



UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

UAHS PTO

September 22, 2020

8:30 am

Attendance: Megan Potts, Ana Ly, Andrew Melaragno, Becca Peterson, Carol Allaire, Cathay Pultz, Christina Charles-Beery, Dalyn Johnson, Ashley Wilkins, Deb Larry, Kim Ayars, Kim Peterson, Kimberly Kinateder, Marti Underwood, Melissa Ford, Molly Brennan, Everett Bradley, Kelly Mitchell, Maura Bowen, Anna Liza Villena, Paul Imhoff, Andrew Theado

I. Welcome & Introductions – Megan Potts

II. Paul Imhoff - Superintendent

Paul Imhoff was invited to give a brief overview. He thanked the PTO for the \$75,000 donated to the Legacy Campaign and for the \$3500 donated to the Co-Vid fund, he appreciates all the work that we do. The new DEI position will be filled soon, he is excited about the process and has 3 finalists interviewing this week. There is a team of students and parents who are part of the process (equity team). He is anxious to get feedback from everyone in the process. There is also an Equity Advisory Board, there has been a lot of interest in it and he has a monthly meeting with them.

The first day of hybrid went great, thanks to everyone for following guidelines. UA has designed two different methods of schools: Online Academy and Hybrid pathways. They appreciate everyone's patience with the two methods of school, typically they would have a year of study, a year of piloting and then would have implemented an online program but instead, they had to do this in 4-6 weeks. Staff has been amazing in responding to the pandemic.

There is a new Medical Advisory Team with four experts, they give advice based on data, this is a pilot program yet, all final decisions rest with BOE. The dashboard went live which counts the number of Co-Vid cases. Dublin and Hilliard Schools are also involved. Different parts of the district may need to do different things based on local level data. We will keep everyone updated as things change and involve and everything is open for discussion.

Parent Question about differentiating different schools: Paul emphasized that different areas' data could target different outcomes per school.

Parent Question about how contact tracing will work: The Governor gave us an order of how to deal with positive cases (just at UA and Greensview now). We will notify families in building, then determine at the school level who has been in contact with

them and who should quarantine. Anyone closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes during the day, then that person should quarantine for 14 days. During hybrid, this should never happen because no one is ever closer than that. Public health team will work with each situation if there are contacts outside the school.

Parent question about how kids who need to quarantine will continue with their school work: They are still working through the details with the teachers, it will be based on individual plans considering each student. Some teachers are piloting Zooming in from home. Each case depends on what the needs of each student are, we are ramping up the plan, case by case. Collaboration between districts has been strong trying to figure this all out.

Dr. Imhoff asked parents to support teachers by sending a short email to them saying thank you, it means so much to the staff and would be a great pick me up for them. He is so proud of the staff including principals and administration staff. A message of support to them would also be so nice.

Dr. Imhoff dismissed himself so that he could head to the Public Health meeting for the week. Megan thanked him and asked him to keep us posted on how we can help. Paul then wanted to mention that the facilities are on schedule and on budget, there are video tours available online.

Also, Dr. Imhoff mentioned that they continue to work on the Litchford family cemetery. They are working with the family and with the BOE, decisions need to be driven by the wishes of the family. Workers found partial remains and one person who was still intact and it is up to the family to decide what to do with the remains in terms of ancient DNA testing, final resting place, permanent marker at the high school honoring history of Litchford family and naming something at the new high school honoring this history.

III. April 2020 Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the minutes from April 2020 was made by Melissa Ford, a second motion was made by Deb Larry and all in attendance were in favor of approving the minutes.

IV. PTO Business

- a. Committee Chair - openings: Cum Laude Banquet Chair--Still need volunteers for the Cum Laude banquet. Partner with the Education Foundation.
- b. OA Parent Connector - Maura Bowen--She appreciates the opportunity to make sure things are put through the online community lens. Appreciates the PTO leadership making this possible. Megan Potts said that we will always look to include all students through emails and all that we do. A parent suggested

hearing from a panel of UA Academy parents who may want to switch to the UA Academy (online) in January.

c. Mini-Grants - Deb Larr

- \$500 or less must be approved by PTO

- Start with Hello: modeled after Sandy Hook. Chalk messages for students as they arrive at school.

- Another mini grant was approved that will increase software for video equipment so that more events can have live coverage at sporting and other events so that those at home can watch loved ones from home.

- *Parent Question:* Does PTO provide PPE to teachers/staff? Megan Potts responded that because of the "Cares Act", teachers provide their own mask and nurses have shields, N95 masks, gowns and gloves.

- The PTO donated \$3500 to the Co-Vid Crisis Fund which helped support the lunch program and any money left over can go to PPE after the "Cares Act" fund is depleted.

- Megan Potts shared that the PTO purchased UA mask lanyards for the teachers and staff as a teacher appreciation item.

- A parent asked about if this could become a fundraiser or if parents can purchase the lanyards. This was a great suggestion that the PTO committee will look into.

- A parent asked if a mini-grant be used for a microphone or camera so that they can Zoom from their classroom to students at home. Megan Potts explained the mini grant application and approval process and that we have a budget of \$3500 total.

d. Thank you's

- Cathy Pultz - website, email Mail Chimp upload

- Stacey Zelina and Kate Lowe - Sign Up Genius for textbook pick up

- Melora Meyer and Leah Sneed - Staff Appreciation

e. Website: uahspto.org – check it out! Become a member today!

f. Facebook: Upper Arlington High School PTO

IV. Treasurer's Report and Approval - Melissa Ford and Everett Bradley

- Hope to have CeleBEARty Wait Night and Shred it Day as fundraisers.

MiniGrants have been approved, encouraging teachers to apply for them.

-Should stay on budget throughout this year and should still be able to be on target with legacy donation of \$25,000. If not there is some flexibility within the budget.

-Deb Larry made a motion to approve the 2020-21 budget and a second motion was made by Ana Ly, all in attendance approved the budget.

V. 9:15 Andrew Theado - Principal Update

Andrew Theodo thanked the PTO for all they have done to support the high school. He is fortunate at the high school level to have such a supportive PTO. "Start With Hello" with Art Takeover's mural shared some great messages, thanks for help from our Kickin' It crew to film live experiences.

Hybrid transition update: Overall it has gone really well. One challenge has been making sure that the students fit in the classrooms to fit 6 feet apart, still moving classrooms around to make best spaces possible. There are one way hallway transitions. Kids are asking for help and helping each other. Lunch has been challenging, very quiet. Hoping to find something creative and safe to get them moving and socializing. The other challenge is the home days, trying to figure out independent learning, Canvas and connecting with teachers. Some teachers are piloting Zooming students from home.

This situation has been challenging for teachers. Parents should try to keep kids on a schedule, work on a class at the same time as time as their regular schedule. *Parent question* about classes in the auditorium, they are in there for a long time and will there be music classes? Response was that they are still trying to figure out the best spaces for students and are still unsure about music classes.

In regards to Study Halls/Lunch: Seniors have open lunch, parents may fill a google form to sign a student out for lunch and study hall. Parents must go through the attendance process and then they can be gone for lunch and study hall. Study hall is counted as an absence (excused if form is filled out) but the school is ok with it, it doesn't affect anything. There is no harm in missing study hall. Students can end their day early if a study hall is not between classes, and must contact their counselor to do so. *Parent question* about when clubs are going to start: Response-depends on each club specifically, each club will decide when they are going to start.

Masquerade homecoming: Franklin County Health guidelines, for entertainment, social distancing, etc. This will be a student council fundraiser.

A parent thanked Mr. Theodo and he said that teachers would appreciate thank you notes and notes of appreciation from parents.

Please email the PTO with any questions and like us on Facebook.

9: 50 Adjourned

UPDATED DATES Future PTO Meeting Dates To be Held on Zoom until further notice:

October 27th – 8:30 am

December 1st – 8:30 am

February 2nd - 8:30 am

April 6th – 8:30 am

2020-2021 PTO Board

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