

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
February 20, 2013**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Toni Popova
Mr. James Sowka
Ms. Marjory Oliva
Mr. Ross Crampton
Mr. Steve Dillinger

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz

ATTENDEES

Michelle Sherman
Ashley Fong
Bob Fox
David Benson

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 23rd, 2013 Board Meeting by Mr. Ross Crampton and seconded by Ms. Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

Mr. Suckow reported that the Chromebooks have arrived! The charging/storage cart is expected to arrive in two weeks. No major updates to report from the last LSC meeting. Dr. Bedard has said if we can secure trashcans for the school, she will see that they are emptied. Bob Fox agreed to take the lead on this. Dr. Bedard is on board to host a Fun Run but wants a faculty lead and a date in place.

• **TREASURER**

Mr. Sowka presented the current P&L statement and balance sheet. Non-restricted funds have been depleted from Chromebooks purchase but the recurring donations are up to \$725/mo.

- **FUNDRAISING**

Mr. Crampton intends to send out a second ask letter in March or April and make sure the school community hears about the Chromebooks purchase. He also asked that the board and current donors start talking

Mr. Suckow reported that the fun run contract has been reviewed and due diligence has been done on researching the company who will be holding the money.

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

Ms. Popova reported that the recent Homemade Pizza Company Fundraiser raised \$562 which exceeded the goal of \$400! Mr. Crampton asked that FOP make sure to promote the outcome/success of the event. Potential other events mentioned Chipotle (90 days notice), Potbelly (45 days notice), Meatheads, Deberger Academy of Marital Arts.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Gibbons reported that the school has a committee who maintains a database of photos. She is working on seeing if FOP can have access to these. Ms. Gibbons also asked that any parents with current NPN memberships please help respond to posted questions.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

Ms. Harris mentioned current and future volunteer opportunities. Wednesday Work Sessions are a one hour drop opportunity to help teachers. No long-term commitment and you don't need CPS volunteer paperwork for this. Ms. Harris also mentioned needing help with Morning Parent Patrol, Pre-K and K Roundups and Popsicle Play Dates.

- **FACILITIES**

No report

- **TECHNOLOGY**

Mr. Dillinger added a “join our mailing list” button, login link and made some design updates to the FOP home page.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- Request for proposals for outdoor project (Lowes Grant)
Ms. Oliva will create the RFP guidelines and we will solicit proposals before the next meeting.
- Popcorn machine for movie night and other school events
After an open discussion, it was decided that a more permanent solution for snacks at Literacy Night would be helpful but these machines are difficult to clean.
- Grocery store donations for school events
Ms. Gibbons spoke to local Dominicks and Marianos managers who referred her to corporate office foundations. The consensus is that they are happy to help out but need sufficient lead-time and a specific, written proposal.
- Chili cook-off
Bob Fox is interested in hosting one at the school for a fundraiser. He has previous experience with these at another local school.

It was noted that the next meeting is on March 20th in the school library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:00pm.