

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2016

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Jamie Ayers
Ms. Laura Stein
Mr. Scott Suckow
Ms. Michelle Maher
Ms. Sarah Harris
Mr. David Benson (via speaker phone)
Mr. Bob Fox
Ms. Jen Arnquist
Ms. Leanne Sardiga

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June Board Meeting by Laura Stein and seconded by Scott Suckow. The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL AND LSC UPDATES

- Teacher positions all saved. A couple have been added.
- Class sizes kept at an average of 22 for most classes.
- Discussed messaging with Mrs. Racasi to help FOP reach a larger community and understand that the school still needs to fundraise to make up for the budget cuts from last year. This is the new normal with CPS.
- Pulaski is at a point where it can and should depend on FOP for certain areas (technology, literacy line, other areas that were lost in previous budget cuts)
- Ericsson Institute – Understanding by Design (UBD)
 - Literacy program focusing on unit development across content areas lining up with common core standards.
 - Last year Pulaski participated in Rigor and Reading and Rigor and Writing programs. Very successful.
 - This year no budget line for it. Waiting on finding two partner schools and to get teacher input. If want to go forward, potential for FOP to fund? Under 10K.
- Thoughts on FOP purchasing staff t-shirts? Waiting on pricing.
- Mrs. Racasi working on forming a steering committee to bridge the various gaps around the school to get all groups working together.

TREASURER

- Total income end of June (end of fiscal year) just under \$50k.

PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT

- White board sample arrived last week. Went through process to remove old board, cut and install new board in one room.
- Cutting is fairly easy so we will cut all and save money.
- Will need roughly 65 hours of labor to get the install done. The bulk of the work will be in taking the old boards down.
- Once we have a firm delivery date Mrs. Racasi will put out a call for volunteers to get this work done.
- The school needs some technology upgrades (will talk to Mr. W.). Circle back to messaging about fundraising and FOP setting aside funds each year to go towards areas such as technology maintenance.

VOLUNTEERS

- Back to School Block Party needs LOTS of volunteers still!
- August 27th, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4a928a4f58-back>
- Bake Sale at Block Party - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4a928a4f58-bake>
- Lunch/Recess volunteers needed – contact Michelle Sherman if interested: michellemclung@Hotmail.com
- Interested in Kiss n Go? Contact Bob Fox – bob@friendsofpulaski.org
- Looking for people interested in helping next school year.
- New background check policy, again, this year requires that volunteers in direct contact w/ kids less than 5 hrs per week (K&G, Playground/lunchroom monitors) all submit online background checks.
<http://cps.edu/FACE/Pages/VolunteerPrograms.aspx>
- Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities – bob@friendsofpulaski.org

COMMUNICATIONS

No update

FUNDRAISING

Chicago Wolves Family Night?

OUTREACH

- Block Party
 - We Got Game will run dodge ball games and street hockey on the blacktop for free.
 - Dunk Tank and inflatable soccer game for \$458.
 - Magician – 45 minutes, \$350

- School band will play
 - Cleaning company has been hired for the bathrooms.
 - Other vendors will do face painting, glitter tattoos and games.
 - Signups are beginning to fill for Bake Sale and Block Party but MANY volunteers are still needed.
- Fun Run – October 6
 - Melissa Kieta (chair), Luann Ray, Lezlie Mackie, Michelle Sherman, Julie Valentin, Suzy McClure
 - Sponsor donations: \$8,850
 - Water bottles and cinch backpacks have been ordered and should arrive in time for the Block Party.
 - Thursday Oct. 6th FUN RUN, rain date Oct. 7th
 - Course design similar to last year with an alternative activity for PreK
 - Kickoff Sept. 12th in school with power point like last year. Packets will go home that day.

TEACHER LIAISON

- Friends of Pulaski will provide donuts for teachers and staff during one of the staff days before school
 - Stan's or Glazed and Infused platters?

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)

OPEN MEETING TOPICS

- Next Meeting September 21st, Pulaski Library.