

UAHS PTO MEETING

February 1, 2018

Attendees: Andrea Theado, Sue Pohl, Denise Rush, Cathy Pultz, Aimee White, Kristin Greenberg, Jenny DeCapua, Diane Hobson, Danielle Whitcomb, Denise Edgington, Laura Hellstedt, Anne DeVoe, Laura Moore, Kim Kinateder

I. Welcome & Introductions - Cathy Pultz

II. Kathy Jenney - Associate Superintendent

Not able to attend due to illness and no report was presented.

III. Andrew Theado - Principal

Principal Theado welcomed and thanked the group for attending this morning's meeting. Shared that there is a lot going on at the high school and within the district. He thanked the PTO for their continued support.

UA Idea Day - Superintendent Paul Imhoff has invited over 30 schools/superintendents to join us for our UA Idea Day. The district is pleased with the hard work and the undertaking that has gone into this educational experience and looks forward to kicking off our very first Idea Day on February 9th.

Scheduling has started and many new courses are being offered - one example of a new course, *Idea Seminar* run by Laura Moore. The class will incorporate 3 components: public speaking credit, introduction to Capstone and involvement with R&D (Research and Design).

Capstone update - goal is more support for the students. The district plans to expand the Capstone project with two summer option workshops or one quarter (offered 3 times) during the school year - where the student is pulled from study hall twice a week. Capstone will remain pass/fail grade.

Facilities update - the new high school space is being designed to accommodate changing and evolving curriculum. Please attend informational meetings hosted by the district.

Parking! District will be transparent and a good chance students will be effected starting next year. A committee of students, parents and administrators is being formed to help facilitate the process. The challenge is whatever plan is developed will change due construction site progress and that means even half way through the school year. Students, parents and city residents are going to have to be patient during this 3 year process. Carpooling is widely encouraged. City is also looking at lifting parking restrictions throughout the neighborhood surrounding the high school proximity.

ACT will be offered by school district on February 28th (no writing portion) for all juniors and a mandatory digital school day for all other grades.

IV. UA Idea February 9, 2018 - Laura Moore

Over a year ago, a few individuals from UA visited Chicago to attend an Idea Day festival. After much collaboration between Laura Moore, UAEF (Joanie Dugger, Alice Finley) and R&D (Research and Design) Committee (which includes over 25 students and teachers), meeting weekly

throughout the summer, UA Idea Day came to fruition and will take place February 9th for the entire school day. UA Idea Day has turned into a significantly larger event (involving all students for the entire day) and has not really been done in any other district in the country - Chicago Idea Day coordinator is flying in to attend our idea day. The idea is built around learning skills, beyond a typical day in the classroom, with innovation and creativity. The day will consist of over 50 incredibly unique and diversely gifted individuals from our local community (taking a day off from work, pro bono) to attend and teach our children through sessions/groups throughout the day. A UA student spent the last year building the UA Idea Day website and it has been admired by many in the tech industry. All lessons and day structuring are innovative and outside of the box thinking - even UA food services has gotten involved - changing the menu for the mandatory in-school lunch. Please check the website www.upperarlingtonideaday.com and checkout the signup genius through UA PTO website - many volunteers are needed to help make this a success.

V. UA Centennial - Kristen Greenberg

Kristen shared she is a trustee with UA Historical Society. All residents received a Centennial booklet in the mail. March 20, 1918 is our birthday because we became a legal village. Private donations and city funds were collected to put on our celebrations. Largest celebration will be held on July 4th at 7pm at Northam Park. Other celebrations include historical walk, with plaques, photos and information, dedication of bronze bears, 1918 Beer served at several UA establishments on February 22nd, March 20th Centennial Celebration at the UA Public Library and several dates with trolley tours. What can community members do to support these efforts? Buy custom made Centennial t-shirts (samples at Municipal Services building), on the website UAOH100.org to buy shirts, join and donate!!

VII. PTO Business

- a. Website: uahspto.org - check it out!**
- b. Secrets of a UA High School Parent - February 20th 7pm Little Theater**
- c. November Meeting Minutes Approval** - Motion: Debbie Jerman. Second - Jenny DeCapua. All were in favor and minutes approved.
- d. CeleBEARty Wait Night** - Please consider buying tickets or donate money to support our only UAHS PTO annual fundraiser. CWN will be held on Sunday, March 5th 5-9 pm at Figlio. For more information please visit uahspto.org
- e. Budget**

Future PTO Meeting Dates: April 6th - 8:30 am Carsonie's

Meeting Adjourned