

UPPER DARBY HOME AND SCHOOL

October 10, 2018 *Meeting called to order by* Steve Ford

Approval of Minutes

A motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes from October 2018. They are posted on the web site.

President's Report – Steve Ford

Mr. Ford reported that the Home & School Board had received a request to sponsor the upcoming Arts Education Foundation's annual Gala. Mr. Ford suggested that the Home & School purchase a single page and place ads for both the Home & School and After Prom, for a cost of \$500.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Ford

Mr. Ford reported that the Treasurer's Report was not ready. He apologized for the delay and promised that it would be sent via email to Home & School members shortly.

Principal's Report– Kelley Simone

Mrs. Simone started by introducing the Principal of Climate and Culture at UDHS, Mr. Russell Benditt to the meeting. He then introduced Miss Mahjabin Topader of the UDHS Royal Revolution. She shared her excitement at being a student at the high school and being involved with Royal Revolution. She spoke of the success of Royal Revolution's movie night and related that many more activities are being planned.

Mrs. Simone then addressed the recent lock down that the high school experienced. She shared that multiple debriefings have taken place since then with District leadership, the UD Police Department, the security team, teachers, students, parents, and members of the UD School Board. All of the discussions and information gathered will be used to review and revise the District's lock down plan. Mrs. Simone expressed how proud she was of the students and her satisfaction with the Upper Darby Police Department. She was thankful that we did not have to learn from a tragedy. She ended by saying that the school is still taking feedback and asked that if any of the parents or students would like to share more, to contact her anytime. Ms. Simone then took questions from parents.

Other topics shared:

- Tomorrow is Coffee with Simone and is held the 3rd Thursday of every month from 8:30-9:30 AM. Please join her.
- UDHS participated in American Education Week by celebrating all the work done by teachers, substitutes, support staff, and parent volunteers.
- Spirit Week and Homecoming will be week of Nov. 19. Parents can purchase tickets on Tuesday and Wednesday between 3 and 5:30 PM. Students can purchase tickets before and after school at their Student Centers. Questions should be addressed to Assistant Principal Jill Palladino
- Progress reports for students have all been updated as of 11/20
- The new Assistant Principal for the Junior class, Mr. Wayne Remmey was introduced. He is taking over for Dr. Matthew Alloway who has taken the position of principal for Drexel Hill Middle School.

Committee Reports

Flea Market – Steve Ford

Steve reported that a new date has been selected for the Home & School spring 2019 flea market. It will be Sunday, March 31, with a rain date of Sunday, April 7.

Concessions – Kathleen Johnson

Nothing to report except that we will need donations for the spring flea market. A Sign-Up will be sent out.

School Beautification – Allison McConnell

Allison reported that MLK Day project planning will begin after Thanksgiving.

After prom – Katie Ford

Katie stated that informal meetings have been held by leadership. Once they get a handle on finances and schedules, regular meetings will be scheduled. For updates, check out the After Prom Facebook page. They are still looking for volunteers. Bill Caughlan stated that approximately 20 people have signed up to volunteer already.

Old Business

Steve Ford reported that they are getting bids on new benches for the athletic field.

New Business

Steve Ford asked if anyone had any new business or if there were any topics that they would like discussed during any future Home & School meetings. If you do have an idea for a topic, email Mrs. Simone or put it in writing and drop it off at the Home & School mailbox located in the UDHS Main Office.

One topic suggested was to discuss the school's new proposed credit system. The school will be dropping the graduation requirement of 23 credits to 21, beginning with the incoming freshman class, fall 2019. Mrs. Simone said that the idea will be presented to incoming 8th graders at the Middle Schools as well as during a planned parent night this January.

Next Meeting

There will be no meeting in December. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm