

Minutes from UDHS PTO Meeting dated May 21, 2009

Erin Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Dr. Rittenhouse spoke about the invitation to a Breakfast with Dr. Pladus, which was sent to all officers of the PTO's and PTA's in the school district. They hope this will become an annual event, and its location will rotate among the schools.

With the new high school coming, there is consideration being given to developing a new bell schedule. A subcommittee of the staff has been working under Dr. Rettik, a national leader in bell scheduling at the high school and middle school levels. Some of the things that a change in the bell schedule could accommodate include time for staff meetings during the day, the use of the Academic Learning Centers during the day, and time for groups such as the Link Crew and the members of the African American Mandatory Program to meet during the day. There are various ways in which the schedule could be changed, including rotating class times, a 6 day schedule, and adjusting the homeroom schedule. The idea of offering semester courses has also been presented, although there may be some controversy with the Administration over that idea.

Mary Gold presented the budget. \$1,500 is available for teacher gifts, and teacher requests were noted and all were approved. A request by SPEAK for a \$250.00 contribution was also approved.

The slate for 2009-2010 UDHS PTO Officers and Committees was presented. There is still a need for a second 9th grade liaison, a new head for the Korean Parent Association, and a second publicity person. The slate as presented was approved.

A \$100.00 donation was made to Cardinal Opportunities, a mentoring program for Upper Dublin High School students, in honor of the departing senior parents who have made substantial contributions to the work of the PTO. The parents include Jane Dobkin Krone, Michelle Smithman, Anne Marie Stockbower, Karen Bonatibus, Colleen Rosa and Alexis Limberakis, and special thanks are in order to Jennifer Kim and Marjorie Berlinghoff, who have given extraordinary contributions and time commitments to the PTO. Erin Taylor then presented Lita Weinstein and Mary Gold with geranium plants, in recognition of the work they have done in their positions as Officers, which they are stepping down from.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Marian Racette, Secretary.