

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2014**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:39 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Mr. James Sowka
Ms. Laura Stein
Mr. Bob Fox (arrived late)
Mr. David Benson (arrived late)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2014 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by James Sowka. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

- Before/After School programming
 - J at School was chosen for after school programming. This is the JCC program. Childcare and enrichment programming.
- Pulaski Staff Changes
 - New Volunteer Coordinator – Carla Vaca
 - End of year test results - Will be shared soon. Initial results are back and results show marked improvement.
- Great Schools Ranking – Pulaski moved from a 6 to an 8. Moves us from yellow to green in the visual ranking.
- Bucktown Arts Fest Parking – Scott is going to man the lot and charge \$20 for the weekend. No in and out. Trailers taking multiple spots will pay more.
- Website Issues – FOP issues infected with some level of a virus. Anthony Nicholson going to try to help clear it up. No security concerns at all, just ads that are appearing unwanted.
- Cat and Mouse Games donated \$1,000 in educational toys and puzzles
- Leep Forward (Lorell Marin) providing teacher training next week – “Understanding Sensory Processing in Order to Support Attention and Learning”

• **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Over 53K for the calendar year to date. All fun run expenses and money has now been recorded. Closer to 54k as of today.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Working on a plan for information packets and requests for the start of the year

- **OUTREACH**

- Back to School Block Party
 - August 24th 12-3pm, asking voluntary \$5 donation per family.
 - 5411 Empanadas, Dimo's Pizza, ice cream truck and GBD Bakery
 - Popcorn and lemonade for sale
 - Dunk Tank and Mini Golf, hula hoops, bubbles, chalk, bean bag toss, face painting, yo-yo university, Easel Art will have an art table, and hopefully Bucktown Music will bring an instrument petting zoo.
 - Tshirt sales
- Potential
 - Saber Socials
 - Ongoing events throughout the year
 - David put together ideas for monthly fundraisers or activities. Planning a Fall Match campaign, hopefully in October and again in February. Math-a-thon, Read-a-thon, spell-a-thon, squares for superbowl, etc.
 - Dine Outs – potential options are Panera, Chipotle, Dimos, Club Lucky (?), Potbelly, Meatheads.

- **FUNDRAISING**

- Shopping to benefit Pulaski: Sign up for Amazon Smile, 0.5% to Friends of Pulaski. Target Red Card does 1% to Pulaski

- **Transform the transformer+**

- Joshua Simansky preparing drawings
 - Entire middle playground (transformer, trees, eastern edge)
- Home Depot grant to be applied for to expand scope of the project hopefully to 10k.
- David Benson will be the project lead
- Deadline extended to September 15th

- **Tentative Technology Plan (\$50K)**

- 5-6 student devices per classroom (12-13)
 - K and 1st – ipads and Otterbox Defender cases
 - 2nd – Chromebooks
- 60" LCD Screen (mounted close to ceiling) – cheaper than projectors over the long run due to less maintenance. Also have speakers
- Document Camera

- Chromecast (wireless video)
- Vertical organizer for charging/secure storage in drawer
- ~\$4k per classroom including cabling and installation.
- Tomorrow (Aug. 21st) a sample classroom will be set up so that teachers will be able to see it Monday and see what works and what doesn't work.
- Can have everything done by the start of school however there will likely be a huge drop in cost of ipads in September so if everyone at school is in agreement it likely makes more sense to wait a few weeks and be able to buy more.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Have recruited Volunteer Chairs to help with:
 - Teacher Supply Requests – Christie Caceres
 - School Office Assistance –Joy Pugh
 - Lunch/Recess – Delmi Alvarado and Michelle Sherman
- Back to School Block Party - August 24th
 - Just one spot left to fill
- Teacher Treats filling up
- Kiss and Go needs new recruits

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- Branding – do we want to find a way to do some sort of FOP branding on all of the new technology equipment (a sticker or something)?
- Next meeting September 17th in the Pulaski Library

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:25 PM.