

Friends of Pulaski

Board of Directors Meeting

May 18, 2016

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:37pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016 Board Meeting by Scott Suckow and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

- **PRINCIPAL AND LSC UPDATES**
 - Dr. Bedard doesn't have the budget for next year yet. Rumors are that:
 - they won't be handed out until after the end of the month vote on state funding.
 - schools will see 20-30% cuts from Student Based Budgets.
 - This school year the SBB was 3.6 million for Pulaski.
 - If the rumored cuts are true that could mean ~ btwn 700K and 1 million in cuts for Pulaski.
 - Dr. Bedard hopes that State and Federal funding won't be affected. However, with cuts from the SBB being so large it's likely that programs will be affected. All unknown right now but FOP may want to think about the need to fund a position for the school.
 - LSC has been hard at work with the Principal selection process.

- **TREASURER**
 - Total income by April 2016 just over \$45k.

- **ELECTIONS**
 - Proposed Slate:
 - Co-Presidents: Laura Stein and Jamie Ayers
 - Treasurer: Leanne Sardiga
 - Secretary: Michelle Maher
 - Communications: Jen Arnquist
 - Volunteers: Bob Fox
 - Projects and Procurement: Scott Suckow
 - Teacher Liaison: Sarah Harris
 - Fundraising: David Benson

- Call to nominate this slate by Scott Suckow; Seconded by James Sowka
 - Motion to approve the nominated slate by David Benson; Seconded by Debbie Gibbons
- PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT
 - Working on a plan to order and install white boards throughout the school for classrooms that need new ones.
- VOLUNTEERS
 - Only got 43 new contacts from Report Card Pickup day. Only 17 out of 30 teachers turned in their contact sheets. Will continue to pursue this option but it was far less successful than we'd hoped.
 - Need volunteers for Arts Night Cleanup – Date TBD, just changed
 - Need volunteers for a last round of Weeding and Gardening – Saturday 5/21
 - Library assistance needed
 - Lunch/Recess volunteers needed – contact Michelle Sherman if interested; michellemcclung@hotmail.com
 - Interested in Kiss n Go? Contact Bob Fox – bob@friendsofpulaski.org
 - Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities – bob@friendsofpulaski.org
- COMMUNICATIONS
 - Push to get to 500 Likes on Facebook
 - Jen Arnquist trained on new FOP Website
- FUNDRAISING
 - Fundraising Goal for 2016-2017 School Year
 - Turf muddy areas on two playgrounds
 - Potential to move on to the blacktop in future years as a bigger and totally separate project after playgrounds are taken care of. This would involve a grant and outside funding.
 - One-to-one devices for students
 - Kiln for Ceramics
 - Convert 1st floor lockers into cubbies/display cases/teacher storage
 - Locker repair and painting on upper floors
 - “Followspot booth” (2nd floor closet)
 - Large scale art project/mural
 - Fund single subject teachers for a year
 - Painting classrooms
 - New furniture for classrooms
 - New gym, workout room and locker room built
- OUTREACH
 - Block Party
 - Planning for block party after school starts to involve more families. Saturday, September 10 or Sunday, September 11, 2-4:30 pm.
 - What about a strike? Would cause problems with vendors to reschedule and likely can't go forward with party if teachers on strike.

- Move date up to before school starts as in past years? Move later?
Take the gamble on keeping the date?
- Board decided to play it safe this year and move the block party back before school starts, as it has been the past two years. Plans to move it to the weekend following the start of school in future years.
 - Fun Run planning has started!
 - Melissa Kieta (chair), Luann Ray, Lezlie Mackie, Michelle Sherman, Julie Valentin, Suzy McClure
 - End of June/Beg of July all sponsor donations and art work secured
 - Fun Run kickoff at Back to School Block Party
 - Thursday Oct. 6th FUN RUN, rain date Oct. 7th
 - TEACHER LIAISON
 - Possibly work with teachers to get parent volunteers to assist with White Board room assessments and measurements.
 - NEW BUSINESS
 - Sabers Run 2016 – this Saturday!
 - Patrick Gray organizing a race for Pulaski families on the 606.
 - May 21st, meet at Churchill Park at 8:15 AM to stretch before the race.
 - Kickball game at the park after the race.
 - Have some parent volunteers to stay in the park with young kids not participating while other parents may want to go for a run.
 - Open Meeting Topics
 - Next Meeting June 15th, Pulaski library.
 - James suggested changing our Fiscal Year to line up with our board membership year (July 1 to June 30). He also reported that we will need to hire an outside accountant to file our returns.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8: 45pm.