

**Friends of Pulaski  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 21, 2015**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:34 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 December 17, 2014 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by James Sowka. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

• **PRESIDENT**

- IB MYP Authorization visit 3/30-31
- Teacher excitement building for Mardi Gras Party
- PARCC being skipped by CPS
- E-Rate Network – Scheduled for over summer
- “Friends of” Summit scheduled for 1/26
- Chromebooks will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms by next week.

• **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Right around 78k in income for the year.
- Donations at 78K in 2014, up from 50K in 2013.
- Fundraising Efficiency – 83.8% efficient in 2014, down slightly from 87.3% in 2013. However the areas that affect this number are items such as block party and tshirt expenses that are community building break even type line items.

• **OUTREACH**

- Current

- Madison and Rayne in January, \$20 from every \$50 order will be donated to Pulaski. Includes gift cards. \$320 so far.
- Upcoming
  - Dad's Saber Social 1/29, Jack and Ginger's, 7:30 PM. Bring a bottle of wine to donate to the Instant Wine Cellar auction item.
  - Potbelly on Damen 2/5, 25% of in store and delivery will be donated back to Pulaski.
  - Degerberg Martial Arts – Around Family Fitness Night (4/30)
  - Valentine's Day at Vased Flowers – 10% of all sales donated to Pulaski
- Potential
  - Kickball or Basketball Tournament or Exhibition Game
  - Have a potential contact to help with movie night next year. The woman who runs it at Holstein will hopefully be a Pulaski family next year.
  - 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**

- Gala specific communications in addition to ongoing regular communications
- Successful publication of article on IB Certification in DNAinfo.

- **GALA**

- February 21, 2015
- Invitation sent home last week
- Website including registration done
- Auction
  - Donations coming in
  - Student art projects to commence soon. A number of them have been planned and we are waiting on scheduling from Dr. Bedard.
- Catering contract set.
- Sign-Up Genius setup for committees
  - Donations
  - Decorations
  - Teacher art projects and experiences
  - Ticket Sales
  - Setup/Teardown
- Need more sports tickets!

- **FUN RUN**

- Date: May 27th/28th or 28th/29th (primary/rain)
- Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
- Planning Sponsorships, T-shirts, etc.
- Considering Run vs. Obstacle format
- Gathering teacher feedback and deciding on whether or not a pep rally will work this year. Also will think about the schedule for the day. Teacher feedback to date says that the day of the event is too rushed and they would like their classes to have more time to participate in the event.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Pulaski Party with a Purpose
  - Committee Volunteers still needed.  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4a928a4f58-saber>
- Kiss and Go needs new recruits. We have 2 for each day, but would like 3. Some days do have 3 signups.
- Teacher Treats needs more volunteers for this semester.  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4a928a4f58-teacher>
- Need parents w/ 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**

- Uniforms – Progress to date has been very slow. First sports team that would use is in April so still have some time.
- Dad's Saber Social 1/29 at Jack and Ginger's, 7:30 PM
- Next meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.