

UPPER DARBY HOME AND SCHOOL

November 13, 2019 *Meeting called to order by* Jamie Santora

Approval of Minutes

A motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes from October 9, 2019. Made, seconded, and passed.

President's Report – Co-President, Esther Bubb

Jamie welcomed all to the meeting. He reiterated the need to find new fundraising opportunities. A lot of our sources for AfterProm funds from previous years are just not available. He then mentioned the new changes to the UDHS Home & School Bylaws, and that we would be discussing these under New Business.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Troy

Ed Troy stated that Home & School made a total of \$378.90 during the clothing drive, a great reduction from last time. With the monies from the clothing drive and dues, the Home & School account is at \$26,164.

Principal's Report– Kelley Simone

Ms. Simone introduced the Assistant Principal for the Junior Class, Mrs. Stephanie Sitek. Brought along the Assistant Principals from all four grades, but before introducing them she made the following announcements.

- American Education Week is next week. A parent link has gone out. There will be days to honor not just the teachers, but all of the staff: custodial, Aramark, security, bus drivers etc.
- Report cards come out on Friday. The kids will be bringing them home,
- Spirit Week is also next week. Every day has a different theme. Don't be surprised if your kid goes to school on Monday in their pajamas!
- Please don't forget to take advantage of the guidance counselors. They are there to help, not just with academics, but all kinds of issues.

Ms. Simone then introduced the four Assistant Principals. Each of them then addressed the meeting.

- First up was the 11th grade Assistant Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Sitek. She talked about the Best Buddies program. This is where kids with different disabilities are paired with members of the Junior Class. The kids get to learn leadership skills, make friends, and gain empathy. The program is being funded by one of the UD parents. Also, SATs will be given on March 14, May 2, and June 2, 2020. If your child has an IEP, that information must get to the College Board at least five weeks ahead of the test. Home & School will send out a reminder.
- Next up was the 12th grade Assistant Principal, Mr. Wayne Remmey. He announced that the postponed Power Puff football match would be this Tuesday. Home & School will be providing concessions; proceeds go to the AfterProm fund. Practice for Homecoming is underway, the theme is Cities Throughout the Nation. Tickets go on sale next Wednesday thru the following Monday. ID will be mandatory for all attendees.
- Next was the 9th grade Assistant Principal, Mr. Russell Benditt. He stated that he was really enjoying getting to know the kids. They are working on getting the Freshmen settled, making them aware of all that UDHS has to offer.

- Last, but not least, the 10th grade Assistant Principal, Mr. B.J. Hensil. He is very gratified that he has been able to move up with the kids that he started to get to know last year. This year he's focusing on making the students aware of all the programs that the students can access through the Delaware County Technical School (DCTS). There the kids can not only study the building trades, but also food services, computer programming, nursing, IT, early childhood development, and much more. Students must apply during their sophomore year and attend half days at UDHS and half days at DCTS during their junior and senior years.

Ms. Simone ended her time informing the meeting that the first Graduation Committee meeting had taken place. The committee spent the first meeting brainstorming different venues for graduation for 2021 (UDHS is still under contract to hold graduation for the Class of 2020 at The Tower Theater). They decided against holding it on the UDHS football field due to potential weather events. They will be looking into holding graduation at locations including University of Pennsylvania, Villanova, The Wells Fargo Center, and Temple University. Some parents at the Home & School meeting asked that they make sure the location is easy for people to get to on public transportation. It was also asked if the committee could look into improving the lighting at the Tower Theater for the 2020 graduation ceremony.

Committee Reports

Flea Market – Lois Johnston

Lois Johnston was not in attendance. Jamie stated that we would begin discussion for the spring flea market in January.

Concessions – Kathleen Johnson

Kathleen expressed her heartfelt thanks to all of those that had helped during the fall flea market. The kids that volunteered to help were great. It was repeated that Home & School would be providing concessions for the Powder Puff game on Tuesday.

School Beautification – Kathleen Johnson/Allison McConnell

Kathleen Johnson shared some of what she is planning for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service to be held on January 20, 2020 from 9am to 2pm. Not only will there be the painting projects going on, but also opportunities to educate about the Reverend Dr. King and celebrate his legacy. Ms. Johnson also stated that she is working on getting t-shirts for all those that participate.

After prom – Jamie Santora

All Afterprom business will be discussed during the meeting immediately following the Home & School Meeting.

Old Business

Online spirit wear store update: The store is up and running. This is a District wide online store. Parents need to make sure that they state what school their child attends when making orders. Each school is paid quarterly any profits made during the school year.

New Business

Proposed changes to the UDHS Home & School Association By-Laws were presented to the meeting. The proposed changes will be posted on the Home & School webpage for all to see and voted on during the January meeting. It was stated that there is rarely a quorum present at the Home & School meetings. Jamie said that a motion to waive the quorum voting rule will have to be made and seconded before the vote.

A member asked Ms. Simone about the availability of AP classes in the fall and the spring. The complaint being that there were more offered in the fall than the spring. Ms. Simone stated that availability was based on resources and the number of kids interested and that they were doing their best to make as many AP classes available as possible.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 pm

The AfterProm Committee meeting began immediately after.