

UPPER ST. CLAIR PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES & PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL REPORT–
March 7, 2018

PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda/Minutes

The agenda/minutes were approved as presented.

Correspondence

The secretary read correspondence from Barre3, a local business, which included fundraising information and complimentary class cards.

Statement of the Treasurer

- **The USC Parent Teacher Council's General Fund** had an opening cash balance on January 1, 2018, of \$15,264.62.
 - o Receipts in January and February totaled \$5,765.89 and related to the directory sales.
 - o Disbursements in January and February totaled \$5,693.73 and represented payment for the online directory (\$3,046.40), membership payments to the units (\$1,727.00), reimbursements for the Spelling Bee (\$755.00) and reimbursements for the Admin Holiday Lunch (\$165.33).
 - o This leaves us with an ending cash balance of \$15,336.78 as of February 28, 2018.

Guest Speaker – Brooke Tarcson

- a. Mini-THON is a 12-hour dance marathon hosted by the students at the high school to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund to fight childhood cancer. The Mini-Thon is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on April 6 at the High School. Sign-ups are underway now. The students have a goal of raising \$30,000.
- b. Community Time is scheduled for 6:30-9:00 p.m. on April 6 in the High School gym. Please come out to support Mini-THON. Bring the whole family. Buy tickets for food and to play games.
- c. Itty Bitty THON – the students recently hosted 57 children for a parents night out event to raise money for Mini-THON. The event was a success.
- d. A group of high school students will be attending the upcoming Fort Couch Social to promote the Mini-THON as well.
- e. Community Day is scheduled for May 19th. There will be a Pink Panther Theme and the students will be wearing pink shirts. The Grand Marshalls for the parade will be Chief Joe Connors and Dr. O'Toole. The students are hosting a scavenger hunt for little kids and will be hiding diamonds in various locations for the kids to find and turn in for small prizes.
- f. Brooke thanked Tina Vojtko for all of her efforts with the online directory.
- g. Brooke also thanked Kristen Bonomo for her work as Treasurer while Brooke was in office as the PTC President.

Reports

- 1. Executive Committee
 - o President, Daphna Gans
 - Daphna welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Hemina KrishnaBachia and Fort Couch for hosting us.

- Daphna acknowledged the recent news of Dr. O'Toole's pending retirement on June 30, 2018 and expressed her thanks to him for his years of involvement and support with the PTC.
- 1st Vice President, Suzanne Wynne
 - The Open Mike session for the spring is scheduled for April 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium at Boyce. Please plan to attend and please spread the word for others to attend. Please also visit the district website to find a link to submit questions ahead of time.
- 2nd Vice President, Dr. Patrick O'Toole
 - Dr. O'Toole described the complicated process of determining the school calendar. He walked through the many various considerations that are factored into the process. The preliminary calendar has been posted for comment. A discussion regarding the considerations for making up a snow day followed as a result of questions posed to Dr. O'Toole. Meeting attendees expressed their preference for the board to forgive a snow day than to add a day at the end of the year.
 - Dr. O'Toole spent time discussing the district's view on school security and safety in light of the recent tragedies in Florida. The administration works tirelessly to ensure our security measures meet the highest standards.
 - On March 14, the students at the High School are organizing a supportive, apolitical event to recognize the victims of the recent Florida school shooting and their families.
- Board Advisor, Beth Huzjak – no report
- School Board Director, Amy Billerbeck (Member)
 - Amy acknowledged Dr. O'Toole's retirement announcement and commended him on his 11 years of outstanding service as the superintendent of our district.
 - Commendations and Recognitions for October were shared with those in attendance and can be found on the district website.
 - The bids for the capital projects came in higher than originally expected at \$22.6 million. An additional \$2.4 million bid came in for the extras including the special purpose pool. After thorough and careful consideration of all the information, the board voted unanimously to accept the bid for the capital projects and move forward. The project will get started in the next month or so. Contracts are being finalized currently.
 - The next board breakfast is coming up soon and will focus on school safety. An open discussion ensued regarding student safety at the bus stops.

Unit Presidents

Baker – Michelle Urban

- We had our 2nd Annual Read-a-Thon in January and it raised over \$8000 to go toward our new playground. It's not official yet, but it looks like we will have the funds to complete both phase 1 & 2 this summer.
- Kudos again to the high school students for the 3D model of the playground and all the work on the planning of the playground article in USC Today about them.
- We held our Baker Bingo on Feb. 23 at the high school cafeteria. One of the largest attended bingos in the past years.
- The Spring Book Fair is next week with a preview day Wednesday and sale Thursday and Friday.
- Spring SpiritWear Sale just ended.
- We just had Duck Donut spirit day, and we have a BJ's spirit night coming up next Tuesday, March 13th.

Eisenhower – Jessica Strub

- The cold weather has not slowed our school down! We had a very busy February!
- Our Winter Eisenhower Extras, after school program kicked off at the beginning of February. As in years past, we maintained high enrollment! For this session we offered two courses with the Carnegie Science Center and Snapology, a pottery painting session with clay café, and 5 week long offerings from the TGA golf professionals and the Coding Club!
- Our annual SHIM “Sack Hunger” food drive concluded yesterday! We were able to collect 2,201 lbs of food! This translates to approximately 1,834 meals for our community!
- Our Kindergarten students were *amazed* during their level social on 2/13. The crowd was mesmerized by Al Mazing’s interactive magic show! The committee simplified offerings this year selecting milk and cookies from local bakery the Pie Place! They were prepackaged for efficiency and to mitigate the spread of germs. ☺ On 2/13, we also held a spirit night at Chipotle! If your school does not take advantage of this local restaurant’s offerings, you should consider it! It made for a quick and easy family meal and an amazing donation to the PTO!
- On Valentine’s Day, we treated all of our students to a delicious ice cream social! It was a special treat for our many volunteers to join us for the afternoon and serve our entire student body a cool treat!
- Thankfully, we had a break in the rain and we held our second level breakfast to close out the month on 2/22.
- Last Friday, we invited a new vendor into the school for a school wide assembly, Skateboard Science. It was a very fun way for our students to be *tricked* into learning ☺
- This week, we have event every day! Our annual books swap is well underway and tomorrow, we will host our annual reading night. We are blessed to have such an amazing Librarian, in Denise Naumann! Through her artistry, our school will be transformed! We will celebrate our universal superpower, Reading!
- Friday we will show of our school pride by encouraging staff and students to wear our spirit shirts, or USC school colors! We will encourage this several times throughout the end of the year! Don’t worry if you don’t have your colors yet. Our spirit wear sale is open now through March 19th!

Streams – Veronica Davis

- Last month, Streams hosted its Children for Children event to support Best Buddies. They are still collecting money. The event was very successful.
- Had a spirit event last month as well and collected the most money for Streams.
- Chick-Fil-A is hosting a Pirates rally at Streams this Friday as a result of a successful spirit night at Chick-Fil-A in the fall. The event will be an assembly on healthy eating and the Chick-Fil-A cow will be in attendance.
- The next General PTO meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the LGI.
- Book fair is scheduled for March 15 and 16. On March 16, in the evening, Streams is hosting the family read night and ice cream social.
- Spring pictures are scheduled for March 20.
- Strings concert is scheduled for March 20.
- Kindergarten registration is March 21.

Boyce – Stacey Cobb

- Random Acts of Kindness week was February 12 – 15. Raised over \$1,000 from Valentine Grams for Operation Homefront.
- 27 students participated in the Shakespeare monologue.
- 5th grade recently celebrated the 1000th day of school. Each student was asked to bring in quarters for a fundraiser. They raised over \$1,300 for the Miracle Field.
- In January, Boyce had their annual Read for a Reason which raised \$2,000. The PTSO is looking into some enhancements for the library including new chairs.

- Looking for committee members for next year and board members for the PTSO. Please see Stacey if you are interested.
- School pictures are scheduled for March 23.
- Next Boyce PTO meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 9:30 am.

Fort Couch – Hemina KrishnaBachia

- The PTO recently gave the school a \$10,000 gift. The school purchased a 3D printer for the STEAM Hub. The school is also planning to purchase a poster printer and sewing serger and 4 new sewing machines.
- The PTO gives each team a team enhancement fund of \$300. The fund amount was increased to \$500, as a result of a unanimous vote of the members.
- The Spelling Bee was a huge success. They had a great turnout. The committee chairs did a great job and the competition was fierce!
- Spirit night is scheduled for March 14 at Chipotle.
- The Valentines Social is the most popular social. They had a movie with popcorn. Turnout was about 50%.
- The last social is scheduled for March 16. The High School Mini-THON representatives will come and play games with the kids.

High School PTSO – Tracy Barnett

- Upcoming events:
 - Mini-THON – April 6
 - Community Day – May 19th
 - Evita – The spring musical starts this weekend.
- The next PTO meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 9:30.
- The next PAC meeting will include a tour of the STEAM workshop and is scheduled for March 22.

Standing Committees

Arts in USC – Rachelle Engel

- Several of our Scholastic Arts and Writing contestants (grades 7th - 12th) have placed with top Keys. Please refer to Tina Vojtko's press release from about a month ago for details. Congratulations to all who participated!
- The Arts in USC K-6th grade contest, "The Wonder all Around Us" has been underway and the final district judging for K- 6th grade is coming up before the Spring Break. Individual elementary school judging has concluded, and all first placements per grade per school will advance to the District overall judging round on March 20th. All artwork will be displayed at the Arts and Chocolate Spectacular on Saturday March 24 at the Boyce Mayview C& RC.
- Winners are being announced within each school.

Directory – Beth Huzjak/Brooke Tarcson

- We have many copies of the printed directory available for purchase. Please see Beth or Daphna if you would like to purchase a directory for \$10.

GATE – Lisa Clark

- No report other than to say that the committee is looking for a new chairperson for the upcoming year. Please contact Daphna if you might be interested in the position.

Open Mike – Suzanne Wynne

- The spring Open Mike session is scheduled for April 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium at Boyce.

Partners In Education – Tracy Barnett

- No report other than to say that the committee is looking for a new chairperson for the upcoming year. Please contact Daphna if you might be interested in the position.

Spelling Bee – Colette LeKachman

- The winners from each of our district school Spelling Bees will compete in the Regional Bee scheduled for this weekend.
- The Committee is looking for a chairperson for the Baker Spelling Bee for next year. All other positions have been filled by returning volunteers.

STEAM – Suzanne Wynne

- The Creative Computing Club at all three elementary schools have concluded and were once again very successful. They used Google CS First programming and had a story-telling theme. There were 9 high school volunteers, 2 of whom were repeat volunteers, and there were 56 participants.

Wellness Committee – Libby Mascaro

- The committee has met twice since the beginning of the year. The meetings have been very well-attended and productive.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the C&RC.

Welcoming Committee - Stacie de la Parra/Kim Megonnell – no report

Caring & Sharing – Leria Miles – no report

Reporting Organizations

Community Foundation – Daphna Gans

- March 8th is the next book club meeting.
- The Community Foundation is hosting a dinner event with food trucks following the typical Community Day festivities to celebrate its 25th year anniversary.

Odyssey of the Mind – Meredith Markowitz – no report

Youth Steering – Amy Billerbeck

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 14.
- The Youth Steering Committee is hosting a speaker from NAMI at its meeting on April 11.
- The Annual Spring Dodge event is scheduled for March 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the C&RC. The Committee is still seeking chaperones if you are interested.

Old Business

- Wellness Committee – please see committee report above
- Nominations for vacant positions – Daphna
 - We are accepting nominations for Vice President and Secretary. Please contact Daphna or Beth if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these positions.
 - We are also looking for chairpersons willing to chair the following committees for next year:
 - GATE
 - PIE
 - Arts in USC

New Business

- Dr. O'Toole's retirement
- Community Day – The PTC will once again host the pig race at Community Day. Please come out to show your support!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Friday

The Next USC PTC Meeting
April 4, 2018
9:30 AM
Baker