

UPPER ST. CLAIR PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES & PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL REPORT– JUNE 3, 2015

PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015

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.

Reading of Correspondence

Thank you notes from Mary Ann Stabile and Chrissy Sileo for being honored as the PTC Honorary Award.

Statement of the Treasurer

The USC PTA Council's General Fund had a beginning cash balance on May 1, 2015 of \$895.96.

- There were no receipts this month.
- Disbursements totaled \$ 895.96 for:
 - \$92.00 for legal notice of dissolution of PTA Council
 - \$803.96 donation to Shop @ USC program
- This leaves us with an ending cash balance of \$ 0.00 as of June 1, 2015.

After final two checks cashed, this account will be closed.

The USC Parent Teacher Council's General Fund had a opening cash balance on May 1, 2015 of \$3,791.85

- Receipts this month totaled \$675.00 for:
 - Membership dues from Streams for 2015-16 school year
 - Annual Unit Dues from Streams for 2015-16 school year
- Disbursements totaled \$84.80 for:
 - Year-end Brunch
- This leaves us with an ending cash balance of \$ 4,382.05 as of June 1, 2015.

Reports

- Executive Committee
 - President, Holly Spina
 - Thank you to Central Office. Welcome to all the new unit presidents. Looking forward to a great summer and a wonderful year with all of you.
 - 1st Vice President, Beth Huzjak
 - Nice to be here.
 - 2nd Vice President, Dr. Patrick O'Toole
 - Welcome to Holly and good luck. It is wonderful you are taking this on. Thank you to everyone for the lunch at the May changeover meeting, and also for recognizing Mary Ann. She does a lot of public relations work and fills in where there is a need. Thank you to the PTC for honoring her.
 - The preliminary budget was approved, and we are looking to approve the final budget June 22nd.
 - We are in full swing this summer getting ready for the opening of school in August. There are always staffing issues to work out as we are preparing to meet the needs of new students, special education needs.
 - There has been an increase in the sciences enrollment at the High School.
 - The budget for the 1 to 1 iPad initiative for grades 5-8 includes staff development.
 - We have to change the way teaching takes place in order to fully utilize the new technology to the benefit of the students.

- The High School has to be able to plan to support the current 5-8 graders who will be used to learning in this new environment in coming years.
 - Lou Angelo has been hired to fill the High School principal position. He did a great job as Acting Principal.
 - We have reconstructed his former position to include working closely with the Strategic Initiative. The 5 areas that have been targeted will impact the High School considerably. This position will involve much of the planning and implementation of that.
 - Thank you for a great school year, everyone. And enjoy your summer. In 2 short months school will be back in session. We will be very busy getting everything ready for the students.
- Board Advisor, Brooke Tarcson
 - Present.
 - Highly recommend incoming presidents to read through past presidents' documents to give an idea of what has been discussed, accomplished, worked through over the years.
- School Board Director, Amy Billerbeck (Member)
 - Thank you to the rising unit presidents. We look forward to having you this year.
 - We are thankful for the following retirees dedicated service to the district and wish them well in their retirement:
 - Anne Glaid has served the district for 22 ½ years as an elementary teacher, most recently at Streams.
 - Mary Grace Diulus has served the district for 32 years as an elementary school at both Streams and Baker.
 - Eileen Sakoian has served the district for 25 years at Fort Couch in the roles of ELA, Science and Resource teacher, and also at all 3 elementary schools as a Resource teacher.
 - Excited to see Dr. Angelo in the role of High School Principal. He will be a great leader.

Unit Presidents

Baker – Kristy Polochak

- Dr. McClintock-Comeaux used our apples for students to buy Chairback Buddies for first graders.
- 4th graders had their pool party. The event was well attended.
- May was staff appreciation month. Each week there were various "treats" for the staff. We are still collecting various items such as gift cards to wrap up staff appreciation.
- Supply kit fundraiser. We've ended our paper orders. Online orders can be made until June 14th.
- Field day is this Friday. With the help of our PTA we have been able to organize an extra field day for kindergarteners that will take place on Monday June 8th.

Eisenhower – Amy Garces

- May was an extremely busy month at Eisenhower. We began with our Teacher Appreciation week where we said "MAHALO" to everyone in the EES family. Teachers and staff were treated to decorated doors, gift baskets, massages, breakfast/lunch, raffles and a visit by the Kona Ice Truck. We also celebrated our STAR night and Spring Book Fair, which was one of the most successful to date.
- We also celebrated our Cultural Arts day with the theme of America through the Decades. Students participated in presentations which included lessons on Roberto Clemente, Andy Warhol, a live band and dance lessons on the steps of the decades.
- The month concluded with the new Kindergarten Spring Tour, Field Days, and our "Let's Get Groovy" 4th Grade Farewell. The grand finale in May was our Ice Bucket Challenge in support of the Kelly School/Education Partnership. After raising over \$2600 in our coin drive, the whole school cheered as Mr. Miller and our head custodian Mr. Tom were soaked.
- Looking forward to the crazy fun of June.

Streams – Alissa Mammana

- Spring into kindergarten took place on May 27th. It was well attended. Streams has as of now 72 children registered for kindergarten next year.
- STAR night and staff appreciation were both huge successes in the month of May.
- Field day is scheduled for June 8th
- Kindergarten connection will be on June 10th at the Old Rec Center. This is an event for incoming kindergarteners and their families to come and connect with each other and have a fun night of games and Rita's ice. Also, families will be encouraged to participate in the summer for play dates at the park in another effort for children to meet each other Prior to the start of the school year.

Boyce – Brenda Tomsheck

- The last General PTA meeting of the year was held at Boyce on Monday May 18th and the membership voted 21-3 in favor of dissolving as a PTA and switching to a PTO.
- The 6th grade Deer Valley trips took place from April 29th thru May 15th and the 5th grade students went on their trips to the Challenger Center for Space Science (NASA) at Wheeling Jesuit University from May 21st thru May 29th.
- Wednesday, May 20th was the Boyce Celebration of Learning in the evening. That same day, the PTA held its fourth and final staff appreciation event of the year. We set up a brunch in the LGI with lots of food items which parents dropped off ahead of time. The staff was able to enjoy a mid day meal before the early dismissal.
- Last Friday night (May 29th) the 6th graders attended their graduation party which was held at Fort Couch.
- Monday night (June 1st) the Boyce Band presented their final concert of the year in the Boyce Theater.
- Yesterday (June 2nd) was 4th Grade Move-up Day where the 4th graders from the 3 elementary schools came to Boyce to see the school.
- This Friday (June 5th) is Civil War Day for the 5th Graders. Parent volunteers are scheduled to come in to help with activities during both a morning shift and an afternoon shift.
- Next Monday (June 8th) is Field Day. The 5th graders will participate in the morning with the 6th graders participating in the afternoon. The Field Day rain date is Tuesday June 9th.

Fort Couch – Daphna Gans

- The Fort Couch PTA General Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 19th. At the meeting, we had a vote to dissolve the PTA. 25 members were at the meeting, 24 voted, 22 voted to dissolve 2 voted to stay PTA. As a result of the vote, FC PTA is now a PTSO!
- Melanie Lenthal was voted as the board VP and Alison Hess was voted as the new board Treasurer.
Our board was installed and includes:
 - President: Daphna Gans
 - 1st Vice President: Melanie Lenthal
 - 2nd Vice President: Joe Demar (ex officio)
 - Treasurer: Alison Hess
 - Secretary: Lucy Higginbotham
 - Board Advisor: Joyce Burton
- Our committees are almost all set for next year with the exception of art, partners in education, and GATE.
- Staff Appreciation which took place at the last USC PTC meeting was a big success and we received thanks from the staff.
- On Thursday, May 7th Fort Couch had its "Celebration of Learning" and it was a very well attended event with students walking around classrooms and presenting/visiting the science fair.
- We had a successful Chick-fil-A fundraiser on Thursday, May 21st
- The 8th Grade Farewell is coming up on Thursday, May 28th.
- Field Day is also ahead on June 4th (rain date June 5th) at Boyce, with 7th grade from 9-11am and 8th grade 12-2pm. All students will be receiving Rita's Ice at school.
- And we will finish the year with 8th Grade Move Up Day-Thursday, June 11th (last day of school).

High School PTSO – Melissa Epler

- Dr. Angelo appointed as HS Principal
- Last PTSO meeting last week 5/20

- Mock car crash on 5/28
- Early dismissal/simulation move up day on 6/11
- Lots of senior events – Awards Night & Senior Banquet last week, Last day for Seniors 6/4, Prom 6/9, and Graduation 6/11

Standing Committees

Arts in Education –

- There are prospective chairs for this committee.
- There will be a new district wide arts program for all students K-12 in the 2015-16 school year, “Arts in USC”.
- Look for the Logo Contest for the Arts in USC program. There will be information about this opportunity in the USC Today summer edition.
- We are in the development phase of this new program. The following will be included in the Arts in USC program so far:
 - K-4 will have a locally judged and recognized contest
 - Grades 5-6 will participate in the Pennsylvania American Water Watershed Art Contest. This fits in perfectly with the Earthwarden program already in place at Boyce.
 - Grades 7-12 can submit artwork to the Scholastic Art Competition.
 - Grades 9-12 are also able to submit works of art to the Congressional Art Competition.

Directory – Committee

- We are anticipating a more seamless, faster process to get the directory available sooner in the year.
- A to Z selling ads for us and reaching out to other companies for ad space.

GATE – Lisa Clark

- No report.

Internet Communications

- It will be covered.

Partners in Education – Kate Mayberry / Holly Spina

- Please forward any interesting issues you would like to hear about to either of us.

Spelling Bee – Beena Reddy

- Hoping to open a Spelling Bee Club in each school.
- Looking to talk to school chairs about this. Include students to know words, meanings, encourage reading and practice testing.

Open Mike – Beth Huzjak

- Planning fall and spring Open Mikes.

Outreach – Chrissy Sileo / Kathy Teresi

- Amanda McQuillan presented ways to partner with the Education Partnership to the Executive PTC Board. The units are taking the information back to their boards to discuss their involvement.

Welcoming Committee—Stacie de la Parra

- The Welcome event for new families to the district will take place on September 4th., which is Youth Night.

Reporting Organizations

Community Foundation – Leanne Adamo

- Blankets are available for purchasing.
- The 6th annual Family Outdoor Movie Night will be Thursday August 20 at dusk. The movie will be *Big Hero 6*. The concession stand will be open for popcorn and water. In case of inclement weather the movie will be shown in the Boyce School Theater. Contact Leanne Adamo with questions at theadamos@verizon.net.

- The CF Book Club will return on September 10 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Both meeting times are at the CRC. Contact Beth Erlanger with questions. berlanger@verizon.net. Our book selection is The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt.
- Save the date for the 3rd annual Oktoberfest on October 3 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas More Family Life Center.

Odyssey of the Mind – Allison Hess

- July 20-24 there will be an Ingenuity Camp from 10:00 a.m. -2:30p.m. open to all rising 2nd – 8th graders. No OM experience necessary to have a super fun and creative week learning and exploring. Registration is open at uscootm.com. Sibling discount is offered!

Youth Steering – Amy Billerbeck

- The talk May 13th regarding “Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation” was well attended.

Old Business –

- Dissolved PTAs wrap up with papers. We will collect them before sending to Bonita.

New Business –

- Nancy Feldman proposed making Kennywood Day held within the school year calendar. Dr. O’Toole said they would look into it for the future.
- Have a wonderful summer!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachelle Engel

*The Next USC PTC Council Meeting
September 2, 2015
Central Office*