

**Friends of Pulaski  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 21, 2013**

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:48 pm at Color Wheel Studio.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Scott Suckow  
Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz  
Ms. Sarah Harris  
Ms. Debbie Gibbons  
Ms. Toni Popova  
Mr. James Sowka

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Ross Crampton  
Ms. Laura Stein

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2013, Board Meeting by Brandon Antoniewicz and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

• **PRESIDENT**

**LSC Update**

Open parent representative position to be filled in September by the current LSC members.

**Auditorium A/V**

Installation of newly purchased equipment gifted to Pulaski by FOP to begin this week. The process will take approximately one week. The total cost will be approximately \$15,000. Pulaski Student Counsel may defray some of the cost.

**New building Engineer**

Kevin Joyce will be new engineer pending final approval by CPS. FOP worked with Kevin to paint the second floor last week. Kevin has also repaired most of the playground equipment and the front stairs.

## **Hey Neighbor**

There has been a change in leadership of MissionDei so this may not go forward. Target date would be late spring for community event with a door fee. Need chairperson if this is going to proceed.

## **Fall Festival**

Proposal was made by Scott Suckow to hold an October event centered around pumpkin sale to students with an onsite pumpkin patch where students could choose their pumpkin. Need parent volunteer to organize. Will discuss further in September.

## **Friends of Summit**

Scott Suckow and Debbie Gibbons organized and attended a “Friends of” meeting with representatives from Burr, Drummond, Pritzker. LaSalle II was invited but did not attend. Discussed issues regarding organization structure, fundraising, and promoting volunteerism. The other groups all raise between \$60K - \$100K annually and each organizes an annual gala. The top money raisers at the galas are silent auctions of vacations and art. The groups will attempt to meet on a quarterly basis going forward.

## **Other**

- Chicago Fire is filming at the school this week.
- Scott Suckow is continuing research with respect to purchasing a popcorn machine.
- Measurements for the new gym pads will be taken soon.
- Funding for the Columbia College program may not be renewed. FOP has been asked to nominate a board member to participate in a sustainability study to identify the critical aspects of the program and to research potential funding sources.
- Need to find a chair for the movie night initiative. Will place on September agenda.
- D.J. (Donald Jackson) is working a design for a Pulaski T-shirt. Design suggestions welcome.

- **TREASURER**

### **Present financials**

Fundraising remaining consistent. Presented final figures from the FunRun - the gross raise was \$17,302.05 in cash and \$18,114.46 including In-Kind donations. The net raise was \$14,911.80.

- **FUNDRAISING**

Scott Suckow presented on behalf of Ross Crampton, who will begin organizing monthly small cocktail receptions hosted by parents to promote volunteerism and giving amongst a small group of parents. Scott Suckow and Dr. Bedard are expected to attend. Ben and Laura Stein and Brandon and Jill Antoniewicz have offered to host events.

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

No report

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- **City Mini Golf**

- Event started on Monday, runs for a week, and has been well promoted. As of Wednesday, attendance increase significantly. There will be a teachers' event on Friday, August 23, 2013, where FOP will sponsor a refreshments table.

- **Decals/Stickers**

- FOP is selling decals and sticker for \$3.00 at the mini golf event and the Bucktown Arts Festival.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Need volunteers for various upcoming events, as well as, in-school positions.

- 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.

- NPN in October

- Bucktown Apple Pie Festival

- Pulaski Community Open House

- In-School Opportunities

- Kiss & Go

- Lunch & Recess

- Library Assistance

- Office Assistance

-Teacher Treats

- **FACILITIES**

- **Outdoor Classroom**

- Brandon Antoniewicz presented. Plans are available on Dropbox. Work will begin on Friday on install of boulders and landscaping and will be completed in phases. Christy Webber Landscapes will perform the work and is donating significant amounts of labor and materials. She has also arranged for the donation of labor from a tree trimming service to reduce and clean up the canopy. This requires three weeks' notice to schedule. No trees will be removed. In fact, plans include planting of additional trees, shrubs, and plants (which will be purchase from Loews whenever possible). Total costs projected at \$6,500 (\$5,000 to Christy Webber, \$1,000 for plants from Loews, and \$500 for tree trimming permits and taxes). May install snow fences to protect the newly planted trees and plants. Special thanks to the Outdoor Classroom Committee for all of their efforts in making this possible.

- **Trash receptacles**

- Have ordered 4. Will be green and yellow. Need sponsors for advertising - \$800 for two years. Bob Fox has promo materials. Penguin Foot Pottery has expressed interest in purchasing advertising.

- **TECHNOLOGY**

- No report

## **OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS**

- **-Barbershop fundraiser**

- This will be tabled for now and pursued in the future.

The Next meeting will take place on September 18, 2013, in the Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 pm.