

FRIENDS OF  
**PULASKI**

The logo for Friends of Pulaski features the word "PULASKI" in a large, dark green, serif font. The letter "i" in "PULASKI" is replaced by a stylized graphic of three human figures in yellow and orange, standing within a circular frame that has a yellow and white border. Above "PULASKI", the words "FRIENDS OF" are written in a smaller, dark green, sans-serif font.

September 20, 2023

# Agenda

- Welcome
- Board member and guest introductions
- Approval of August minutes
- Block Party update
- Events
- Fundraising
- Financials
- Projects
- LSC sub-committee
- Vote
- How to best support school

## Current Board Members:

- Garry Alderman, Projects and Procurement
- Michelle Carlson, Events (Interim Fundraising Chair\*)
- Sonia Copeskey, Co-president
- Mayra Garcia Guzman, Secretary
- Luann Ray, Treasurer
- Nicole Wood, Co-president

\*We are looking to fill the Fundraising position. Contact Nicole and Sonia if you know anyone interested

# Block Party Update

# Events

## YTD Event Summaries

- **Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast-** Good turnout, not many new families
- **New Parent Saber Social-** Low turnout, but high engagement
- **1st dine out: Jersey Mike's** - \$541 raised, they would love to do another

## Event Tracker link [here](#)

- This is the tracker that will be updated with upcoming event detail/event summaries

## Upcoming Events

- **Movie on the Turf-** Details have been communicated via email and social media. Will be going out with concession donation form Wednesday. *Committee ask: if you are good with audio, please feel free to come help set up as this is the first year we own equipment and are on our own!*
  - *Vote on next slide*
- **Saber Sprint-** Save the date has been shared. More information will be shared later this week (fundraising pages, sign up, etc). *Committee ask: please volunteer for day of if your schedule allows!*

***Do you think we need signage around school for Movie on the Turf or fall schedule?***

# Saber Sprint- Balloons

**Balloon Suggestion:** 606  
Balloons

**Cost:** \$270-\$360 (9  
bursts/bouquets)

- Please note that we have to install options, but materials are provided
- 606 balloons will do a balloon in-kind donation for Saber Soiree and will also do a donation item



**PRICING ESTIMATE**  
PULASKI SABER SPRINT →

**606 BALLOONS**  
773-744-1256  
CHICAGO, IL  
@606BALLOONS.COM

 <b>BURST</b> \$30ea 5" and 12" Balloons Materials to hang provided Approx 2'x3'	 <b>BURST + 16" NUMBER</b> \$35ea 5" and 12" Balloons Materials to hang provided Approx 2'x3'
 <b>BOUQUET + 40" NUMBER 1</b> \$40ea 5" and 12" Balloons Weighted Stand-Alone Approx 3' x 4'	 <b>BOUQUET + 40" NUMBER 2</b> \$40ea 5" and 12" Balloons Weighted Stand-Alone Approx 2' x 5'

# Fundraising

## YTD Fundraising Summary

- **Saber Sprint:** \$9,700 vs. \$12,500 LY. Lost a big sponsor and a few small ones. Hoping to make this up with fundraising pages. *Committee ask: please spread the word about pages & approach*
- **Saber Soiree:** Already have \$10,500 locked in (~half of total raised last year)

## Upcoming Events

- **Saber Soiree Kick off-** 9/26 is our first meeting and will begin kicking off fundraising efforts
- **Employer Match-** This is something that is underutilized. Currently thinking through how to kick off larger initiative

*Please let me know if you have any leads!*

# Financial Overview

August 2023:

## **Incoming Funds: \$21,138.46**

\$3,835.04 from corporate or foundation contributions

\$17,303.42 from event donations (Block Party) and swag donations - (\$4,432.42 from Venmo so will not be reflected on Chase account details until September)

## **Outgoing Funds: \$56,181.84**

Capital Improvement (soccer net install and basketball hoop): \$1,470

Enrichment (Eureka Math and Singapore Math): \$22,448.33

Events (Block Party, Saber Soiree deposits): \$24,886.90

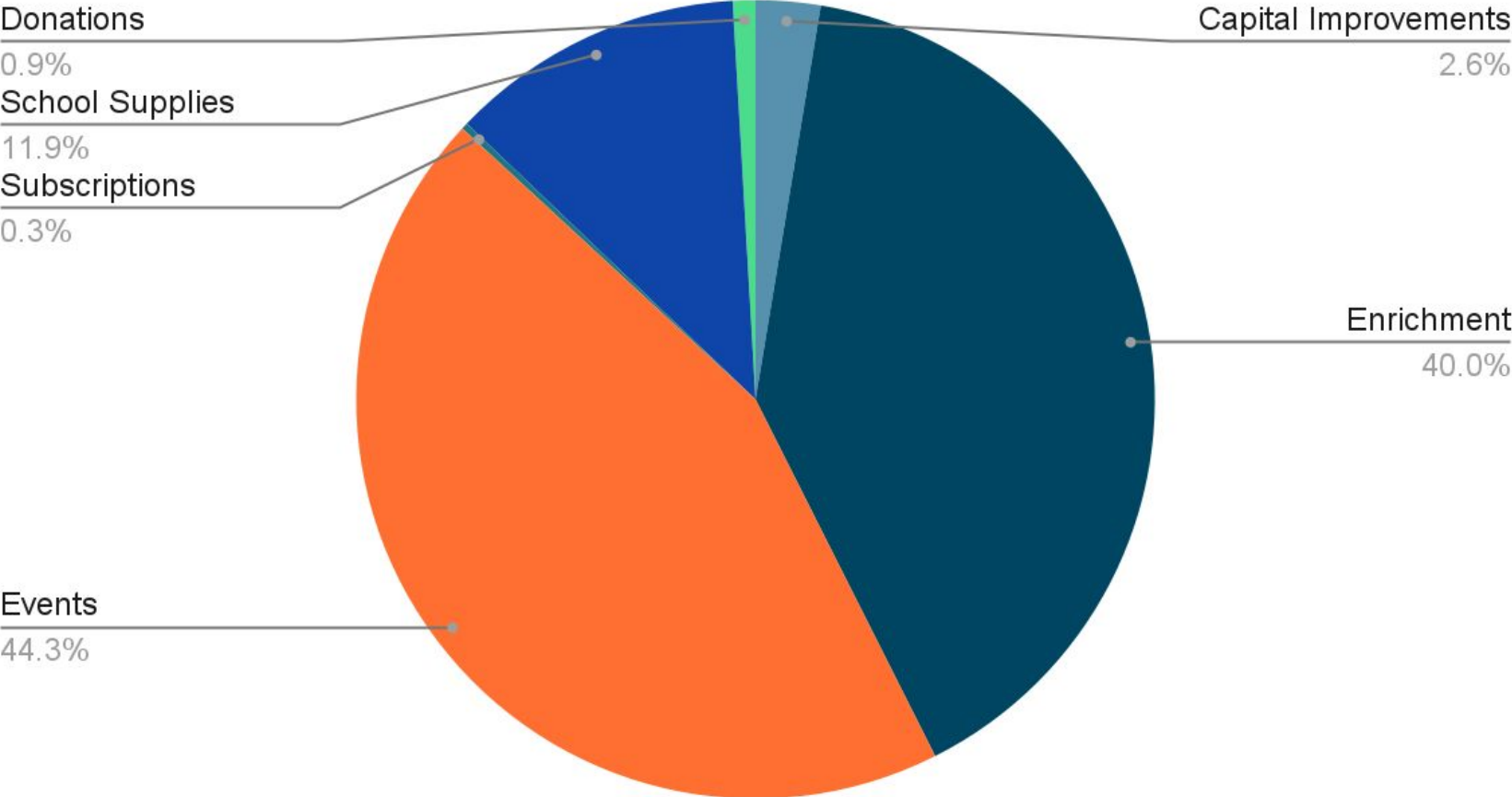
Subscriptions (Mail Chimp and Sign up genius): \$147.84

School Supplies/Support (Teacher meals, gardening, music accessories, storage): \$6,713.53

Donation (Friends of Holstein): \$515.24



# Expenditures from Chase Account August 2023



# Funds/Expenditure Overviews

Current Funds in Chase Account: \$316,974.89\*

## Earmarked Funds:

Middle Playground: \$200,000

Digital Sign: \$40,000

Auditorium/Gymnasium Curtain Installation: \$11,000

Annual teacher support: \$5,000

Annual cost of doing business/subscriptions: \$5,000

Funds Available: \$55,974.89

\*These funds reflect the Chase account only (checking and savings) It does not reflect funds at PNC (will close out soon) or through the Wix donation page (TBD).

# Projects

- Curtain installation in main gym and auditorium scheduled for Friday, 9/22
- Potential to redo main office - is anyone interested in helping?

# LSC Sub-Committee

1. On-going issues with building(s) has led to a Working Group to create a comprehensive plan to present to school board and CPS administration.
  - a. LSC members: Mr. W, Chris S (community member), and Leslie G. (parent)
  - b. FOP members: Nicole, Sonia, Garry
  - c. Racasi and Ald. Waguespack on board to support
2. Plan is to combine Racasi's own list of necessary improvements/replacements with group's list. Walk through of building to occur with committee and engineer (new - Brandon).
3. Update LSC next month; over the course of next few months, create and finalize plan. Eventually this will be signed by Racasi, Ald. Waguespack and LSC.
4. Waguespack will likely send to administration and a few members will present in front of school board.

# Vote

- Change in by-laws board responsibilities
  - Importance of board participation at events
- Adult chairs for staff

# How to best support the school right now

- Racasi is concerned about student behavior issues they are experiencing and looking for support from us
  - Inspirational posters around the school and bathrooms (which may help cover some of our vandalism)
  - Motivational speaker for kids - Sonia has lead from Jason Edelson
  - Parent support - what could that look like?