

**Friends of Pulaski  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 16, 2013**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:38 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2013 Board Meeting by James Sowka and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

- **PRESIDENT**

**LSC Update:** Open Parent Representative position.

**Gym Mats Ordered:** Mats will be installed by Gene Pierson. Need volunteers to help.

**Organizational Changes:** Sarah Harris has resigned from the Volunteer Chair Board Position. We thank Sarah for her many years of contributions to FOP as a Board Member and look forward to her continued involvement as a supporter.

Ross Crampton nominated Bob Fox to fill the Volunteer Chair Board Position. Debbie Gibbons seconded the motion. There were no further nominations and Bob was approved unanimously.

Laura Stein (Secretary) and Toni Popova (Community Outreach) are swapping positions on the board.

**Lowes Grant:** Need to write a letter to Lowes explaining why we did not buy new doors for the school. We are eligible to apply again. Laura Stein will look into the application.

- **TREASURER**

Reviewed P&L Statement. Continue to add monthly donors. We have tripled what we did in 2012 to date. We need more recurring monthly donations.

- **FUNDRAISING**

**Small Cocktail Receptions:** Ben and Laura Stein held first reception on 9/30. Need a host for the next one. Reception went well. Laura was given a lot of positive feedback via email and discussion. Ross will help write a follow up letter to send to the guests at the reception to recap fundraising/monthly donations and volunteering.

**Fall Appeal:** Letter will be sent home in the next few weeks to all families. Should be sent out before Thanksgiving.

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

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

**DNA Info Article:** Wrote story on the Outdoor Classroom, NBC news 6 pm picked the story up.

**Newsletter:** Will resume the 1<sup>st</sup> week of each month. Must email Debbie by the end of the prior month if you have content you want included.

**Ehrler Park Message Board:** Debbie will update with timely information for Pulaski.

- **TECHNOLOGY**

No report

- **VOLUNTEERS**

**NPN School Fair:** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, need many parent volunteers. Fair runs from 10-2.

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

**In School Volunteers:** Signup Genius will now be used to sign up for various volunteer activities throughout the year. Volunteers will coordinate in-school activities with Norma.

- Kiss and Go (CPS approval of paperwork waived for now. Paperwork should have been turned in, awaiting approval)
- Lunch and Recess (Still no volunteering in your child's grade)-**UPDATE 10/14 -This is now allowed.**
- Library Assistance (Good)
- Office Assistance (Good b/c of Wednesday work)
- Teacher Treats (Booked up until 1<sup>st</sup> of the year I believe)

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

List of supporting businesses online

**Fundraisers:**

- Potbelly, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 PM, 25% of sales goes to Pulaski
- Homemade Pizza Company, November 13<sup>th</sup>
- Shop for Good: Organized by WPBCC, 12/6-8, 10% of sales when Pulaski is named in participating stores.

Scott is going to talk to LSC about getting a blanket authorization for dine outs so that we do not have to worry about voting approval every time before sending a flyer home.

Toni met with Luann Ray with Alternative Healthcare on North Ave. Willing to let the school use their venue for an event.

Chicago Association of Realtors: Do they mention Pulaski as the neighborhood school when selling houses? Need to put together a bullet point list of what we might want mentioned about the school.

- **FACILITIES**

**Trash/Recycling Receptacles:** We have two cans left available for advertising. All cans have been installed. Matthew Tolzmann could be approached for graphic design for a Pulaski panel on the trash cans as he did the original Saber.

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

**School Needs**

- Technology teachers up and running and looking to meet with FOP to help form a plan of what the school needs and what we can help with.
- Facility – need 180 light bulbs. LED expensive. This should be an easy and tangible item to raise money towards.

- Scott Suckow made a motion to assign money made from dine outs to purchasing athletic equipment. Toni Popova seconded and all approved. All dine out monies will go towards Athletics.
- Teacher of the Month – FOP discussed funding with small token of appreciation. Also look for idea on how to involve parents. Maybe a spot on website for parents to leave comments and praise for teachers.
- Need to form a plan with the school outline how money gets spent. Dr. Bedard is working on priorities for this school year. We need to assign a big ticket item as the Fun Run goal for this year. Technology? Smart Boards, projectors, etc?

**Toys for Tots** – The NCLB representatives asked FOP to consider using the 501(c)3 status to support the application for Toys for Tots. They are interested in having Pulaski students benefit from this program. James Sowka agreed to look over the bylaws to determine if this is something that we could participate in.

Next Meeting will be November 20, 2013 in the Pulaski library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:08 PM.