



## MEETING MINUTES 2.8.2022

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- 1) **Welcome and call to order- Sabrina – 6:34 pm**
- 2) **Officer Reports**
  - A) **Principal Report-Dr. Steinmiller**

School is getting back into a good rhythm after the break and the work stoppage. They really worked hard with teachers and students to finish the first semester strong, and it made a positive impact.

Wednesdays continue to be a good support day for our students. They are working with juniors on the SAT and seniors on FAFSA applications and college applications.

Sports: girls senior night basketball had a packed house. They had a special guest Mr. Washington, a former basketball coach. The boys team will be hosting a senior night. They are retiring the jersey of alumni Randy Holcomb. Jesse White is also an alumnus and will be in attendance. They are hoping to sell a minimum of 700 tickets to break even. It took a lot to get this event approved including working with CPS risk. Tickets are on sale and there is a QR code.

Regarding recent social media events: Hate speech is never acceptable. Students need to know how their comments affect their fellow students. Comments online never “go away”. Dr. Steinmiller gave the example of the hiring practice and that employers often look up future employees to see their online profile. The school is focused on how student engage with one another and social media. They are working with Title IX and teachers to talk about how we have conversations about race and other differences. Dr. Steinmiller knows that many of the students really enjoy one another and spending time together which is evident with how many students hang out before and after school.

There will be a development day focused on social-emotional learning and diverse learning day. Food hosted by FOLPHS.

At the LSC meeting, Dr. Steinmiller will be discussing “Freshmen on track” and how students are performing.

Mr. Aved is hosting a college fair on March 30. FOLPHS will support the college reps with lunch during their visit.

The school is looking at creating murals before the back-to-school bash in the fall. They want to have local artists create the murals. The hope is to tie this in with the Visual Arts program and create an on-going project/yearly project and legacy of art at the school. They are looking at the school with Mr. Hills to figure out where the murals could go. The bathrooms are also a focus of aesthetic improvement as students have been putting up graffiti. Sabrina is in favor of anything that improves the look of the bathrooms and asked how the FOLPHS can help.

**B) President's Report-Sabrina Spitznagle**

FOLPHS is focused on creating positive conversations and noting all the good things going on at LP. Kristen noted that many of these negative things happen at other schools, but somehow LP is the only one in the news. She asked that this be discussed at the LSC meeting on Thursday. We need to encourage the positive promotion of LP and our students. One event does not define the school.

At the Boys basketball event on February 16, there will not be physical tickets for people who purchased them through Aspen - we will have a list of names. Team members sold tickets, and those people will have physical tickets. Vaccination cards will need to be shown. Ms. Lopez has a QR code for tickets. Beth has volunteered to help with tickets/check in and several other FOLPHS members have volunteered to help with spirit wear. Dr. Steinmiller will host an orientation before the event. This event has sparked conversations about increasing events focused on Alumni. Michelle suggested getting past alumni as speakers for students and/or parents. Someone mentioned calling it "LP Talks" (like Ted Talks). Dr. Steinmiller will discuss this with Ms. Sulpeveda. Sabrina will reach out to our alumni list. The DEI Committee also has a list of speakers if we want to host a speaker related to DEI and the social media issues.

Sabrina thanked Sara for donating her book to the auction. She is also very excited for everyone to see the Lions. The group got a preview of photos of several of the Lions.

Marquees are selling and the design is done by Mr. Hardesty. They look amazing.

**C) Vice President's Report – Kristen Feurer- No report.**

**D) Treasurer's Report- Christina Sciarrotta- No report. Not in attendance.**

The report will be emailed to the Board. Christina no longer has a student at LP, so she is helping us until we find a replacement. Sabrina will ensure that the position description is posted.

**E) Secretary- Misha Mann.**

Misha asked for an approval of the meeting minutes from January. Sabrina made a motion to approve the minutes. Eury seconded and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

**3) Committee/Director Reports:**

**A) Pledge Drive/Brick Campaign Committee Report- Eury Chrones**

Eury is reviewing the list of brick sales to ensure that every brick sold was installed and to ensure that there are not any additional mistakes on the text for the bricks. So far, they know that Kristen's brick is missing, and Christy's brick had an error. The review will also include a physical audit.

**B) Teacher Appreciation Committee Report- Kristen Feurer and Sabrina Spitznagle**

FOLPHS left Valentine's Day candy in the main office and the office in the freshman building for the teachers and staff.

**C) Spirit Wear Committee Report- Luisa Shortall**

Luisa will not be in her position next year. She is looking for one to two replacements as this is a big job. Therese Matheny has been helping and might be interested in continuing next year. Luisa will create a write up so the position can be posted.

In January there was \$1,000 of product sold. Luisa needs to order replacements. Pants were sold out.

Luisa has been discussing a physical store location with Dr. Steinmiller. They have found a couple locations but think that a storage room near the main lunchroom can be repurposed for the store. They would love to eventually have a store in the freshmen building, but for now, will focus on the main building. There is space near the orchestra room. Maybe they can open a store in the Freshman building once a month? Dr. Steinmiller is exploring having students from the Cluster Program work in the store. They want to involve students in spirit wear sales. They are considering opening the store every Friday. The CP is currently using space in the kitchen. All extra space in the school is used for storage.

FOLPHS will be selling spirit wear at the Senior Night basketball game on February 16 at DePaul. Logistics might be tricky, but they have posted a Signup Genius and people are already signing up. Luisa and Dr. Steinmiller might be doing a site visit to assist in planning how things will work. Dr. Steinmiller assured us that we were not infringing on the LP Boosters t-shirt sales. They only sell one shirt.

There is interest in getting an athletic shirt. There is also interest in creating one student designed shirt each year. Students would submit a design and students would then vote on the winner. Dr. Steinmiller suggested partnering with a local artist and coordinating with the visual arts department. This would be a shirt for the entire school. There is usually a senior t-shirt, but seniors do not want that to be offered to the entire school population.

Luisa asked if FOLPHS will financially support the senior t-shirt? Ms. Glunz has inquired via email. Luisa will be handling the response to Ms. Glunz.

**D) Social Media- Debra Sitar. Not in attendance.**

No updates currently. She is actively posting on social media and encourage everyone to post positive things happening at LP. With the two recent events both related to SM, it is

important to share with our LP community and the community at large, that there are a lot of wonderful things happening at LP.

**E) Marketing & Communications Report- Sara Shacter**

Sara will not be on the Board next year. She has reached out to the LP community and Yelena and Shanida will help on Marketing & Communications. Rebecca will continue to work on the website. Julie will continue to handle Spanish translation. Indira will handle graphic design as Christy Bauhs rolls off the committee.

**F) Open House Committee Report -Michelle Berman and Beth O'Connor**

No report.

**G) Fall Social/Spring Gala Committee Report- Suzanne Rovner and Kristen Feurer**

The spring parent event will be on Friday, March 4 at Galleria Marchetti. Tickets are on sale and prices increase tomorrow. We are hoping to sell 125 tickets in total. There are 42 tickets already sold. Attendees can purchase a ticket and help pay for a teacher's ticket. We have 16 teacher tickets currently. Teacher's spouses or significant others are eligible for a discounted ticket. Fall social was very well attended so we are hoping for a good turnout based on the fall event.

There will be 9 Lions. The Lions are 24" tall. Lions are completed and look great.

There will be food, open bar and entertainment including a performance from one of the choirs directed by Mr. Cooper and a performance from a scene of the school spring musical. They will also show the Open House video.

Sara will work on the verbiage related to vaccination.

Every committee member is encouraged to get 3 donations for the auction. The lions will start at \$250 and have a "buy now" option for \$1000. Kristen asked Dr. Steinmiller what other "free" items they can auction off like the tickets to graduation? February 18 is the deadline for donations. You can bring the items to school or contact Kristen and she will pick them up. The auction goes live February 21 and will close March 3. We will have a paddle raise and the lions auctioned at the event. There will be a minimum bid, raise and buy now option.

Rebecca suggested getting NBA items for Randy Holcomb to sign so that they can be auctioned off at the event. Maybe some posters and balls. Sabrina will ask Coach Jennings.

**H) Wish List Committee- Sabrina Spitznagle**

No update.

**I) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee- Venecia Sanchez and Julie Molina**

The committee has an email address: [FOLPHSDEI@gmail.com](mailto:FOLPHSDEI@gmail.com)

Considering the social media video posted, the DEI would like to host a speaker for the parents. Sabrina mentioned to Dr. Steinmiller that the FOLPHS would be happy to help host an event for parents. There is a lot of opportunity for increasing communications and opening good conversations to use these two events as a learning and growth event. They have heard from parents, and they are worried about the video and asking how to talk to their children about it. Mr. Golebiewski, our Director of Climate and Culture, and Ms. Sulpeveda, are working on ways to address this, and perhaps they also could talk to parents – they have so far only been focused on parents and students. Venecia and Julie would like to offer resources for the parents and want to make change by opening up awkward conversations.

Black history link for translation was sent to Rebecca for posting on the website. Venecia mentioned that the committee has not met for the past couple months due to the holidays. They are continuing to work on the cookbook.

**J) Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski**

Is waiting to hear from a possible location. There was a snafu with Lou Malnati's that has been resolved. Oasis Face Bar, owned by an LP mom, has offered to donate 15% of all goods and services back to LP for the month of February. Cilantro will be our location for March 11. They are hoping to have the fundraiser active during lunchtime since many of the students like to go there for lunch.

**I) International Baccalaureate Liaison- Venecia Sanchez**

All students have been registered for their exams. There are 300 students registered for 3500 exams and assessments.

Ms. Tookey mentioned that they are discussing when acceptance letters come out. It is a good time to recruit for FOLPHS. She also mentioned that at or before graduation would be a good time and that maybe at a meeting in August.

**K) LSC Liaison- Rebecca Eden and Sabrina Spitznagle**

No report from Rebecca or Sabrina. Only note is the meeting is Thursday, February 10 at 6 pm not 6:30 pm.

**3) Old Business:**

No old business.

**4) New Business:**

It was suggested that we clean up the email blast from LPHS to remove families no longer in attendance at the school.

Eury suggested that LPHS create a recording studio at school and that we raise funds to support its creation. She thinks it is a natural addition to the school and would help the school's music program stand out. Artists and musicians could use the space as could our theater and music program students. Everyone was in favor of her exploring this as an option. She thought that

this would dovetail nicely with the improvements that Stage Right is doing for our Auditorium which includes bathrooms and support spaces.

Sara mentioned that the school musical is selling flowers and doing ads in their program. Does FOLPHS want to do an ad? They have asked if the FOLPHS would help them with the flower vendor since they are not a CPS approved vendor.

Next meeting will be held March 8 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be in-person and on Zoom.

We need to find another date for the April meeting as it is during spring break. The LSC is moving their meeting as well.

**5) Adjourn- 8:14 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>FOLPHS Board and Committee Members 2021-2022</b>			
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**Other Attendees**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Emails</b>
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