

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
July 24, 2013**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:45 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Mr. Ross Crampton
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Mr. James Sowka
Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz
Ms. Laura Stein

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Toni Popova

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2013 Board Meeting by James Sowka and seconded by Brandon Antoniewicz. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

- **PRESIDENT**

LSC Update: CPS Budget: Pulaski is in good shape and adding teaching positions. Main reason is we have a younger teaching staff and money is allocated per student. We didn't face any significant cuts. We are adding positions: 1st, 3rd and Mr. Schram moving up to full time. Open Parent Representative Position on LSC this fall.

Auditorium A/V: Dr. Bedard and new engineer are working on getting outlets. There is a backlog of CPS electrical work that needs to be done at the school, so the request for new outlets has not been taken care of yet. Outlets are only thing really holding us up right now. About a week to install once the electrical is complete.

Reached out to Ellen McNamara about whether student council wants to take some ownership and pay for part of A/V system. Also reached out to MissioDei to see if they might help.

Discussed needing to have a quick walk through with teachers and staff to get them up to speed on new equipment. Maybe we can print up a laminated card with simple instructions.

School Supplies Project: Results in about a 30% savings for families for the school supply bundle that needs to be purchased per grade. Scott has assembled a list of all supplies needed for all grades in the school and looked into bulk pricing from various stores. May be better idea to send out ideas next spring to get families to commit and have a price ready to give them for the kit. General feeling that many people have started supplies shopping already for this year and may be confusing to try to get people on board right now. Project deferred to next year.

New building Engineer: Kevin Joyce

Bumper Stickers: Have 30-40 of them with Pulaski logo on them.

Hey Neighbor Street Fest: Street fest that is highly neighborhood focused with activities for kids, some small stage entertainment, activities that promote the school. Pulaski, Red June, Virtu, MissioDei, Lazo Taco. The neighborhood wants FOP to be the legal entity running the fest. Concern that Fall is too soon, it has been pushed off to spring 2014. All profits benefit school.

Friends of Summit: Burr, Drummond, Pulaski, Pritzker, LaSalleII. Just information sharing meeting on 8/5.

- **TREASURER**

Fun Run deposit made today. Continue to do well. Over 30K in actual numbers to date for 2013. Over double 2012 numbers.

- **FUNDRAISING**

No report

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Mini Golf: \$8 per adult, \$6 per kid, \$1 per admission goes back to the school. 10 AM-8 PM Monday August 19th through Sunday August 25th. City Mini Golf full staffs, no work for the school. Debbie and Sarah brainstorming ideas for getting students and teachers involved. Also overlaps with the Bucktown Arts Fest. LaSalle just did City Mini Golf and raised over \$800 in the week.

Degerberg repeat: Danny from Degerberg asked if Pulaski would want to repeat the Karate fundraiser this year. Possibly in January when people are looking for things to do? Board agreed it makes sense to do it again.

- **TECHNOLOGY**

Position still open. Need someone ASAP to help and step up for position.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

New Families Open House (Friday, August 23, 2:00 - 3:30PM) - current PreK - 8 Pulaski families needed to show incoming PreK-8 families around the school (volunteers DO NOT need to be same grade level as the families they show around)

Bucktown Arts Fest - Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25, two hour slots between 11-5 each day

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

No report.

- **FACILITIES**

Outdoor Classroom: Brandon met with a landscaper to go through logistics of laying the actual stones. Hopeful that we will get quite a bit of supplies in donation and services to help with physical labor if we are willing to outlay some cash for a few workers. Landscaper suggested that trees on the grounds need to be cleaned up. Talked with another vendor that may be able to donate some tree cleanup services. Brandon meeting with landscaper again next Friday to walk through area at Pulaski. Outdoor Classroom will not be complete by the start of the school year. Landscaping company believes it can be completed in a weekend, however Brandon out of town for remainder of summer weekends. Looking at September start, completing by October 1.

Playground Equipment: Surface has been redone on about 60% of the PreK side. There are still about 4 things that need to be fixed. Engineer has been in touch with CPS. Parts are on order and should be wrapped up within a week or so.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

Norma Mendez says we are fabulous! Faculty and Staff has opportunity to nominate a Teacher of the Month and a Staff Member of the Month each month. Two parking spots, picture in school, Starbucks gift card (\$15) and framed certificate. Dr. Bedard has been maintaining this every month. Asked if FOP would be open to idea of sponsoring the gift card each month. Doesn't have to be Starbucks. Scott will talk to Dr. Bedard about FOP going forward sponsoring each month.

Popcorn machine: Air popper is not an option right now. Can move forward with buying machine.

Garbage Cans: Need to follow up with Bob Fox.

PE Equipment: PE teachers unresponsive this summer with information for the padding in the gym. Can happen when we get information from teachers. Hopefully at the start of the year.

Next Meeting will be August 21, 2013 at Color Wheel Studio.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.