

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

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:40 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Scott Suckow  
Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz  
Mr. Bob Fox  
Ms. Debbie Gibbons  
Ms. Toni Popova  
Mr. James Sowka  
Ms. Laura Stein

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Ross Crampton

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2013 Board Meeting by Brandon Antoniewicz and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

- **PRESIDENT**

**LSC Update:** Scott Suckow was not able to attend, but obtained a report from the Chair. IB certification processes were discussed including a limited number of items that must be addressed before a site visit can be scheduled. Principal Bedard is already addressing. MYP program certification will immediately follow the PYP certification process.

Signing of the Fuel Up to Play 60 Memorandum of Understanding will take place on Dec 9 in the Pulaski auditorium. NFL, Department of Education and other organizations will be present. There is an effort to improve look of auditorium for this event.

Lindsay Barnes is working on the Lowes grant letter that will describe how the grant money was spent.

**Columbia College Sustainability Committee:** grant funding sunsets this year. Current operating budget is 150k. Currently there is a review being conducted to determine what/which program should stay and how to get them funded.

Some items can potentially be picked up by FOP. In other Columbia College school programs where funding has expired, they have yet to be successful in sustaining the program. This does not mean it cannot be done but there is no 'blue print' to follow.

Attendees briefly discussed Holstein Park 4-6pm program and YMCA programs and how these could serve the school.

**Friends of Summit:** this is a group of neighborhood schools. The idea is to share successes. According to these schools, the three biggest areas of fundraising are – walk-a-thon, pledge drive and a benefit/gala event with a silent auction. Drummond school is able to raise about 100k through the silent auctions.

Highest involvement even in Drummond is from parents of younger grades.

The group (Friends of Summit) will probably meet again early Feb, 2014.

**Gym Wall pads:** All pads installed except the few that need to be modified to accommodate light switches, thermostats, etc. Over a dozen FOP volunteers, many of them new, showed up to install in one night. Thanks to Gene Pierson for leading the effort. FOP is still looking to have a large Pulaski Sabers logo added to the wall.

- **TREASURER**

FOP applied and received tax-exempt status from Illinois which is good for 5 years.

October P&L – total income 46k YTD. If we can do \$1700 more we may reach 50k for the year.

October donations – 19 in total. Upward trend. Revenue from BCO sponsorship, tip jar (from Potbelly's dining event), decal sales and Nail Gallery gift vouchers.

- **FUNDRAISING**

**Small Cocktail Reception:** Effort continues. The next reception will be on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday hosted by the Antoniewicz family. Currently 22 guests are invited with the goal of growing our donation base and volunteer involvement.

Guest list is on Drop Box and can be added to Z2.

Aiming for late Jan for another reception hosted by the Gibbons family.

**Fall Appeal:** Letter is done and is being translated. Monday (11/25) is target to send out in back packs

**Parent Volunteer: Still active request** - Looking for another parent volunteer to work with Ross.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Z2 launched the fundraising module. FOP spent about \$1500 this year on the Fun Run fees and that can be saved going forward.

Newsletter – discuss school vs FOP letter or combine efforts. FOP is looking for a volunteer to do the newsletter.

- **TECHNOLOGY**

E-rate government initiative— should provide faster network but more tests and details are needed to confirm this.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

**Kiss & Go Volunteers** should complete the fingerprinting process to start volunteering, but do not need to wait until approval comes through. This is because it only involves limited contact with students in a supervised setting.

**Proper paperwork VERY helpful to get the rest of the fingerprinting now.**

**Education forum – 11/21 from 6-8pm; sign-up sheet**

- There is still a need for volunteers in the following areas: Kiss and Go
- Lunch and Recess (**parents now able to volunteer for your child's grade**)
- Library Assistance (Good, but could always use more)
- Office Assistance (Wednesday work is going strong)
- Teacher Treats (Booked up until 1<sup>st</sup> of the year I believe)

If there are upcoming events that need to be manned with volunteers, advise Bob Fox in advance.

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

**Potbelly dine out event** - \$386

**HomeMade dine out event-** \$322

**Carson Pirie Scott** - \$165

**Discussed Target Red Card:** balance comes on the credit card statements and is available for school use. FOP suggests to have a cause associated with the Target funds.

**Shop for Good event:** Dec 6-8; Shopping at local stores during this time period will generate donations for Pulaski school

**Cooking for a cause:** Red Door restaurant on Damen has a fundraising event that happens on one designated night; pick one person to represent the school and 50% from the sales of one special dish that night goes to the school/ done on Tuesdays only; They do logo placement on their menu; March is still open but May/June may be preferable.

**Madison and Rain:** potential for a dine-out fundraising option. One month/any order, 15% to the school. Chef prepared meal and delivered to people.

**Degerberg Academy fundraising:** in January possibly. LSC approval is needed. Last year this was promoted at the Fitness fair.

**Mike O Comedy show:** Feb or April event. \$25 per ticket. \$400 initial buy in. Joe's on Weed (location). Thursday night. May be able to promote together with other neighborhood school. Target the month of Feb.

- **FACILITIES**

**Trash/Recycling Receptacles:** We have one unit left available for advertising. Saber logo to be installed soon on the front panel. Maybe some student from design school can do some graphic design work.

**OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS**

- About \$2500 available for the athletic equipment through FOP. Ask Mr. Schram and Mr. Battin to create a wish list.
- Businesses that would like to advertise with the school – how does that work; CPS rules; businesses may need to provide something to the school (teacher treats, etc) in order to be able to utilize an advertising opportunity.
- Engaging new Pulaski Families – may be some additional events. Kindergarten families did not seem to be involved.
- Fuel Up cups – Mr. Schram looking for FOP to support this fundraising. This does not make a lot of sense for FOP, but we can help promote.

Next Meeting will be December 18, 2013 in the Pulaski library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:32 PM.