

MINUTES

UPPER DARBY HOME AND SCHOOL

September 12, 2018 *Meeting called to order by* Steve Ford

Approval of Minutes

A motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes from May 2018. They are posted on the website.

President's Report – Steve Ford

Steve opened the meeting by discussing a new vacancy on the board. Steve Ford was elected to the position of President and Jamie Santora to the position of Vice President. Jason Speck will remain the Recording Secretary and Kate Long is the Treasurer. Kate has decided to step down as the Treasurer, so the board is looking for anyone that is willing to fill this position. Please email the board if you are interested in filling this important position.

Treasurer's Report – Kate Long

See Treasurer's Report for September 2018 next to the meeting minutes on our website for current expenses and ending balance. (see attached)

Principal's Report– Kelley Simone

Mrs. Simone opened by taking a few minutes to discuss the recent events at the High School related to the on-line threats. She offered her thanks to the Community, the police and all the parties involved in helping to resolve the issue.

For the incoming 9th grade parents Simone offered a description of the Student Centers. The Freshman Academy and the other grade level centers.

Facility Improvements:

- There is a plan in place for painting projects throughout the facility. Students will be creating murals and inspirational quotes to be placed on the walls. The wall across from the Library is priority.
- The bathrooms at the school are slated to be renovated this year.

Events and Dates to Remember:

- Coffee with Mrs. Simone. This is an event that will be held monthly and allow students and parents to meet with Mrs. Simone and discuss a range of topics. The first meeting will be held in the Board Room on 9/25/18 at 8:30 a.m. A list of additional dates can be found on the Upper Darby Calendar.
- 9/26/18 is Senior college planning night.
- 9/27/18 is the combined Open House. The will start at 4:30 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. The 8th grade tour and presentation will start in the PAC (performing arts center) at 5:50 p.m.
- 9/28/18 will be the last day for class pass withdraws
- 10/4/18 will be the 1st meeting of the Royal Academics.
- 10/5/18 is the Pep Rally
- 10/10/18 PSAT's for 10th and 11th graders. This is for all 10th and 11th graders and is paid for by the School District. There will be a 3.5 hour delayed start for the Seniors.
- 10/18/18 is the ring ceremony for Juniors.
- 10/22/18 The district will be having the NOPE assemblies in the PAC. Four assemblies starting at 9:00 a.m. One assembly per grade.

Mrs. Simone also discussed the addition of Learning Communities which will take place during half of Grade room (48 min.). They are discussing options including yoga, film review and SAT prep.

Youth Court is coming to the High School. The program was successful at Beverly Hills Middle School for offering an alternative to traditional discipline for lower level infractions. Students that choose Youth Court will be provided a student lawyer and be judged by a student jury. 9th grades students will be separate and there will be two sections for upper classmen. The metrics will be tracked to determine the success of the program.

Flea Market – Lois Johnston

This is the big fundraiser for the Home and School so spread the word. Spots are \$40 please contact Lois. We need to reach out to teachers to see if they are willing to volunteer. We need donations of food, pastries, etc.

- The Fall Flea Market is currently scheduled for 9/23/2018 the rain date is 10/14/2018. We will be using the rain date for the flea market.

Committee Reports

School Beautification – Lee Jordan and Allison

The fall clean-up was a few weeks ago and was a great success. The committee is currently brainstorming ideas for the MLK day event.

After Prom –

The After Prom needs board members and volunteers. The After Prom costs on average \$44,000 and we need to keep this great tradition going. This event offers a safe place for students to go that will keep them off the road and is always a fun event.

Concessions – Kathleen Johnson

Donations and volunteers are always needed. More Juice, soda, and hot dogs are needed. Beverages only can be dropped off at the main office on the Friday before the flea market, all other items can be donated on the day of the flea market before 8 AM. If you need an alternative donation option, please contact Kathleen Johnson at kjohnsonbenbow@yahoo.com

Old Business

Home and School memberships are still being accepted. You can register using our [online registration form](#). Payments can be accepted at any of our meetings/events.

Payments can be mailed to:

UDHS Home & School
PO Box 403
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Request that other clubs and or extracurricular groups present at future meetings – Please contact the Home and School Board.

New Business

The Beautification Committee would like to purchase 4 benches for the soccer field at \$320 apiece. There was a motion to purchase the benches which was seconded. There was a further request to purchase the same set of chairs for the lacrosse field which was not voted on. The larger question about purchases has been tabled until next meeting. The District is getting ready to unveil the unified branding plan. Any purchases getting a logo should wait until the plan is presented.

We need to have a committee level position dedicated to fundraising if you are interested please email the Home and School Board.

Membership \$10 for 1 student and \$20 for multi-family. Pay pal is now accepted and registration can be completed online.

We will also have the capacity for online sign-up and the Open House.

After Prom committee needs to be rebuilt. Please reach out if you can be on the Committee or volunteer.

We discussed the possibility of offering mini grants to teacher at the High School to assist with their classroom needs or other school projects. The group discussed ways to distribute the potential grants across grades and departments. Further discussion will be needed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

TBD

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm