

**Friends of Pulaski  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 19, 2014**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:36 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Scott Suckow  
Ms. Debbie Gibbons  
Mr. James Sowka  
Mr. David Benson  
Ms. Laura Stein

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Bob Fox

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2014 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by James Sowka. The motion passed unanimously.

**DR BEDARD'S REPORT**

- Teachers very appreciative of new technology in the classrooms.
- Book Fair a success, \$4800 to Pulaski in new books.
- PYP Authorization visit – K-5 looks great, but they want PK trained and included in the PYP Authorization. Pulaski received the email today that within 4 weeks we will have the official letter with the PYP IB Authorization for PK-5.
- MYP Authorization visit will be sometime this spring. Two day visit with people from IB sites.
- E-Rate assessment will be next week or shortly thereafter.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

• **PRESIDENT**

- LSC
  - IB Update – Two people at the school that are dedicated to the IB coordination and organization.
  - Funded full time math coach (vacant)
  - Athletic Uniforms
  - PARCC Readiness
  - School boosting communication channels (twitter, Facebook, newsletter, calls, etc.)
- E-Rate Network Upgrade
  - Pulaski is in the next batch currently scheduled

- High Density wireless network
- More secure with second “guest” network
- Pulaski bandwidth has already gone from 10MB to 50 MB
- Met with group of teachers and administrators to talk about future needs
- Golden Apple Teacher Awards
  - Focusing on PreK-3
  - Nominations due 1/5/15, so far only 1 (Ms. Lacour)
- Roberto Clemente Visit – Scott and someone from LaSalle II met with the principal at Clemente. School has gone through a change of scope like Pulaski. New staff hired, money has come in, upgrades in the school, etc.

- **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Just over 64k in income for the year. At the close of October our cash balance is just under 22k. A bit more will go towards the technology upgrade expenses that haven’t cleared yet.
- Hoping to get to 75k by end of the year in donations.

- **OUTREACH**

- Recent
  - Chipotle, great success, raised \$1339
  - vFish warehouse sale, fair, raised \$213. A lot of effort went into the event with not a lot of outcome. Planning to steer away from these shopping events unless strong tie to neighborhood and school (ie Virtu, Vased Flowers, etc.)
- Upcoming
  - Madison and Rayne in January, \$20 from every \$50 order will be donated to Pulaski. Will ask if they do anything for gift cards.
- Potential
  - Shop for Good – not sure if it’s happening.
  - Math/Read-a-thon over winter break
  - Alternative Health, LLC. Luann Ray has a preK student at Pulaski.
    - She has proposed she would donate \$25 per Pulaski patient or student with a minimum contribution of \$250 up to \$1000. Hours convenient for teachers, 4-6 pm Tues/Thurs. CPS insurance plan has a \$20 copay for her services for acupuncture. Assuming massage is not covered.
    - Market this towards teachers, mention in the newsletter as open to parents as well.
  - Future Dine Outs?
    - Pizza – David has reached out to Dimo’s but has not gotten an answer on % donated, details, etc.

- Menchie's Frozen Yogurt – In Riverpoint center, near Old Navy and Jewel. 10-15% maybe.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Final push for matching campaign
  - Deadline 11/23
  - \$4,000 goal
  - \$3,288 as of 11/18
- School playing a stronger role in promoting FOP events this year via robo calls, website, emails, etc.

- **TRANSFORM THE TRANSFORMER+**

- Joshua Simanskey prepared drawings
  - Entire middle playground (transformer, trees, eastern edge)
- David Benson is the project lead
- Now have detailed drawings before CPS facilities for approval

- **MODULAR BUILDING TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**

- Chromebooks now in use (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- iPads currently being configured using CPS utility. CPS has lifted the block on updates.
- Document Cameras now in use (all)
- Finalizing equipment for Special Education Classroom. Estimate of 1k for this.
- Under budget (~6k), spent 44k
- Roughly \$3,700/classroom

- **GALA**

- February 21, 2015
- Mardi Gras theme
- Save the Date ready to go out
- Initial catering proposal received
- FOP will allocate money for art projects. Auction team will come up with a sample classroom budget and a per classroom amount will be decided at December meeting.
- Setting up Sign-Up Genius for committees
  - Donations
  - Decorations
  - Teacher art projects
  - Teacher experiences

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Successful Book Fair, raised 8k, school got \$4800. Looking to do another book fair in the spring on report card pickup day, possibly with a different company. Stick with Scholastic for the fall fair.
- Kiss and Go needs new recruits. We have 2 for each day, but would like 3. Some days do have 3 signups.
- Library Assistance sign up is active with many open slots, please sign up.
- Cafeteria is short staffed, asking for volunteers to help prep breakfast each morning because CPS is not sending a temporary employee while there is someone out on leave. Need volunteers from 9:15-9:45 this morning.
- Volunteer Subcommittees working on Office, Lunch/Recess, and Teacher Supply Requests in conjunction with Carla Vaca.
- Need parents with younger kids to reach out to new parents to fill these volunteer activities. Will also rely on them for bigger upcoming pushes like the Gala and Fun Run.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Athletics uniforms
  - Currently only have t-shirts
  - 6 team sports with an average of 18 players each
  - \$4-9k to buy complete sets of uniforms (varies on quality)
  - Form a committee to come up with a recommendation on how to proceed – seek sponsorship (BCO, Nike Running, etc), set up through FOP. Discuss a plan at the December meeting. Maribel will talk to Mr. Battin and Schram and Brandon A. about committee and making some decisions.
- Technology Upgrade – Round 2
  - Biggest need is now 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade (7 classrooms)
    - 6 Chromebooks each ~9k
    - Document Cameras ~2.5k
    - LED Displays ~7k
  - Document cameras for rest of school ~6.5k
  - Smart Boards
  - Scott Suckow made a motion to allocate up to 18k on 7 sets of 6 Chromebooks for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and then document cameras for any classroom that does not have a current/new document camera. Debbie Gibbons seconded the motion.
- Blacktop
- Auditorium Lighting

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

- Mom's Saber Social on 12/11 at The Charleston (Ugly Sweater)
- Next meeting December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.