

# PTC GENERAL MEETING

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| Location:        | Google Meet Virtual                                                                     |
| Video Link:      | <a href="https://meet.google.com/ihw-mrxg-pxn">https://meet.google.com/ihw-mrxg-pxn</a> |
| Meeting Dial-in: | 631-765-7231 PIN: 445 596 676#                                                          |
| Date:            | February 12, 2025                                                                       |
| Time:            | 2:00 PM                                                                                 |

## I. CALL TO ORDER @ 202PM

## II. OPENING

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of February 2025 Agenda - Sarah Cranganu motioned, Elizabeth Taylor 2nd
- Approval of December 04, 2024 Meeting Minutes - Sarah Cranganu motioned, Elizabeth Taylor 2nd

## III. REPORTS

### Executive Committee

- President – Donny Hamilton, Jr.

Donny wished everyone a happy new year, encouraged unit presidents to read USC Today to learn what is going on in the community. Donny and Tina Vojtko. discussed that the school district was contacted by a parent asking if they were going to offer any training to parents on the new website? Tina spoke to the fact that the SD is always working on the site and want to make sure it is accessible by all. Unit presidents can make requests to edit their sites directly to Tina Vojtko.

### School Board Director

- School Board Director - Dr. Daphna Gans

School Board recently approved 2 new classes which will be added to the curriculum: AI and Cybersecurity which will be offered at the high school level. Part of the strategic initiative is that the district is working on establishing policies for ethical uses of AI. The district is being very proactive to protect students and enhance learning. The calendar was approved at the last board meeting for the 2025/2026 school year.

### Administrators

- Superintendent – Dr. John Rozzo

Was pleased to know we were considering returning to some in person vs virtual meetings. Happy to help facilitate hybrid meetings for PTC going forward. Dr. Rozzo echoed Dr. Gans' discussion of AI stating it is a massive strategic initiative to train staff, outline best practices for student use, especially in a field that is changing daily. They are working with outside experts from CMU and Pitt. It is scary and exciting at the same time. Want to make sure teachers are trained and equipped.

March, April and May are busy times for musicals and band/choral concerts in schools. Check calendars: High School is doing Mary Poppins 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of March, Boyce and Ft. Couch have activities as well.

School district is losing 10 teachers next year due to retirement: 5 at high school, 2 Ft. Couch and 3 at elementary levels. Working hard to fill positions.

### **Unit Presidents**

- Baker – Amanda Palermo – Baker Bingo night was on 8<sup>th</sup>, 300 parents and students. Raised \$500 on 50/50 fundraiser. Read-a-thon coming up where staff and students wear PJs and bring a stuffy. Book fair coming up. Spring activities: golf, coding, cooking. Looking at spring social dates.
- Eisenhower – Rebecca Thornsberry – Bingo night had 450 attendees, grade level socials coming up, Eisenhower Extras started last week. Holding Kids of Steel for the first time and already have 118 students registered.
- Streams – Sarah Tannenbaum – ABSENT, NO REPORT
- Boyce – Shelly Patel – Been busy collecting for Ronald McDonald House. Just hosted a Super Bowl lunch for teachers. Upcoming spirit night on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at Galleria Panera Bread. Coming up: 11 after school programs.
- Ft. Couch – Justine Walker – Last week, we held Souper Bowl lunch for staff that was well received. Thank you to all the parents that donated soups and supplies. Our next social for students is tomorrow, from 7-9. The theme is flannel fest and we hope to have a great turnout. Lastly, we are looking for parents to join the board for the next school year if anyone is interested, please reach out to me. Our next general meeting will be March 18th.
- USCHS – Bharath Bangalore – Upcoming is their March Fundraiser where there is an all night dance marathon. Will be supporting it by providing refreshments. Recruiting for officers for next year is going well; they have a full slate of candidates.

### **Standing Committees**

- Wellness – Libby Mascaro – ABSENT, NO REPORT
- Spelling Bee – Sarah Cranganu – Spelling bee just selected a champion of all 5 schools. Sarah is seeking a new chair (or multiple chairs) for next school year.
- Partners In Education – Donny H. (On behalf of Andrea Anderson) – Dr. Andler is new to the district and is offering a meeting and greet on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 930am at District Building.
- Arts In USC – Donny H. (On behalf of Becca Ward) – Judging completed. Mouting artwork next week and art show is on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm. Millie's ice cream will be served as a fundraiser.

### **Other Business**

- USC Robotics Club – Candi Chen – This is her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the district. Impressed by the impact the club has had on the community. It is an extra curricular activity at the high school level. They have seen tremendous growth in participation over the past 2 years; there was a 25% growth (grown by 8 to 11 teams) in the number of teams at the high school from last year to this school year. There are 2 girls teams. Parents are volunteer coaches. This is a true STEAM collaboration between students, teachers and the community. There are both competitive and non-competitive teams. Bringing this club to the elementary and middle school levels as well. There is an open house February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; feel free to stop by.

IV. **DISCUSSION – MOTION TO ADJOURN BY KAREN OSBORN, 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**BY DONNY HAMILTON @ 245PM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

***\*\*The next PTC General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 02, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.***