

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
December 17, 2014**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:40 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

None

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2014 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by James Sowka. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

- LSC
 - IB PYP Authorization
 - 1+ School Rating Policy (SQRP) Rating
 - Funded full time math coach (refilled by Ms. Coughlan)
 - Athletic Uniforms – Mr. Schram, Maribel Lugo, Brandon forming committee to come up with a policy, design, etc.
 - Snow Plan – School is more prepared this year and has a plan in place as well as equipment to deal with the snow.
 - PARCC Readiness

- E-Rate Network Upgrade Assessment Concluded
- New Area Facility Manager – Will delay approval of Transformer project
- 42 Chromebooks purchased for 3rd and 4th grade classrooms (6 per classroom)
- Fall Match
 - \$5300 in donations against a \$4k match
- Golden Apple Teacher Awards
 - Focusing on PreK-3
 - Nominations due 1/5/15, 5 confirmed (Ms. Lacour, Ms. Skoda, Ms. Needleman, Ms. Harris, Ms. Wayland)

- **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Right around 72k in income for the year. Took in \$7673.64 for the month of November. At the close of November our cash balance is just under 22k. A bit more will go towards the technology upgrade expenses that haven't cleared yet.
- Should be close to 80k by end of the year in donations.

- **OUTREACH**

- Recent
 - Mom's Saber Social – ugly sweater, good turnout, lots of fun.
- Upcoming
 - Madison and Rayne in January, \$20 from every \$50 order will be donated to Pulaski. Includes gift cards.
- Potential
 - Shop for Good - we aren't sure if it happened this year?
 - Math/Read-a-thon over spring 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?
 - Dimo's? Las Asadas? Piece? Looking for a February date and an April date.
 - Menchie's Frozen Yogurt – In Riverpoint center, near Old Navy and Jewel. 10-15% maybe.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- K-2 Paperless initiative for communications home
 - Will include message to sign up for FOP newsletter and Facebook
- Teachers/Staff more supportive
- PR outreach to DNAinfo – interview with Alissa Hauser. Pulaski is one of six PYP certified schools. Shared stats and recent successes.

- **GALA**

- February 21, 2015
- Mardi Gras theme
- Save the Date sent
- Working on Website
- Auction
 - Wonderful response from teachers for student art and teacher experience ideas
 - Student art projects lead by parents will be completed in January once standardized testing dates are known.
 - Looking for \$40 stipend per project. Scott Suckow made a motion to approve \$500 to go towards art projects. Debbie Gibbons seconded. Motion approved.
- Nick's Fishmarket Grill Catering contract pending approval. James Sowka made a motion to approve the contract. Bob Fox seconded the motion. Motion approved. Scott Suckow abstained from voting.
- Sign-Up Genius setup for committees
 - Donations
 - Decorations
 - Teacher art projects and experiences
 - Ticket Sales
 - Setup/Teardown

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- 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.
- Breakfast volunteers – successfully filled most of 6 weeks of absence. Cafeteria workers are very appreciative.
- 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.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- Fun Run 2015
 - Date – June 3rd or 4th? May 28th? Scott is going to try to find out if/when the field day is scheduled.
 - Purpose – Discussed combining the field day with the Fun Run. Was discussed at Fun Run meeting and committee felt teachers may not be in favor of that. Talked about how to include everything.
 - Goal
- Scott Suckow made a motion to approve the Directors & Offices and Liability insurance at the same levels as last year. James Sowka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Next meeting January 21st in the Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:07 PM.