

# UHS PTO MEETING

## APRIL 12, 2018 – 9:22AM

Attendance: Luci McClure, Ann Ferentinos, Jacqui Detweiler, Dana Mayer, Holly Friedman, Lisa Tascione, Kelsey McMurrough, Stacey Angstadt, Cathy Huneke, Sharmini Wickremasinghe, Kathy Kannenberg, Jen Hall, Jen Horne, Tammy Hynes, Jimmy Conley, Jonathan Mall, Justin Webb, Tim Hoffman

**1) Welcome & PTO Presidents' Report**

- a. Advisory Meeting: Meeting of UCFSD PTO Presidents occurs three times per year. Next meeting will be the end of April when they will compare event calendars and discuss the Community Scholarships among other things.

**2) Review of March 15, 2018 General Meeting Minutes:** Voted and approved.

**3) Treasurer's Report:** Discussed, voted and approved.

**4) School Counselor's Report:** Maribeth Lyles couldn't attend. The counselors are catching up with Junior Conferences that were postponed due to weather closures.

**5) New Business**

- a. After Prom: Phone-A-Thon concluded. Thank you to Jen Horne for organizing the effort. Business solicitations continue. Hershey Discount Ticket Offer is extended to May 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can be found in the eNews and the website. Solicitation of "Dorm Prizes" for Seniors continues.
- b. Unionville Chadds Ford Community Scholarship Fund: Applications consist of GPA, timed essay and school sponsored activities. All are assigned points and the numbers of winners are based on the funds collected. A mailing goes to entire District. A PayPal link has been established so the ask for donations can be posted in eNews, the website, and alumni Facebook page which has been successful. Discussed better ways to reach people. PTO Board discussed using leftover funds from enrichment projects to increase the PTO donation to the fund if community doesn't step up but will hold off due to the success of the PayPal link.
- c. Focus Report: iGen Author Visit tonight at 7pm at UHS Auditorium. Will speak to middle school students at Patton on 4/13. Book discussion in the UHS Library 7pm on 4/18.
- d. Baccalaureate Celebration: Event is "a non-denominational service containing a farewell sermon inspiring graduates to find spiritual meaning that aligns with their personal beliefs." Usually a one-hour service the Sunday before graduation. Previously held at Willowdale Chapel. Jen Horne is looking for parents with a variety of spiritual backgrounds to serve on the committee. She suggested moving the event the UHS Auditorium in hopes that more students would attend since it would be held in a neutral location. In the past this event

was not connected to UHS so it was not widely advertised. Mr. Conley will meet with Dr. Sanville to discuss the possibility of having the school host the event and assist with advertising so more students are aware. It was also suggested that the Sunday before graduation is often filled with parties so maybe moving the event to a week night would allow for greater attendance. The PTO will create a committee chair for this event.

- e. UHS PTO Executive Board & Committee Chair Open Positions: Two Vice Presidents, Art Gala Chair (will have advantage of shadowing Carol Apicella who has many years of experience with the event), Two Hospitality Chairs, One EdFoundation Chair and One Baccalaureate Chair.
- f. Miscellaneous: Tammy Hynes asked if the PTO could help push the idea of students not being allowed to have their phones at school. Mr. Conley explained the evolution of how phones became allowed and shared that making calls is not allowed and some teachers have shelving units where students are told to place their phones while in the classroom. It was suggested that he evaluate the climate of these classrooms as to success of shelving the phones. This idea is large enough that it should be a community conversation involving the school board, administration, teachers, parents, students and the Wellness Committee. Enforcing such a mandate would also require support from parents. Mr. Hoffman supported the need for conversation and stated that phone policies are different for elementary, middle, and high school. He suggested the Circle App by Disney could help parents limit screen time for their kids.

## 6) **Principal's Report**

- a. Juuling: Students believe juuling is healthier than smoking because nothing is burning. There is no smell so it is difficult to detect the usage. The devices, which plug into a USB port to charge, were displayed and a video detailing the dangers of juuling nicotine, THC and alcohol was shown. This video will become part of the curriculum for the UHS Health classes. The chemicals come in fruity/candy flavors to attract younger users.

- 7) **Technology Integration at UHS**: Jonathan Mall, UCFSD Technology Integrator and Justin Webb have been researching a 1 to 1 plan for UCFSD for the past five years. Process began with one 6th grade team testing Chrome Books and some teachers using Canvas; now all middle schools have them and the 9th grade and teachers working with these students use Canvas. Their recommendation to the School Board is that all students 6th through 12th grade have Chrome Books and all teachers use Canvas. Most schools in Chester County have 1 to 1 devices though they vary as to type. A student/teacher survey was completed in the fall with favorable findings. These results as well as the Board presentation can be found on the UCFSD website under Board and then Board Docs. If the Board accepts the proposed plan for 2018/19 the following will be put into place: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: New Chrome Books, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Keep Chrome Books from 2017/18, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade New Chrome Books, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Keep Chrome Books from 2017/18, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Use Chrome Books currently on UHS carts, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade use 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chrome Books from 2017/18. Every student will be required to

use a Chrome Book. There is an optional fee for insurance providing a first “fix” for free; usual “fixes” start at \$250. They are researching other cases for protection. It was discussed that printing from home can be problematic and further instructions should be provided to the students. There is a need for further student instruction regarding how to manage Canvas; too many messages coming in from teachers so students are ignoring them. “Securly” is a newly implemented software that filters students’ internet use twenty-four hours a day. It is compliant with CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act). Parents can choose for a report to be sent to them regularly. The software also audits student emails for target words such as “bully, harm”.

**8) Other Business**

- a) Student/Teacher Basketball Game: The event was poorly attended. It was hosted by the Student Council and was not publicized well. The issue was brought up at the Student Council meeting today and they will work on setting a more accurate, in-advance calendar so their events can be better publicized and attended.
- b) Next PTO General Meeting: May 10<sup>th</sup> 9:15am (volunteer thank you breakfast and voting on new board)

Meeting adjourned at 11:13am.