

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
June 24, 2015**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 8:09 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Mr. James Sowka
Ms. Laura Stein

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Mr. Bob Fox
Mr. David Benson

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2015 Board Meeting by James Sowka and seconded by Laura Stein. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

- IB MYP Certification received
 - Very positive visit
 - A lot of feedback was given as to how Pulaski can excel and receive “extra credit” of sorts for the IB program.
- Creative Schools “Strong” Certification
- LSC
 - Open Parent representative – will be voted on at July meeting
 - Open Community representative – will be voted on at July meeting
 - No CPS budget for next year as of now
 - Strategy – Discussed LSC forming a task force with FOP to determine a strategy for how FOP funds will be spent. Dr. Bedard said she would try to do better with communicating what was being done at the school and why.
 - Teachers working on a written homework policy
 - Approved motion to have Dr. Bedard petition CPS to change admissions policy to give preference to Kindergarten spots to current PreK students.
- Facilities
 - E-rate upgrade underway
 - Air conditioning scheduled for this summer

- Other “Friends Of” Galas – meeting went well. Will share details at the July meeting with a larger group.

➤ **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Total income just over \$38,000 and total expenses about \$13,500 for the year – most from the gala.
- As of now the balance sheet total has just about \$42,000 in cash.
- Still need to follow up with credit cards that are being denied.

➤ **OUTREACH**

- Recent
 - Noodles and Company, \$80.72
- Current
 - Alternative Health Group – Fun run sponsor
- Upcoming
 - Back to School Block Party August 29th, 12-3 PM. Looking for vendors, food trucks and projects. Possibly Home Depot kids’ project. Dunk tank and mini-golf again.
 - Fun Run October 8th
 - Popsicle Playdates – Saturdays and Mondays in July and August.
 - Stop on the Bucktown Garden Walk – 7/11-12
- Potential
 - Future Dine Outs – summer? Frozen yogurt?
 - Saber Social for summer
 - Kid’s Table, 10% of camps – ask to push up percentage?

➤ **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Facebook likes up 25% from the start of the school year.
- Kindergarten roundup on May 26th was a huge success. Lots of new emails.

➤ **TRANSFORM the TRANSFORMER+**

- David waiting on Julie/ComEd/Digger to return his calls and mark the area.

➤ **BLOCK PARTY**

- Date: August 29th
- Event approved by LSC
- Michelle Sherman chairing the event
- Art of Chicken food truck will hopefully be at the event – waiting on his license

- 5411 Empanadas already booked. Working on Dimos and a few others.
- Volunteer sign up will go out in late July
- Working on lining up activities with Home Depot , Easel Art and The Laboratory.

➤ **FUN RUN**

- Date: October 7th/8th?
- Event approved by LSC
- Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
- Have \$4000 in sponsors already.
- T-shirts and an informational flyer will be ready by the Block Party
- Traditional Run – looking for a time clock
- Plan to order a Volunteer specific shirts that can be used across events.
- Blurb was sent home to students to announce the move to the fall.

➤ **VOLUNTEERS**

- Successful Field Day – 45 volunteers came out to help the teachers.
- Popsicle Playdates – Still have two more slots for one Saturday date.
- 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

NEW BUSINESS

- Summer meeting venue(s)
 - Will reach out to Red June.
- Garden Club funding request – requesting two truckloads of mulch. Possibly reach out to Christy Webber to see if they'd be willing to donate. Discussed a \$500 a year stipend to the Garden Club.
- PE Request for activity trackers for students. Large price tag. May need to wait for price to come down.
- Trash Can sponsorship. Once Transformer project is done we can install the fourth garbage can. Need to find sponsors for that one. Should start looking at renewing the ads on the others.

2015-2016 BOARD

- President: Laura Stein
- Co-Treasurer: Ianna Kachoris Ori and James Sowka
- Secretary: Michelle Maher
- Communications: Debbie Gibbons
- Fundraising: David Benson
- Volunteers: Bob Fox
- Teacher Liaison: Sarah Harris
- Projects and Procurement: Scott Suckow

2015-2016 MEETING DATES

- July 15, Red June
- August 26, Red June
- September 16
- October 14, a week early due to Columbus day and LSC meeting moving to the following week
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- March 16
- April 13 – a week early due to spring break the following week
- May 18 – Elections, Set meeting dates
- June 15

OPEN MEETING TOPICS

- Next meeting July 15th. Tentatively Red June, 7:30 PM.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 10:10 PM.