

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
September 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
Ms. Laura Stein

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Bob Fox
Mr. David Benson

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2014 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by James Sowka. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

- LSC Update: Meetings are underway. Starting to see end of year progress from last year. All looks good and is very preliminary.
- Website Issues – FOP issues infected with some level of a virus. No security concerns at all, just ads that are appearing unwanted. Laura will get Ben to take a look.
- BCO T-shirt donation – will be given to parents who fill out volunteer and background check paperwork. First come, first served.
- Technology Upgrades –
 - LCD screens are in all classrooms in modular building. Document cameras have been ordered, not yet arrived. Chrome books are being ordered tomorrow. iPad minis will be ordered at the end of the month when they hopefully become cheaper.
 - To clarify how the FOP money was spent, FOP funds were spent on modular building upgrades while the school spent the money they had on upgrades to the main building computer labs.
 - Overall very positive feedback from teachers.
 - Should have around 5k leftover with the price drop in the iPad minis. Will determine how that money is spent at a future time.
- BCO Education Forum 9/24 from 5:30-8 at Burr Elementary

- **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Over 58K for the calendar year to date in total income. We've spent around 16k so far for technology upgrade. Currently have just over 35k in the bank. Going down due to technology purchases.
- Stable monthly recurring donations, a couple of birthday donations this month. Block party funds were deposited in September and will be reflected next month.

- **OUTREACH**

- **Current**

- Mom's Saber Social, 9/25 at 7 pm at Red and White Wines
- Wicker Park Farmer's Market, 9/21 from 9-2. Pulaski will have a position at the WPBCC Community Table.
- NPN Preschool & Elementary Fair – 10/18 from 10-2 pm. Julie Benson will be there representing Pulaski from 10-12. Need some other volunteers to help her out. Preferably one other person from 10-12 and then two volunteers from 12-2 to represent Pulaski, hand out flyers, and answer questions.

- **Potential**

- Chili Cookoff 10/11, 6-9 pm, at Floyd's. Couple's edition of the Saber Social. Looking for 15 entrants to sign up. Hoping to have three judges, including a local fireman and hopefully a Pulaski staff member. There will be a small entry fee, a small tasting fee and the top three winners will receive prizes. First place, local establishments gift certificate. Second place, case of beer. Third place, Pulaski tshirt. Will discuss having no entrant fee for chili donations.
- Dad's Saber Social, November at Jack and Ginger's
- vFish Warehouse Sale – local designer that services over 400 retail boutiques in the country. They hold frequent warehouse sales at 2719 N. Ashland. Merchandise is marked down up to 80%, price point around \$10-40 for clothing items. They will donate 20% of sales back to the school. Does not have to be Pulaski shoppers. Every sale counts. Can do an all-day event or do an evening event with wine and small bites. Hoping to pick a day in November.
- Ongoing events throughout the year
- Dine Outs – Will do Madison and Rayne again in January.

- **Back to School Block Party**

- \$985 in ticket sales and admission donations
- Expenses under \$700
- Over 100 tshirts sold
- Great feedback from vendors

- Thoughts for next year – pick a date in the spring so it can be on the calendar before school is out, forego tickets for simplicity, sell water along with lemonade, charge businesses for a table unless they are providing an activity.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Spike in Likes on Facebook after including it in the eBlasts.
- Communications to include calls to sign up for newsletter and like on Facebook.

- **FUNDRAISING**

- Home Depot grant has been submitted. Could take up to six weeks to hear. David said he'd be the project lead on the project. David has been put in touch with Joshua Simansky to get some preliminary work out of the way so that if we get the Home Depot grant we will be ready to get started right away.
- Fall Ask letter went out this morning to all students. Discussed a way to motivate kids to motivate their parents to sign up for recurring donations. Class competition possibly for the most signups? Not most dollar amount, but the most actual signups for recurring donations.
- 2014-15 School calendar in progress
- October Matching Campaign – looking for benefactors, looking at creative ways to frame the campaign with ideas such as matching a recurring donation for the first three months, etc.
- Very early talk about Fun Run. Laura talked to Lisa Aggarwal from Drummond about their Walk a thon. They divide up PK-3 and 4-8 for the day of the walk a thon. Will think about doing that next year. Also talk to Ms. Manglesdorf about combining Fun Run and Field Day possibly? Have a school goal to reach, to add fun activities such as the Dunk Tank possibly.

- **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
 - Library – waiting on Ms. Magness to let us know when and what she needs help with.
- Teacher Treats has a few open spots left.
- Kiss and Go needs new recruits. We have 2 for each day, but would like 3. Some days do have 3 signups.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- Discussed what the October Match money may be used for. Might be a good time this year to save a chunk of money raised in case of a CPS funding shortage next year. School will also continue to need technology upgrades.
- Next meeting October 15th in the Pulaski Library

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.