

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting December 16, 2015

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:35 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Laura Stein
Mr. Scott Suckow
Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Mr. James Sowka

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Bob Fox
Ms. Michelle Maher
Mr. David Benson

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2015 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by Sarah Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

- **PRINCIPAL UPDATES**
 - No updates – still waiting on the budget
- **LSC UPDATES**
 - Diverse Learners
 - The school does not have enough resources to provide the state mandated minutes.
 - Funding should come from central office, not the school's budget.
 - Many schools are facing this problem and trying to determine what to do.
 - Cumulative Principal Evaluation will ramp up soon
 - A letter to parents and staff will be sent out asking for feedback to be used in the LSC's formal evaluation.
- **TREASURER**
 - Total income just over \$87k.

- PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT
 - PreK
 - Three digital cameras and one printer have been purchased for PreK in lieu of the document cameras that other teachers received.
 - All in with discounts, under \$350.
 - PE
 - About \$1500 in athletic equipment (Steps and Kettlebells) have been purchased and delivered for PE.
 - Continuing to price watch on some other PE equipment items.
 - Looking into what needs to go into mounting the Pull Up bars.
 - Cleaning of the gym will follow that.
 - Art
 - Online shopping cart is built to purchase ~\$575 in art supplies in lieu of the document camera. Waiting for tax exempt status to be attached to our account to place the order.
 - Music
 - Still waiting to hear what Music would like/need in lieu of document camera.
 - Branding of FOP Items
 - Mr. W's and design students developing a "plaque" to put on equipment purchased with FOP funds
- VOLUNTEERS
 - Library assistance needed – shelving books – security clearance NOT required for Library volunteers
 - Kids ID program Jan 11-12th, 9AM-3PM. 2 hour shifts, 2 volunteers per shift (6 per day)
 - Teacher Treats Still has slots available later in the year
 - Lunch/Recess volunteers needed – contact Michelle Sherman if interested; michellemcclung@hotmail.com
 - Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities – bob@friendsofpulaski.org
- COMMUNICATIONS
 - Match Campaign HUGE SUCCESS!!
 - Ran November 30th – Dec. 11th
 - Total: **\$6483**
 - Total with match: **\$10,483**
 - Used Facebook sponsored ad for the first time. Worthwhile as a final push.
 - Website Enhancements underway
 - FOP and school websites being updated; hoping for a February rollout of both
 - Stephanie Harte's husband, Danny Higgins, is now assisting too.

- FOP Picture day was 12/14, 13 classrooms signed up to participate. Got a lot of pictures taken, need to go back to catch more of the older kids (scheduling with upper grades switching classes is tricky).
 - Eblasts now in English/Spanish. Thank you Mrs. Zuniga!
 - FOP e-blasts will now go out via Class Messenger (in addition to FOP mailing list) so all school families signed up for Class Messenger will receive the updates
- FUNDRAISING
 - Past
 - Chipotle - \$1369.67
 - BucketFeet Bucktown Studio - \$201.50
 - Current
 - UrbanSitter partnership: US will donate \$20 to the school when new families sign up and book an interview or sitter.
 - Fresh Market (Western Ave) will sponsor a fourth trash can outside of school
 - Future
 - Hope to do Chipotle 3-4 times per year going forward
- OUTREACH
 - Upcoming
 - Mom's Ugly Sweater Holiday Saber Social
 - Thursday 12/17 (tomorrow!), 7:30 PM at the Charleston
 - Party with a Purpose 2016 – Saturday February 20, 2016 at Nick's Fishmarket
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 - Committee: Leah Gray, Kate Barthel, Natalie Fox, Bridget Brosnan, Laura Stein
 - Saturday February 20, 2016 at Nick's Fishmarket, 7:30-11PM
 - Party with a Purpose website is live: <http://www.friendsofpulaski.org/party-with-a-purpose/>
 - Ticket Sales are live – link to Silent Auction Pro from the Party with a Purpose website. Ticket prices are \$65 through 1/15/16. Starting 1/16/16 ticket price goes up to \$75
 - Committee will brainstorm/discuss additional ticket ideas at next committee meeting (raffle, day of event volunteer, etc.)
 - Working on corporate sponsors and auction item donations.
 - Many teachers have already signed up for classroom art projects!
- TEACHER LIAISON
 - 13 teachers volunteered to have their students photographed for the FOP website. Consent forms were sent home to parents prior to photo shoot.
 - 15 teachers have volunteered to have their students create art projects for the silent auction.
 - Initial request for silent auction teacher experiences sent this week, follow up after break.

- Ms. Rosado and Ms. Coughlan are encouraging teachers and parents to attend FOP meetings to be better informed about and more involved in FOP activities.
- Sarah Harris and Ms. Chagoya, teacher liaison to the Bilingual Gifted Committee, are working together to connect parents to build community and joint support for the school
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Sra. Hernandez will present on the benefits and beauties of a bi-literate and bi-lingual school at the January meeting
- **Open Meeting Topics**
 - Next Meeting January 20th, Pulaski library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.