

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting October 19, 2016

The Board meeting was called to order by Michelle Maher at 7:41pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Laura Stein
Ms. Jamie Ayers
Ms. Sarah Harris

September minutes were not approved and will need to be approved along with the October minutes at the November board meeting.

PRINCIPAL AND LSC UPDATES

- Waiting to hear from Mrs. Racasi on list of priorities for this school year since turf project must wait for CPS approval.
- 10th day adjustments mostly covered by FOP donation.
- 20th day adjustments for SGSA and Title I funds - these funds are based on poverty rates from the previous year. Funds were taken away based on the number of qualifying students we have. SGSA is based on students who qualify under federal nutrition programs on the 20th day, Title I is based on a formula that includes the number of students whose families meets income requirements under federal nutrition programs as well as the number of students eligible for Temporary Assistant for needy Families (TANF).
- In addition, funds were pulled from central office for substitute salary cost and benefits.
- Major reductions were made from three major revenue sources. During the budget approval meeting Mrs. Racasi mentioned over allocating funds on the reading supply and reading equipment lines as a back-up.

TREASURER

- For the 2016 calendar year, ~65K has been raised.

PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT

- Follow up on damaged whiteboards.
 - Some were damaged likely from the manufacturer

- Need to hear back from teachers before going back to supplier
- Technology Needs Assessment received from Mr. W. and Ms. Natale
 - Discussion on this was tabled until the November meeting

VOLUNTEERS

- Chili Cook-off – Nov. 5th, Still have open entrant slots!
- Book Fair, Nov. 7-10th, lots of slots to fill
- Lunch/Recess volunteers needed – contact Michelle Sherman if interested: michellemcclung@hotmail.com
- Kiss n Go completely full with 3 people per day!
- Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities – bob@friendsofpulaski.org

COMMUNICATIONS

- No update

FUNDRAISING – No decisions were made on these topics, they were tabled until the next meeting.

- Chicago Wolves Family Day, January 22nd
 - Does FOP want to collect payment or Wolves?
 - Can do through Z2 or in cash/checks collected
 - Pricing: Our ticket price is \$17, face value is \$23. Do we sell for \$23 and FOP keeps the \$6 per ticket as small fundraiser?
 - Milton Uribe has donated a Motor Coach for 55 people to and from the event. Thank you Milton!
 - Wolves will make digital and paper flyers to promote the event.
 - How can we drum up excitement and involvement in the event?
- Chipotle – 11/9 Report Card Pickup Day
 - Not confirmed but should happen as planned
- Lagunitas Grant applied for – Requested \$5000 worth of musical instruments. Will hear in January or February.
- CrossTown Fitness offer
 - \$25 per person in attendance back to FOP during Pulaski day at gym
- Fresh Thyme fundraiser
 - 5% shopping day

OUTREACH

- Fun Run – October 6
 - Great success once again! Thanks to the entire team for a job well done!
 - Excellent parent turnout, many of whom stayed all day to help and/or watch.
 - Had positive response from teachers preparing for the event and at actual event.
 - Still getting final figure as donations trickle in but as of now: **\$32,655.26**

NEW BUSINESS

- BCO Education Open House
 - Held at Pulaski this year, October 25th
- Winter Match Campaign
 - Debbie Gibbons willing to run
 - Laura and Jamie will work on lining up funders
 - Messaging around budget shortfall funding needs to be finalized with Mrs. Racasi. She is working on this now.
- Chili Cook-off
 - Nov. 5th
 - Lots of fun! Get your babysitter booked!

OPEN MEETING TOPICS

- Next Meeting November 16, Pulaski Library.