

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
August 26, 2015**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2015 Board Meeting by Sarah Harris and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

➤ **PRESIDENT**

➤ Updates

- Dr. Bedard updates and information
 - Budget established: some smaller class sizes; same staff; placement letters are out; air conditioners installed in all classrooms
 - One-year \$23,000 “Allstars” grant received for after school program
- LSC
 - After School Matters and J at School for after school options
- Facilities
 - E-rate upgrade mostly complete. The final bit will be finished right before school starts
 - Front steps of school finished

➤ **BLOCK PARTY**

➤ Date: This Saturday, August 29th 12-3 pm

➤ Chair: Michelle Sherman

➤ Updates

- 10am start for set-up crew
- No parking signs and flyer to neighbors have been hung on McLean
- Easel Art will be there again with a craft table
- Home Depot donated 60 kid projects
- Final check due to Clowning Around for mini-golf and dunk tank
- Language Stars will have a table with games and balloons

- o GBD will be selling desserts
- o J at School will have a table
- o Purple Monkey Playroom will have a table with tattoos
- o Urban Sitter will have a table with face painting
- o Dimos and Taco truck
- o Posters are hung around the neighborhood
- o Lemonade, water and popcorn for sale – need green coolers
- o Fun Run t-shirts for sale, volunteers will have new volunteer shirts to wear
- o 50 burritos donated Chipotle may be used for another event
- o Cleaning crew will be paid to clean bathrooms inside school building

➤ **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Total income \$45,636 and expenses are under \$15,000.
- As of now the balance sheet total has just over \$47,000 in cash.
- There was a discussion about taking into account in the financials the donated time from Piotr Przygocki for the transformer project.

➤ **OUTREACH/FUNDRAISING**

- Recent
 - o Popsicle Playdates
- Upcoming
 - o Back to School Block Party August 29th 12-3pm
 - o Jack and Ginger's - Sept. 8th, 4:30 pm on, doesn't include daily specials
 - o Fun Run October 8th
- Potential
 - o Future Dine Outs: working on Chipotle for report card pickup day; tentatively November 18
 - o UrbanSitter partnership - With Pulaski promo code 1st order \$20 to FOP + \$100 gift certificate

➤ **FUN RUN**

- Date: October 8th
- Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
- Updates
 - o Sponsorship team headed by Michelle Sherman has raised \$5900 to date!
 - o T-shirts are printed and picked up and will be for sale at the Block Party Saturday.
 - o Volunteer shirts are also finished and will be available for volunteers to wear Saturday.
 - o Banners are printed and picked up to be hung around the school.
 - o Debbie is making progress with Fun Run snacks. Julie Valentin is assisting and will take over next year.

➤ **COMMUNICATIONS**

- BCO Education Forum
 - o Monday October 5th
 - o Leah Gray has agreed to represent Pulaski again this year. Sarah Harris also agreed to attend and represent Pulaski.
- Over 400 "likes" on Facebook! Keep spreading the word!
- New Graphic Design volunteer – Stephanie Harte

- **TEACHER LIAISON**
 - Beginning of the year outreach to faculty and staff
 - Middle School funding for coaches cut; After School All-stars grant may be able to cover a couple of the coaching positions; FOP is taking it under advisement

- **TRANSFORM THE TRANSFORMER+**
 - Big thanks to David Benson and all of the volunteers!
 - The fence and gate are complete as well as two of the benches.
 - Will schedule the construction of the third bench
 - Discussed how to spend the remainder of the funds. Will wait for report from Scott about Brandon's meeting with Christy Webber and possible plans to extend pavers as well as some other work on the middle playground.
 - Discuss payment for Piotr – 22 hours of time over the weekend; Board unanimously approved \$500 “gift”

- **VOLUNTEERS**
 - Block Party Sign Up needs a few more volunteers for this Saturday
 - Kiss and Go – Need enough recruits to bring us up to 3 a day. Sending out the push after the block party. Volunteers for K&G contact Bob Fox bob@friendsofpulaski.org
 - Teacher Treats starting again
 - Soon will have the Fun Run volunteer requests going out.
 - Transform the Transformer volunteers worked very hard, long days to get the job done!

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Garden Club – mulch still needed? Christy Webber? The Care of Trees? Scott will look into; Lowes sells and can deliver for \$20
 - Trash Can Sponsorship – start working on this again

- **2015-16 MEETING DATES**
 - 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
 - February 17
 - 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 September 16th, Pulaski Library, 7:30

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:57 PM.