

UPPER ST. CLAIR PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES & PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL REPORT June 6, 2018

June 6, 2018
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 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 May 1, 2018 of \$14,895.47.
 - No receipts in May 2018
 - Disbursements totaled \$114.76 in May 2018 and represented reimbursements for Arts in USC (\$86.96) and Founders Day (\$27.80).
 - The ending cash balance totaled \$14,780.71 as of May 31, 2018.

Reports

1. **Executive Committee**
 - School Board Director, Amy Billerbeck (Member)
 - a. Amy explained the work of the board in June is to pass the budget. The budget process began in December and a preliminary budget was passed in May. The final budget will be passed at the board meeting on June 20th at 8:00 a.m.
 - b. The curriculum recommendations will be presented at the beginning of June. Amy highlighted a few items. A Peer Mentoring Program was piloted at Ft Couch. High school students are bused at the end of the day to mentor and help the students. The program will extend to Boyce next school year. There is programming around involving girls in robotics.
 - c. Amy thanked Dr. O'Toole and wished him well in his retirement.
 - 2nd Vice President, Dr. O'Toole
 - a. Dr. O'Toole reflected on his role as Superintendent. This was Dr. O'Toole's last meeting.
 - b. Dr. O'Toole reported that the board has done an outstanding job prioritizing the budget. They have dedicated extra staff to safety and security and ensuring student services. Also, prioritized elementary class size, keeping class size down. The new Aquatics Center will benefit student wellness. Chrome Books will be introduced at the High School, grades 9-12.
 - President, Suzanne Wynne
 - a. Suzanne thanked all incoming Presidents and volunteers for their time and work.
 - b. Suzanne thanked Daphna for all of her work and commitment as Vice President, President and now Board Advisor.
 - 1st Vice President, Batool Nulwala
 - a. Batool thanked Dr. O'Toole for his service to the district.
 - Board Advisor, Daphna Gans

- a. Daphna thanked everyone for stepping up into their new roles and volunteering their time.

Unit Presidents

Baker - Lindsay Beck

- Baker Field Day for grades 1-4 took place on Friday, June 1st and was a huge success! The rain stayed away all day and we were lucky to have over 50 dedicated volunteers helping to make the event one of the best of the year! Our kindergarten Field Day is happening today.
- We are currently in the middle of our supply kit fundraiser. The due date for paper forms and checks is Friday, June 8th but people can order online through July 1st.
- Our playground committee will hold its final meeting on Monday, June 11th to discuss the installation date updates and ribbon cutting as well as the brick sales and logistics. July 16th is the tentative community build date. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be by August 23rd.
- The backpack drive bin has been placed at Baker and we are planning to have our Homeroom Coordinators email out an electronic version of the file to save on printing costs. We also have an eAlert going out with the information and will post in our newly created Baker PTA Facebook group.
- The Baker PTA Exec Board and Dr. McClintock-Comeaux agreed to shift our fall food drive to February so we can participate in the district-wide initiative that was proposed.

Eisenhower - Heather Grote

- We kicked off the month with our Staff Appreciation Week! The theme was Super Heros. The committee and room parent volunteers decorated the hallways and each doorway. Each decoration celebrating our Super Hero staff. On Monday our staff was treated to breakfast, Wednesday desserts and Friday a full lunch. Throughout the week, staff members won gift cards and overflowing gift baskets were raffled off to close out the week! It was a wonderful celebration of appreciation!
- Our Spring Book Fair was held on May 9-11th. We sold over \$10,000 in scholastic books! Star night was May 11th and once again proved to be a night of celebration and reflection on all our students have accomplished this year.
- Our Cultural Arts Day was held on Friday, May 19th. This year's theme was Health & Wellness. The goal is to continue to demonstrate how health and wellness provides a stress relief to our very busy lives. The entire school enjoyed a pleasant walk in the neighborhood surrounding the school.
- During the week of May 15th, we held a school wide coin drive. Our school collected approx. \$2000 which will be used to buy school supplies for the Kelly School.
- Kindergarten Registration was held on 5/17. Prospective Kindergartens and their families met at the high school and traveled by bus to the school. Once at the school they were able to meet our staff and see the classrooms. This year, they were also treated to an additional bus ride without their parents. We are hopeful that this event will solidify their excitement for the fall!

- Kindergarten field day was held on 5/22 and the school wide field day was held yesterday (6/1)! We lucked out on the weather and it was exciting to offer our students such a fun day of play!
- Our 4th Grade Farewell was held on May 24th. Our 4th graders had a jam packed evening at the high school. They were able to swim, dance, and play in the HS gym. As an added bonus, we brought in a photo booth to capture some personal memories of the night!
- We will be appreciating our chair volunteers by sending a plant with a personal note of thanks.

Streams - Kerstin Goodworth

- Lots of May activities that were wonderful- Pirate outing, PTO Luncheon, 4th Grade Graduation, Spring into Kindergarten.
- Artist in Residence Project underway at Streams. Collaboration between 4th Graders and bird sculpture artist Larry Barth to create permanent feature at entranceway.
- 4 Big Retirements this year at Streams, who were honored at our Staff Appreciation Lunch in May
- PYP Inquiry Exhibition was June 5.
- We are working on implementing software for PTO Membership for 2018-19 school year that will manage all our membership fees, sign ups, events calendar, store and communications.
- Calendar is set for 2018-19, except for Stravaganza- leaning towards 10/19.
- Upcoming events: June 6- Kindergarten Connection at McLaughlin Run Rec Center, June 7- Kindergarten Olympics, June 8- Field Day.

Boyce - Jen Schnore

- Thursday, June 7 is Civil War Day and that evening is the 6th grade graduation party.
- Friday, June 8 is Field Day.
- We had to move our Welcome Day to August 15th. It will be from 4:30-6:30pm and we are going to try to make it a little bit more fun with Kona Ice and perhaps a few games outside such as our life-size Connect 4 game, the life size Jenga, etc.
- Boyce has yet to donate to the Tauch family but it is on our radar. We are waiting to see, after the dust settles, what they need since they got so much immediate assistance. We are open to suggestions.

Fort Couch - Katy Loomis

- Staff Appreciation ran from May 22-May 25th. Everything went great! The event concluded with the annual raffling of gift baskets plus each staff member receiving a gift card. This is always a favorite event! Thank you to our chair Stephanie Ioli and for everyone's generous contributions.
- Thank you to Angie Kweder for running Apples to Students this year. The fundraiser raised approximately 1300 dollars for the PTSO and will give us a great start next year.
- The 8th Grade Farewell Party was held during the school day on May 18th. Lisa Blass did a great job putting this event together! The kids enjoyed refreshments, a photo station, gift cards, games, guessing jars, a DJ and more. Thank you for all who volunteered.
- Fort Couch held Field Day on June 1st. Under the experienced guidance of Cindy Dellicari and Natalie Seery, as well as the phenomenal staff, the event went off without a hitch!

The 7th grade winner was Team Bower Power and the 8th grade winner was Team Kyle's Casino. 8th grade then won the teams, but were defeated by Team Teachers!

- The collection bin for the USC PTC's backpack drive (June 11th-29th) will be located in the main office at Fort Couch.
- Thank you to all who have made this an incredible year at Fort Couch.

High School - Shannon Gallagher

- Prom was held on June 5th
- Graduation will be held on June 7th.
- A gentleman from Belize spent some time at the high school. He was able to observe how our school is run differently. He loved our PTO setup and what he could do back home with parent groups.
- There is a budget surplus so a \$2,000 gift was given to the Library Resource Center for renovations and a \$1,200 gift was given to the school music team for enhancements to their costume shop.

Standing Committees

Arts in USC - Rachelle Engel - no report

Directory - Beth Huzjak/Brooke Tarcson - no report

GATE - Lisa Clark - no report

Open Mike - Suzanne Wynne - no report

Partners In Education - Tracy Barnett - no report

Spelling Bee - Colette LeKachman - no report

STEAM - Suzanne Wynne

- Going to develop a committee and push services into the middle schools for next year.

Wellness Committee - Libby Mascaro

- Wellness meeting on Friday, June 8th at the Rec Center at 10:00 a.m.

Welcoming Committee - Stacie de la Parra/Kim Megonnel

- August 31st will be the New Family Welcome vs. Peters Township. A committee meeting will be held in late July to start gathering donations. Volunteers from each school PTA are welcome and invited.

Caring and Sharing - Leira Miles - no report

Reporting Organizations

Community Foundation - Daphna Gans/Ponny John

- Family Movie Night will be held outdoor at Ft Couch on August 23rd. If it rains, it will be moved indoor to the cafeteria.

Odyssey of the Mind - Laura Murtough/Meridith Markovitz

- Two teams traveled to Iowa for the Worlds competition. The High School team and Boyce team both finished the in the top 10.

- Ingenuity Camp will begin June 23rd.

Youth Steering - Amy Billerbeck - no report

Old Business

- A \$1,000 gift from the PTA will be sent to each school to support each schools STEAM efforts.

New Business

- Backpack Drive - each school will have a collection box available through June.
- Suzanne provided a copy of the meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.
- All PTO presidents are to send a list of charitable giving from the school year by the end of June.
- Mary Ann Stabile will email each PTO president to ask for a list of gifts to school.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Unice

The Next USC PTC Meeting
September 12, 2018
Central Office