

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2013**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:35pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Toni Popova
Mr. James Sowka
Ms. Marjory Oliva
Mr. Ross Crampton
Mr. Steve Dillinger
Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Ross Crampton

ATTENDEES

Blanca Benitez
Andrea Tolzmann
Arlana Bedard
Chelly Aguayo
Yana Oskin
David Oskin
Julie Horowitz-Jackson
Dan Litchfield

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 20th, 2013 Board Meeting by Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz and seconded by Ms. Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

Mr. Suckow reported that the Chromebook cart arrived today and Chromebooks are in use in the classroom. Dr. Bedard also used discretionary funds for an additional 25 Chromebooks. It was also noted that the Fun Run will be held on June 14th and the first Movie Night on April 27th. Bob Fox is making headway on obtaining trash cans for the exterior of the school.

• **TREASURER**

Mr. Sowka presented the P&L Statement and Balance sheet. The account has slight increase in the number of monthly recurring donations.

- **FUNDRAISING**

No update

Ms. Tolzmann Reported on Box Tops for Education

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

Ms. Popova presented a draft flyer for the Degerberg Martial Arts promotion. 100% of first \$69 session is donated directly to Pulaski. Dr. Bedard agreed to let FOP promote the event at the upcoming Family Fitness Night. Ms. Popova submitted an application for a Potbelly Night but has not heard back at this time.

Julie Horowitz-Jackson presented an opportunity to host a Mother's Day shopping event at her store, Virtu where she would donate 10% of all sales that day to FOP. The Board intends to vote next meeting once the details are firmed up.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Gibbons encouraged the attendees to post a positive experience at Pulaski on greatschools.org. It was also reported that FOP needs their own photo release so it was decided that staged photos would be best at this time.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

Ms. Harris noted we are looking for individuals to head up and run the PreK and K Roundups in May and Popsicle Playdates this Summer. Will also need help with Fall community events which include Arts Fest, Apple Pie Fest & NPN School Fair.

- **FACILITIES**

No report

- **TECHNOLOGY**

Mr. Dillinger noted that he completed a few lingering link issues on the website.

Mr. Dillinger resigned from his position but offered to assist as the Board searches for a replacement for the Technology Chair.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

We received four proposals on how to spend the \$5k Lowes Grant:

1. Outdoor Classroom – Sandy Dechant
2. Outdoor Classroom – Andrea Tolzmann
3. Landscaping – Steve Dillinger
4. Playground Equipment Repairs – Brandon Antoniewicz

Mr. Antoniewicz decided to remove his proposal from this grant money and will first work with Dr. Bedard to see if the playground equipment can be repaired by CPS.

After a lengthy open discussion from attendees, the consensus was that teachers and students want an outdoor space for learning; however, picnic tables may not be the best use of money.

A motion was made by Ms. Oliva to approve the \$5,000 Lowes Grant to be used for an outdoor classroom to be completed before the start of the 2013 school year. A committee will be formed with Mr. Antoniewicz and Andrea Tolzmann to talk to teachers and determine if tables are needed or if bench-type seating will work. The committee will present the new proposal at the next meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Harris and passed.

It was noted that the next meeting is on April 24th in the school library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9pm.