

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting September 21, 2016

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:41pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Laura Stein

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2016 Board Meeting by Bob Fox and seconded by Sarah Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL AND LSC UPDATES

- Discuss funding an aide position for primary grades.
- Mrs. Racasi came to the meeting to discuss with the board.

TREASURER

- Reporting fiscal year changed from calendar year to July 1-June 30th. This will mean a transition in reporting.
- For the 2016 calendar year, just under 59K has been raised.
- With the new reporting, since July 1 2016, \$9550 has been raised. Going forward we will look at the new fiscal year number which will correspond to what is raised during each school year, rather than calendar year.

PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT

- Whiteboards are installed!
 - Huge success with both volunteer effort and appreciation of staff and students. Thank you Scott!
 - Loose ends
 - Possibly install some in modular building
- The school needs some technology upgrades
 - Discuss a possible annual technology stipend for upgrades?
 - Extra 1st and 4th grade classrooms added this year and need Chromebooks/iPads and document cameras
 - 4th grade is missing two Chromebooks. Need to find out what happened to them.

VOLUNTEERS

- Fun Run volunteers needed - Thursday, October 6 th - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4a928a4f58-pulaski7>
- Lunch/Recess volunteers needed – contact Michelle Sherman if interested: michellemcclung@Hotmail.com
- Kiss n Go completely full with 3 people per day!
- 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

- Updating Bios on website to remove old board members and add new ones. If you would like to make updates or changes to your Bio or picture send to Jen.

FUNDRAISING

- Artificial Turf around Modular Building
 - Diaz Group
 - RugZoom
 - PerfectTurf
 - SynLawn
 - CityScape
 - RugZoom and CityScape have experience installing at schools
 - RugZoom has partnered with Diaz to do surface prep/excavation. If we partner with Diaz, RugZoom quote would drop.
- Chicago Wolves Family Day
 - 12/11 @ 4PM
 - 1/22 @ 3 PM-- CHOSEN
 - 2/12 @ 3PM
 - 2/26 @ 3 PM (this is the potential date for the silent auction)
 - Option to buy \$6 below face and sell for face. Can buy \$23 seats and sell between \$17 and \$23
- Chipotle – 11/9 Report Card Pickup Day
 - Buy one Get One Free cards

OUTREACH

- Block Party
 - Great Day! Everyone seemed to have a good time. Bake sale went well and seemed popular. Good turnout.
 - \$1476.50 in cash collected at gates, dunk tank, soccer and bake sale table.
 - \$100 in sponsorships collected for tables at the block party
 - \$849.08 in expenses (dunk tank, soccer, supplies, cleaning crew etc.)
 - \$727.42 profit! In past years we have broken even on expenses and money brought in.
- Fun Run – October 6
 - October 6th!

- Melissa Kieta (chair), Luann Ray, Lezlie Mackie, Michelle Sherman, Julie Valentin, Suzy McClure
- Kickoff was 9/12, packets were sent home with students
- Positive response from staff, teachers, and new families wanting to get involved
- Handful of volunteers signed up already
- Website is live and to date over \$9000 has been raised (including sponsors)
- Team is selling backpacks and water bottles
- Tweaks from last year include a smoother start line procedure and an activity on the blacktop for the PreK students instead of a run around the block.

TEACHER LIAISON

- Friends of Pulaski provided donuts and coffee during teacher prep day before school started.
- Teacher feedback from Whiteboard project has been positive.
- Sarah will continue to help Mrs. Racasi with clarifying FOP's mission and accomplishments to date and with communications with teachers in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss list of FOP projects completed to date.
 - This can be kept on hand with Mrs. Racasi to answer questions by parents and teachers about what FOP has previously spent funds and volunteer time on at Pulaski
 - Any additions? Edits?
- Party with a Purpose 2017!
 - Nick's again this year is the plan
 - Have contract ready to sign
 - Proposed date Saturday February 26th, 2017
- BCO Education Open House
 - Held at Pulaski this year, October 25th
 - Bridget Brosnan and Leah Gray can help
 - FOP Board member to help or take lead?
 - Julie or David Benson can help as well
- Lagunitas music grant – FOP apply on behalf of Mr. Green?
- Eskell donating a percentage of sales back to Pulaski when Pulaski mentioned at checkout.

OPEN MEETING TOPICS

- Next Meeting October 19th, Pulaski Library.