

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting November 16, 2016

The Board meeting was called to order by Jamie Ayers at 7:40 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Jen Arnquist

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2016 and October 19, 2016 meetings by Bob Fox and seconded by Scott Suckow. The motion passed.

TREASURER

- For the 2016 calendar year, ~66K has been raised.
- Cash is reserved for playground turf project
- Leanne is working on an annual operating plan
- Going to start preparing “impact debriefs” after large fundraising events

PRINCIPAL AND LSC UPDATES

- Discussed Match campaign funding and goal (details under New Business)
- Mrs. Racasi sent letter home to Pulaski families discussing budget shortfalls and how FOP is helping. Mentioned that all fundraising efforts need to be supported.
- Principal priorities
 - Technology needs (see Project and Procurement slide)
 - Office Supplies (paper and toner)
 - Reading Supplies to support units of instruction
 - Teacher PD: substitute coverage so that teachers can participate in learning walks and/or peer observations
 - Purchase of monthly student/staff attendance incentives/rewards
- Scott Suckow provided a general update of the LSC meeting

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 from Mr. W. and Ms. Natale

- 3 document cameras for new classrooms
- Chrome books for new 3rd and 4th grade
 - 6 for new 4th grade classroom
 - OR 7 additional to fill a 3rd grade cart and 14 additional to fill 4th grade cart
- iPad minis plus cases
 - 6 iPad minis plus cases for new 1st grade classroom
 - Pulaski has 15 loose iPads. If the school had 15 more we could have a full cart that could be checked out. The school does already have the cart.
- 4 projectors (2 classrooms don't have working ones, need 2 backup ones)
- 5 sets of classroom speakers
- Computers in the design lab are outdated and unable to hold current software
- Design lab laser cutter -- Mr. W. has started fundraising for this
- Teacher laptops – school budget should cover these of FOP would have to donate funds to Pulaski because they need to be purchased through CPS.
- Discuss Chromebooks vs. PCs for students.
- A motion was made by Scott Suckow to allocate up to \$7,000 for replacement and completion of outfitting as per other classrooms. The motion was seconded by Bob Fox, and passed unanimously.

VOLUNTEERS

- Gala Sub Committee – Auction Item solicitors and program creators
- Lunch/Recess volunteers needed – contact Michelle Sherman if interested: michellemclung@hotmail.com
- Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities – bob@friendsofpulaski.org

COMMUNICATIONS

- No update

FUNDRAISING

- Chicago Wolves Family Day, January 22nd, 3:00pm
 - 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?
 - A motion was made by David Benson to price tickets (only) at \$23 each, ticket with Motor Coach ride at \$30 each, and provide a button for donating additionally. The motion was seconded by Michelle Maher, and passed unanimously.
- Chipotle – 11/17, 4-9 PM, Damen location
- Fresh Thyme fundraiser
 - 5% shopping day
- Artificial Turf for playgrounds

- David is meeting with CPS facilities and legal on 12/2 to discuss

FUN RUN

- Great success once again! Thanks to the entire team for a job well done! – Final Total: \$33,841.76

TEACHER LIAISON

- Survey going out to teachers to gauge interest in Auction art projects and teacher experiences, including willingness to participate and desire for items to be included in auction or student raffle.
- The STEM committee (made up of one teacher from each grade band) is requesting a donation of \$300 to cover a 45-60 min family show by NIU (Northern IL University) at K-8 Family STEM Night on February 15.

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

- Saturday February 25th, 2017
- Committee: Leah Gray, Natalie Fox, Kate Barthel, Bridget Brosnan, Vanessa Sowka
- So far have a committee of 4 volunteers soliciting donations
- Invitation is done, will be printed on half sheets and sent home in backpacks by 12/4
- Hoping to have early ticket sales live in Silent Auction Pro by 12/11. Will need FOP website updated as well – will loop in Stephanie Harte to help
- Kate Barthel is working with Bridget Brosnan and Sarah Harris on sending a survey to teachers pending approval by Mrs. Racasi
- Hoping to acquire sponsors and put up signs around school by January – FGS, Inc. provided quotes for printing signs. Can Mr. W. print in his room at school?

NEW BUSINESS

- Winter Match Campaign
 - Debbie Gibbons willing to run
 - Laura and Jamie will work on lining up funders
 - Dec. 1st – 15th
 - Goal 5k in funding and 5k in matching from Pulaski community
 - Mrs. Racasi sent email to school this week discussing budget shortfall and supporting the match campaign. Letter from FOP will go home with specific details and dates
 - Per discussion with Mrs. Racasi funds raised from match campaign will go to single subject teachers. She will control funds and requests will come through her. This will bridge shortfall in funding due to this year's budget constraints.

OPEN MEETING TOPICS

- Cory Creswell discussed budget for single subject teachers
- Next Meeting December 21st, Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:27pm.