

# **Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting June 15, 2016**

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

## **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 May 18, 2016 Board Meeting by Bob Fox and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

- Principal and LSC Updates
  - Still no budget
  - LSC has selected Ms. Racasi as the new principal!
  - LSC discussed the possibility of getting rid of school uniforms
- TREASURER
  - Total income as of May 2016 just over \$46k
  - Vote to change fiscal year to line up with board membership year. July1-June 30 fiscal year
- PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT
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    - Scott and Laura did assessment of dry erase boards in main building.
      - All teachers we talked to said they would like boards to be magnetic.
      - We asked teachers if they would prefer dry erase board all the way across the one wall or have some section of cork board. We got a mixed response but the majority wanted dry erase all the way across. And if magnetic teachers can still hang something on the board.
    - Scott researching and price shopping but has not ordered a set yet.
    - Plan is to move forward with one classroom installing a dry erase board all the way across.
- VOLUNTEERS
  - Monday June 20th, Field Day volunteers still needed. Especially face painting and cleanup.
  - Interested in Kiss n Go? Contact Bob Fox – [bob@friendsofpulaski.org](mailto:bob@friendsofpulaski.org)

- Looking for people interested in helping next school year.
  - Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities – bob@friendsofpulaski.org
- COMMUNICATIONS
  - 23 families attended the Kindergarten roundup.
    - New email addresses added to FOP e-distribution and volunteer blasts.
  - Jen Arnquist representing FOP at the BCO meeting tonight. Cassie Cresswell from Raise Your Hand is the featured speaker and will be discussing the budget crisis and all things CPS. Jen will report in at the next meeting.
- FUNDRAISING
  - Sabers on the 606 event a success!
    - Run was great and kickball game was a lot of fun. Look forward to this becoming an annual event.
    - Raised just under \$1000 after expenses for permit and snacks.
  - Looking at turf options for muddy areas on two playgrounds
    - Research shows at least \$50k would need to be invested
    - We will continue to look at creative solutions (donated/recycled material)
- OUTREACH
  - Block Party
    - Date changed back to Saturday August 27th, 2-4:30 pm.
    - Approved by LSC at Monday's meeting.
    - Need budget approval from FOP.
    - Scott Suckow moved to approve initial expenditures up to \$1,000, based on a break-even budget for the event
  - Fun Run
    - Melissa Kieta (chair), Luann Ray, Lezlie Mackie, Michelle Sherman, Julie Valentin, Suzy McClure
    - Sponsor checks have started coming in already (\$2500 to date)!
    - Fun Run kickoff at Back to School Block Party
    - Thursday Oct. 6th FUN RUN, rain date Oct. 7th
      - Contingency plan for a date later in October if there is a strike or school doesn't start on time due to budget reasons. Tentatively Friday October 28th.
    - Course design similar to last year with an alternative activity for PreK
    - Exploring selling a very small number of swag items such as water bottles and backpacks with the Fun Run logo and top sponsors printed on them.
- TEACHER LIAISON
  - No news this month
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Meeting dates for the 2016-2017 school year
    - July 20, 2016
    - August 17, 2016

- September 21, 2016
  - October 19, 2016
  - November 16, 2016
  - December 21, 2016
  - January 18, 2017
  - February 15, 2017
  - March 15, 2017
  - April 19, 2017 (parent conferences)
  - May 17, 2017
  - June 21, 2017 (school is already out)
- Volunteer hours for Holstein earned classes at the Apple Store. Remaining classes can be used by Pulaski 10-20 (30?) students. Students can learn iMovie. Older students could learn "running a business on an iPad."
- Open Meeting Topics
  - Huge THANK YOU to Debbie Gibbons and James Sowka for their many years of service on the Friends of Pulaski board. They helped FOP become an amazing organization and are leaving their positions in great hands as they roll off and take a much deserved breather!
  - Scott Suckow suggested a program to "match" incoming families with existing families to orient newcomers
  - Next Meeting July 20th, hopefully at Red June

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