

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting September 16, 2015

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:38pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Laura Stein
Mr. Scott Suckow
Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Michelle Maher
Mr. David Benson
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Ms. Ianna Kachoris Ori

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Bob Fox
Mr. James Sowka

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2015 Board Meeting by Ianna Kachoris Ori and seconded by Scott Suckow. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ LSC UPDATES

- Enrollment currently at 918: 814 K-8; 104 PreK
- Both Resource Coordinator positions have been filled
 - Ms. Bridget Brosnan and Ms. Cruz Berrios
- New school wide homework policy is being distributed Thursday
- Communication Committee – working on platform for parents and teachers to communicate. Classroom Messenger will be used.
- Upcoming Principal Evaluation
 - Both single year and cumulative (3+ years) as Dr. Bedard's contract is up at the end of this year.

➤ TREASURER

- Reviewed current financials. Total income \$49,250.65 and total expenses about \$20,216.51 for the year.

➤ VOLUNTEERS

- Kiss and Go – Full roster of Volunteers each day for the first time ever at the start of school! 3 each day!
- Teacher Treats still has slots available later in the year.

- Fun Run – Need many Volunteer Slots filled. Signup is posted on FOP website and on FOP Facebook page.

➤ **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Oscar Valencia – Assisting with graphic design/print media
- Stephanie Harte – Assisting with website and formatting on e-communications
- BCO Education Forum
 - Monday October 5th at Drummond, 5:45-8 pm
 - Leah Gray, Julie Benson and Sarah Harris will represent Pulaski

➤ **FUNDRAISING**

- Recent
 - Jack and Ginger's: \$205.25
- Upcoming
 - UrbanSitter partnership
 - US will extend a \$50 offer to families as well as \$20 to the school. This promotion will run through 10/31.
 - Will promote this alongside the Chili Cookoff.
- Potential
 - Future Dine Outs: working on Chipotle for report card pickup day, 11/18
 - BucketFeet Bucktown Studio partnership
 - Michael Saint-Aubin is reaching out to teachers to see if they can get student artwork from Pulaski hung in their gallery. If so, they'd like to have an October shopping event.
 - Michael suggested a "design your own shoes" event for the gala.

➤ **OUTREACH**

- Recent
 - Back to School Block Party
 - Success despite the rain! Positive feedback from attendees and Dr. Bedard.
 - A big thanks to Michelle Sherman for chairing the party this year.
- Upcoming
 - Fun Run October 8th
 - Chili Cookoff October 24th at Floyd's
 - 10 entrants, \$10 each, \$10 for tastings
 - Gala team meeting soon to work on a date and location for 2nd annual Party with a Purpose! A venue is needed.

➤ **FUN RUN**

- Date: October 8th

- Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
- Updates
 - Already at 33% of our goal - \$8,271 raised as of today, \$5800 in sponsorships.
 - Fun Run t-shirt sales are underway. Selling 3 days a week before and after school in various locations.
 - Thanks to Oscar Valencia for designing the new Fun Run poster hung around school!
 - Banners are hung on McLean and Leavitt. Yard signs being printed.
 - Pledge Packets were sent home with students on Monday.
 - Stephanie Harte redesigned website to make it more user friendly and visually appealing. Eric Arnquist helped update some of the code and get the progress meter working again. Thanks to Stephanie and Eric for all their help!
 - <http://www.friendsofpulaski.org/funrun>
 - Information and updates are posted on FOP website and Facebook page.
 - Debbie is making progress with Fun Run snacks. Julie Valentin is assisting and will take over next year.
 - Still have many volunteer slots available.

➤ **PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT**

- Plan for technology spending
 - Met with Dr. Bedard and Mr. W to start forming a plan for technology purchases.
 - Assessing the needs and wants of teachers and looking at a variety of options including chrome books, smart boards, etc.
 - CPS ITS has new requirements for ordering new equipment that will be on the network.
- Ordering document cameras for the teachers in the main building
 - These do not need to connect to the network and therefore don't fall under the same purchasing restrictions.

➤ **TEACHER LIAISON**

- Provided donuts and a brief talk during staff/faculty meetings before the start of school.

➤ **TRANSFORM THE TRANSFORMER+**

- Waiting on materials to arrive at Lowe's to build third bench.
- Discussion with Christy Webber on extending pavers and other work.
 - Could add more sitting stones to outdoor classroom.
 - Could extend pavers from kitchen community garden along the side of the main building.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

- Trash Can Sponsorship – start working on this again
- Additional custom banners for the school: Golden Apple

➤ **OPEN MEETING TOPICS**

- Next Meeting October 14th, Pulaski library. This is a week early due to the LSC meeting being pushed a week for the Columbus Day holiday.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:49 PM.

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