of the teachers and staff members with notes expressing our appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

- Kindergarten orientation on September 3rd and 4th were very successful. Several PTO parents served as what we called “Eisenhower Ambassadors”. The “Ambassadors” helped to greet and escort students to classrooms, to assessments and to tour the bus.
- Our first Eisenhower General PTO meeting will be held via zoom on Friday, September 25th at 9:30am. The focus of the meeting will be informing families how the year will be different and the changes and modifications being made. Families will be receiving an email with a link to register.
- Our Scholastic Book Fair will be virtual this year and will run for two weeks in October.
- We are working on modifications to upcoming events like the Spiritwear sale, Holiday Mart, Grade Level activities and the roles for room parents this year. We’re exploring alternative ideas to enhance students’ school experience by connecting them with classmates in new ways.
- We hope to have an increased focus on our outreach efforts this year - coming together as a school community to help others in need.
- **Streams** – Michelle Holzer
 - Started year with small gifts and thank you notes for teachers
 - Welcomed 16 new families. New family welcome google meet and had opportunity to ask questions.
 - Decorated school for day 1- warm and friendly environment
 - Membership drive- if interested in joining there is a link.
 - Picture day is scheduled based on child’s cohort- remote september 30th
- **Boyce** – Andrea Amorose
 - Boyce will be hosting a spirit wear sale in October, so keep an eye out for information soon! Orders will be ready before the holidays.
 - The Scholastic Book Fair will be virtual this year. The dates are from September 28 – October 11. The link will be sent out soon. There is free shipping available to book orders \$25 and more and all orders will be shipped directly to you.
 - Unfortunately, we were not able to give the graduating 6th graders, now 7th graders, a party in June. We still wanted to make sure they knew that we are thinking of them, wish them the best, and just another way to let them know that we are all in this together, so we have purchased a gift for them. We had a nice response to pick up on Friday and Monday evening. However, we still have about 130 students that have not picked up. I will be outside my house this Saturday, September 19th from 9 am-11:30 am. I am in the directory from last year, or send me an email at BoycePTOPresident@gmail.com for my address, in order to pick up. If you are not able to pick up on Saturday, please email me to set up different arrangements.
 - New this year, we will have a monthly newsletter filled of upcoming information that you need to know. We do not meet every month for a general PTO meeting, so we will add the registration links for upcoming PTO meetings for you to register!

- Yearbooks have been delivered. If you have a paid order with a confirmation, and have not received it, please contact Gina Swanson at BoycePTOAdvisor@gmail.com.
- All of this information will also be updated on our website including meeting minutes, agenda, and registration links.
- **Fort Couch** – Siân Howell
 - 2019/20 Yearbooks provided free of charge and distributed to over 400 students in a drive thru event at the end of August.
 - New executive committee elected welcoming new treasurer, Julie Zeringue and Sarah Beitler as VP
 - We held first zoom PTSO meeting Tues Sept 15th with about 30 people in attendance. Was a great success. Moving forward this virtual option will be something we continue with and also to provide a recording of the meeting to be available at a later date.
- **USCHS** – Beth Thomas
 - **Pre-Planning Meetings held in Late August with Dr. Wagner and parent panel**
 - How will PTSO look in 2020/2021 while still adhering to current Health and Safety plans. Ideally we would like to see a mix of virtual as well as in person meetings. We will plan semester by semester.
 - Brainstorming on how the PTSO can support the HS students/parents in 2020/2021. Focus on the wellness of the kids/families - these are stressful times.
 - Barely got the mini-grant program in place last school year - for the clubs - hoping to get that going asap.
 - Planning to sponsor a "virtual parent yoga class" - more to come on that.
 - The Upper St. Clair High School Administrative Team, along with our PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) will be hosting a virtual PTSO & PAC (Principals' Advisory Council) meeting next Wednesday, Sept. 23, starting at 9:30 a.m. using Google Meets. This combined meeting will feature information from our administration, PTSO executive board/committee chairs, and several high school staff members, along with important information about our hybrid and remote learning programs.
 - **Electronic Voting is underway.** Check out What's New on the Announcements page . Electronic voting is open now to PTSO members to approve the [2020-2021 Proposed budget](#) and the [Executive Board Vice President](#).
 - **Membership Drive is underway.** Sign up using the PayPal link or download the form from the website and drop it off at the high school. For convenience, a drop off bin has been set up in the entryway at the main entrance.
 - **Establishing an ad hoc student committee** to stay connected to how students are feeling about school during the pandemic, to ensure that

we have a strong sense of students' experiences and needs during this time.

- We are moving forward with our **Activities RUSH** which will focus on an in-person experience for our freshmen class and a virtual sign up for our remote and upperclassmen students. This event will take place on both Monday, Sept 28 & Thursday, Oct. 1 with the freshmen hybrid students walking outside along the stadium track and signing up for clubs using QR codes that will direct them to a google form where they will provide the clubs of their choice with their contact information. A representative from each participating club will be on hand to answer any questions our freshmen may have about the club. Afterwards, a document with links to all club sign up forms will be sent to all high school students so our remote and upperclassmen can also join in the fun!
Tuesday, Sept 29 & Friday, Oct 2 will be rain dates!

Standing Committees: Moved to October 7th meeting

- **Arts in USC** – Kathy Ginsburg
- **Caring and Sharing** - Leria Miles
- **Directory** – Beth Huzjak/Stacey Friday
 - This year, we were not able to send the directory forms through Back-to-School due to privacy rules. We are working with the district to develop a plan to collect data, so be on the lookout for an email. We still plan to have a printed directory by the end of December.
- **GATE** – Penny Miller
 - Will provide update at next PTC General Meeting on October 8th
- **Open Mike** – Gina Swanson
- **Partners in Education** – Frances Scher
- **Performing Arts-** Shelby Wherry
- **Spelling Bee** – CHAIR NEEDED!

Baker Chair/Dates: Amber Zevallos

January 14 - Bee Date, January 15 - Snow Date

Boyce Chair/Dates: Yesha Katukota

January 14 - Written Pretest, January 15 - Snow Date

January 28 - Bee Date, January 29 - Snow Date

Eisenhower Chair/ TBD

Dates: January 21 - Bee Date, January 22 - Snow Date

Fort Couch Chair/ TBD

Dates: TBD

Streams Chair/Dates: Amy Hollingsworth

TBD based on CRC availability

This year the Scripps National Spelling Bee will continue to provide the materials and resources necessary for schools to facilitate in person bees. However, Scripps is also providing an online testing platform that can be used to determine school champions in the event an in person bee is not feasible.

- **STEAM** – Suzanne Wynne
- **Welcoming Committee** – Kim Megonnell
 - New Family Welcome event has been postponed. We are evaluating several options for later in the fall or perhaps in the spring depending on county and state guidance/guidelines. As the district had already had a robust virtual introduction to school - we chose to not have a separate welcome letter and plan to provide an in person event when appropriate.
- **Wellness Committee** - Libby Mascaro/ Hallie Snyder

Reporting Organizations:

- **Community Foundation** – Beth Erlanger/Daphna Gans
- **Odyssey of the Mind** – Laura Murtough/Meredith Markovitz
- **Youth Steering** – Amy Billerbeck

Old Business:

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New Business:

- **NEXT MEETING:** Oct. 7th, 2020: Virtual Meeting (link: TBD) 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

September

Sept. 16: Parent Teacher Council meeting via Zoom, 7 p.m., [Advance registration required](#)
Sept. 17: Baker PTA meeting via Google Meet, 10 a.m.
Sept. 22: [Week 2 to-go meal pick-up](#), 4-5 p.m., USCHS theater entrance
Sept. 23: [Week 2 to-go meal pick-up](#), 7-8 a.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m., USCHS theater entrance
Sept. 23: High School PTSO/PAC virtual meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 25: Eisenhower PTO meeting, 9 a.m., Zoom (*date change*)
Sept. 29: Streams Picture Day – Hybrid A

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Sept. 29: School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Sept. 30: Streams Picture Day – Remote

October

Oct. 1: Eisenhower Picture Day – Hybrid B
Oct. 1: Streams Picture Day – Hybrid B
Oct. 8: Fort Couch Picture Day