

UPPER ST. CLAIR PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES & PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL REPORT January 2, 2019

January 2, 2019
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda/Minutes

The agenda/minutes were approved as presented.

Statement of the Treasurer

- The USC Parent Teacher Council's General Fund had an opening cash balance on November 1, 2018 of \$7,879.11.
 - Receipts totaled \$8,342.62 in November and December 2018 (\$2,290.00 and \$6,052.62)
 - No disbursements in November and December 2018
 - The ending cash balance totaled \$16,221.73 as of December 31, 2018.
- Amy distributed unit checks

Reports

1. Executive Committee
 - President, Suzanne Wynne
 - a. No report.
 - 1st Vice President, Batool Nulwala
 - a. Batool was not in attendance but sent her thank you and expressed her gratitude for a fantastic open mic night.
 - b. Another Open Mic night will be held in the spring. It will be more informal - more of a sit down, conversational event.
 - 2nd Vice President, Dr. John Rozzo
 - a. Dr. Rozzo thanked the PTC for the holiday brunch that was held in December.
 - b. Dr. Rozzo was pleased the Open Mic night. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. It provided the opportunity to provide a comprehensive update on safety and security, policies/procedures and Police force introductions (6 full time officers). A modified version of the Open Mic will be available online on the district website under Safety and Security.
 - c. Staffing updates: Assistant Director of Student Support Services has resigned and has accepted a position in another district. They will be looking to replace her position. Two secretarial positions have been left due to retirement. Sarah Macdonald has been hired. A new Administrative Assistant has been hired in the High School Athletic Office.
 - d. Safety and Security - We received a \$25,000 grant that will be used for new equipment such as new radios for the officers and in the schools.
 - e. The school calendar for '19-'20 is currently being worked on and requesting input and feedback. One consideration of moving Spring Break to the week after Easter, but will also depend on standardized testing.
 - Board Advisor, Daphna Gans
 - a. No report

- School Board Director, Daphna Gans
 - a. Dr Suritsky presented the Women's Leadership Program. She has been working on this program for several years among the faculty and staff. Monthly lunches were held with all the women leaders in the schools. It is now being taken a step further and creating an academy with girls at the high school level. The name is USC LeadHer.
 - b. The Athletic Director presented at the last Board meeting. He summarized everything for Fall and Winter athletics. Presented on athletics as well as academics. He also mentioned things that the teams are doing in regards to service. The girls soccer team has developed a unique relationship with the team from Brashear high school. They are working with the team to help them develop. They remain in touch and will work with them on clinics.
 - c. The process of curriculum approval has started. There will be a meeting on January 14th for the recommendation for curriculum. There is a parent curriculum committee that gives input as well.

Unit Presidents

Baker - Lindsay Beck

- We hosted two spirit nights in November and December at Primanti Brothers and Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza. We will be hosting a January spirit night at SubZero Ice Cream on Wednesday, January 16th from 4:00-7:00 pm.
- We held our annual "Enchanted Shop" event where the students come and shop for gifts for family and friends. This was our second year utilizing the Penguin Patch shop company and we will continue to use them in the future.
- Our third annual Read-A-Thon will begin on Friday January 25th and run for ten days. Students are encouraged to chart their minutes read and ask family and friends to pledge funds for each minute read. We will host the "Baker Bedtime Stories" evening as part of this event on January 29th, where teachers and staff read aloud to students.
- Our Variety Show is coming up on February 1st! We moved the show to earlier in the year to accommodate the district's need for theatre space in the spring due to dance recitals and other shows.
- Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10th at 10:00 am. We are planning to invite our newly appointed school police officer Donald Heinlein to attend and speak and answer questions.

Eisenhower - Heather Grote

- Holiday Mart was held in December. We used Penguin Patch to provide gifts for children to purchase.
- Spirit Wear sale was held in December for USC gear.
- December PTO meeting was held on December 7th. Next PTO meeting will be held in April.
- Winter parties were held in each classroom on December 21st. A New Years Eve theme was celebrated.
- Upcoming events: January 11th Bingo night at the High School, January 24th Spelling Bee and January 30th 1st level social.

- Eisenhower PTO would like to invite Dan O'Rourke and the counselor to either the April 12th PTO meeting or the May 10th PTO meeting.

Streams - Kerstin Goodworth

- Streams held Holiday Shop in December. We used J Robbins and also had some leftover spiritwear that was available for purchase.
- Winter parties were held and were a success.
- Streams PTO meeting will be January 8th.
- Open mic for 3rd grade will be January 10th.
- Staff appreciation will be held January 16th.
- At the end of January there will be a 2nd grade open mic night, 1st grade level night, 3rd grade special level night and the Spelling Bee.
- February will be the Children for Children event. This is the 15th year and the theme is "a small act can make a big difference". This event is child driven. The children choose and organization and the event is February 21st from 6:00-8:00.

Boyce - Jen Schnore

- Staff appreciation was celebrated in December with a luncheon and cookie table.
- Students made friendship boxes that were donated.
- Orchestra and choir concerts were held in December.
- Chess Club ended but another session will begin January/February.
- Sprit Wear sale ended in December and was a success.
- Boyce PTO meeting will be held next week. We will be introducing Officer Banasak.
- Spelling Bee will be held January 29th.
- Modified Read for a Reason in January to raise funds for the Panther Paw program.
- Yearbook order forms will be provided in January.
- February 23rd - Tentative date for the Youth Steering Committee party for Boyce students only at the Rec Center.

Fort Couch - Katy Loomis

- Warm Winter Wishes teacher appreciation was held in December.
- December 10th-21st there were 2 events Caught you Being Good and Reachout event. Reachout is Ft. Couch's largest fundraiser for the community. \$5,000 in Giant Eagle gift cards were given to the Police Dept to distribute to families in need in our community. Raised a total of over \$16,000. The rest of the money went to MS Bikeathon, Hope for Haiti and Tree of Life.
- Boxtops are being collected through January 15th.
- Spelling Bee will be held January 7th at 3:45 in Ft Couch library.
- Ft Couch PTO meeting will be held January 15th

High School - Shannon Gallagher

- No report.

Standing Committees

Arts in USC - Kathy Ginsburg -

- Art Contest for Grades 7-12. Artwork must be submitted by January 7th.

Directory - Beth Huzjak/Stacey Friday

- 400 directories were delivered to the schools for distribution before Thanksgiving.

GATE - Penny Miller - no report

Open Mike - Batool Nulwala

Partners In Education - Anne Marie Shaw/Frances Scher

- Meeting will be held January 23rd at Boyce in LGI room.

Spelling Bee - Colette LeKachman - no report

Caring and Sharing - Leira Miles - no report

STEAM - Suzanne Wynne

- STEAM will be in the Elementary schools this Spring. High school students will be coming and teaching 4th grade students how to program with Scratch. Curriculum provided by Google.

Wellness Committee - Libby Mascaro

- Libby has a meeting with staff administration this week. A student led group has been formed to provide input on turning the old pool into a wellness center.

Welcoming Committee - Kim Megonnell - no report

Reporting Organizations

Community Foundation - Daphna Gans/Beth Erlanger

- In the process of proposing changes to increase visibility and the process of assigning grants.

Odyssey of the Mind - Laura Murtough/Meridith Markovitz - no report

Youth Steering - Amy Billerbeck

- A program on Opioid Addiction will be held at the Rec Center on January 9th from 7:00-8:00.

New Business

- SHIM drive - district wide food drive will be held in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Unice

The Next USC PTC Meeting
February 6, 2019
Boyce Middle School

