

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2015**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:40 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Mr. James Sowka
Ms. Laura Stein
Mr. David Benson
Mr. Bob Fox
Ms. Debbie Gibbons

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2015 Board Meeting by James Sowka and seconded by Bob Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Bedard spoke to the group:
 - MYP Authorization visit happened recently. Very complimentary of the staff, students and parents all being on one page with each other and demonstrating commitment and plan of action for the school. They also helped identify next steps for the school with some IB changes.
 - Spelling bee was wonderful – 4th grader Simon Tolzmann was overall winner.
 - School Play recently was great – thanks to Ms. Henry.
 - Pickup Patrol has been active on Mondays.
 - Two of our teachers are recipients of Fun for Teaching Awards. Mr. Lipnick is going to Spain to develop a research project this summer. Ms. Magness is heading to Iceland and other countries in Northern Europe to work on a Fairytale and Folktale project.
 - Ms. LaCour is a Golden Apple Award finalist. Parent and students were interviewed and had wonderful things to say about Ms. LaCour.
 - My Voice My School Survey, Communications Survey and Parent Portal signup at Parent Conferences tomorrow.
 - Attendance Incentives – For any student with zero absences or tardies for April, May and June will be eligible for a raffle for an iPad Mini or something equivalent. The top attendance homeroom will receive an extra Dance or Recess period.

- LSC

- Principal Review process underway
- No CPS budget for next year as of now
- Fun Run move well received
- Overall perception of FOP is very positive
- Facilities
 - New benches from Pulaski Design Class
 - Stair Walls repaired
 - Front steps being rebuilt over the summer
 - Air Conditioning installed over the summer
- Determining potential projects for current FOP funds
- CPS My Voice My School Parent Survey is available now.

- **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Just under \$4500 this month. Total income for the year is close to \$52,000 however that includes the in-kind donation of auction items as well as the money collected for the auction items.
- As of now the balance sheet total is just over \$40,000.

- **OUTREACH**

- Current
 - Degerberg Martial Arts – Flyers will go home Friday with students. Straight \$69 donation to the school for 6 weeks of karate lessons.
- Upcoming
 - The Boundary – April 22nd 4-7 PM, 15% of all sales.
 - Back to School Block Party August 29th/30th?
 - Fun Run October 7th/8th?
 - Alternative Health Group, looking to run in May.
 - Popsicle Playdates – start to get a schedule organized with those.
- Potential
 - Future Dine Outs
 - Cortland Garage (10%, Pulaski only)
 - Jack and Ginger's – Plan on this in June.
 - Noodles and Company – Aim for May?

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Promoted upcoming board elections.

- **FUN RUN**

- Date: October 7th/8th?
- Event approved by LSC
- Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
- Planning Sponsorships, T-shirts, etc. to have ready by the Block Party
- Michelle Sherman talked to Chicago Sign Systems and he agreed to do banners again this year.
- LuAnn Ray joined the team this year.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Family Fitness Night – Setup and Cleanup Volunteers. Thursday, April 30th – just a few more needed.
- Kiss and Go needs new recruits. We have 2 for each day, but would like 3. Some days do have 3 signups. Volunteers for K&G contact Bob Fox, bob@friendsofpulaski.org or Carla Vaca cbvaca@cps.edu and we'll send you the necessary forms.
- Library Assistance
- Need parents w/ younger kids to reach out to new parents to fill these volunteer activities.

NEW BUSINESS

- Summer meeting venue(s)
 - Cortland Garage, Purple Monkey, Color Wheel, other ideas?
- Organizational changes and elections
 - Do we continue with a self-selecting board or open elections up to the public? And then how do we structure that? Very interested in having more people involved – recruitment is more difficult than anything. We have two open positions right now and would gladly accept new parent involvement.
 - Important to note that the group has always operated with open communication and positive opinions. Decisions are pretty much always unanimous. We welcome thoughts and input from anyone who would like to get involved.
 - James will continue on for one more year as Treasurer and will continue as co-treasurer with Ianna next year. James will continue to help with reporting and governmental filings.
 - Scott is stepping down from the role of President, but will remain involved and assist in the transition of duties.
 - Laura willing to step up to President role. That will leave Secretary open.
 - Sarah Harris would like to get back on the board. Possible Teacher Liaison position?

OPEN MEETING TOPICS

- FOP Board Elections next meeting.
- Next meeting May 20th in the Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.