

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
September 18, 2013**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:42 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Mr. Ross Crampton
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Mr. James Sowka
Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz
Ms. Toni Popova
Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Laura Stein

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

None

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2013 Board Meeting by Sarah Harris and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

LSC Update: Open Parent Representative Position has been filled.

Fall Initiatives and Other Needs:

- Pumpkin Sale
- Movie Nights: Monthly movies, organized by grades with older grades first. Student council will organize, FOP will sponsor. FOP volunteer would need to organize rights to show movies, concessions, etc. Popcorn machine funding has been approved, but machine has not yet been purchased.

Looking ahead to Spring:

- Spring Festival
- Fun Run

Volunteers are needed to lead these efforts. Please spread the word.

• **TREASURER**

Reviewed P&L Statement. Continue to add monthly donors. Well on our way to tripling numbers in 2013 over 2012.

- **FUNDRAISING**

Small Cocktail Receptions: Will be held in homes with 8-10 new people. Plan to convey the importance of supplementing the school. Ben and Laura Stein hosting the first one on September 30th. Scott Suckow and Dr. Bedard will be presenting.

Fall Appeal: Letter will be sent home in the next few weeks to all families.

Parent Volunteer: Looking for another parent volunteer to work with Ross.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Mini Golf: \$725 total raised.

Window Decals: \$3 – Debbie has them available.

T-Shirts: Discussed various tshirt designs and logos for school shirts. Sabre vs. weathered Chicago flag design.

Media Release Forms: Distributed school-wide today

Call for Spanish Translators: Need a couple of other Spanish translators so we do not always have to call on Norma or Leah to help.

Give with Target: Vote for Pulaski through Facebook. Can vote once a week, \$1 per vote.

Great Schools Site: Post reviews on www.greatschools.org

- **TECHNOLOGY**

Two new Parent Volunteers: Eric Arnquist, Anthony Nicholson

- **VOLUNTEERS**

Bucktown Arts Fest: We are not going to do this fest in the future.

NPN School Fair: Saturday, October 19th, need many parent volunteers. Fair runs from 10-2.

Pulaski Community Open House: Saturday October 26th, need parent volunteers to serve as tour guides, to welcome people, or just welcome people. 10-12.

Discussed whether doing door hangers, flyers, etc. in the neighborhood is still useful. It was pointed out that the realtor community should be made aware that this is the Pulaski school district (not Drummond). Also make flyers available at local feeder businesses such as Purple Monkey, Color Wheel, etc.

SignUp Genius: Signup Genius will now be used to sign up for various volunteer activities throughout the year.

- Kiss and Go
- Lunch and Recess
- Library Assistance
- Office Assistance
- Teacher Treats
- Special Events
- Special Projects

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

List of supporting businesses online

Food fundraisers:

- Potbelly, October 17th
- Noodles & Company
- Homemade Pizza Company, November 13th

Need to pick date and restaurant for first one.

- **FACILITIES**

Outdoor Classroom: Christy Webber Landscapes, Bartlett Tree Experts and Lowes Grant. Phase 1 is complete. Some additional funds are still available for additional planting. May hold off on planting until spring. Thanks to a favor from Christy Webber, Bartlett Tree Experts trimmed back a lot of the tree cover so that the outdoor classroom has a lot of light and also cleaned up the trees over the streets.

Auditorium & Gym A/V: Done!!! 16K total, student council contributed 2K.

Trash/Recycling Receptacles: Cans have been ordered and should arrive next week. We have received our first sponsor check from Penguin Foot Pottery, \$800 per can for 2 years. We have 4 cans and need installation help to mount to the cement.

School Handyman Projects: Anchoring trash cans, Paint steel posts around electrical vault, paint sign, seal coating and striping the parking lot, etc. May set up on Signup Genius.

Gym Wall Pads:

- \$4195 Pads + \$3510 Installation = \$7705 Total

- May need to find a handyman to work with Kevin to get installation done at a cheaper cost. However this opens problems with injury or mistakes in installation that we might not want to open ourselves up to.
- Debbie Gibbons made motion to approve spending the funds pending the exhaustion of other funding or help from CPS (a possible 2K), booth company, upholstery callout to Pulaski community within the month. Toni Popova seconded. Approved unanimously.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- WPB Chamber – Shop for Good
- **Saint Joseph’s Services Parent Programming:** Parent computer class at Pulaski. Helps with basic computer knowledge to be able to help or at least relate to student homework and work with their children. So far there are 17 students enrolled with 12 on the waiting list. Free to parents.
- **PwC Financial Literacy Program:** Parent development programming
- **Project Recognition Template:** Possible plaque or recognition for larger projects. Starting with the outdoor classroom – special thanks to Lowes, Christy Webber, Bartlett Tree Service.

Next Meeting will be October 16, 2013 in the Pulaski library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:35 PM.