



MEETING MINUTES 6.8.2021

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1) Welcome and call to order- Sabrina – 6:34 pm

2) Officer Reports

A) Principal Report-Dr. Steinmiller

Dr. Steinmiller appreciates the support of teachers and students through this difficult year. Thank you to the Board for being a sounding board for all that needed to be done this school year. It has been a learning process. This has helped me develop as a leader.

Dr Steinmiller stated he was excited about the June 13th graduation. It's been an interesting journey, and this will be a "cool graduation" at Soldier Field.

He thanked everyone for helping put together the Promenade. It was an event filled with joy and brought happiness to the kids. Teachers that volunteered seemed very happy to be a part of it as well.

Dr. Steinmiller thanked the FOLPHS for working on the Wish List and wanted to review needs for next year.

The school will be working on Back-to-School events for the fall. The kids deserve it.

There will be construction at LP over the summer. The science lab will get an upgrade starting June 23.

Yesenia wanted to give kudos to Dr. Steinmiller and the team. She has a senior at Lane, and they have not done much for the kids this year. Kids felt left behind there. Her freshman son loves LP.

Venecia said that she has friends with kids at Taft and Lane and that they did not have a virtual welcome or a goodie bag. LP has done SO much more to help students feel welcome.

B) President's Report-Sabrina Spitznagle

Welcomed all attendees.

This is our last meeting for the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you to Eury for the Brick Drive, Luisa for school spirit sales, the entire board, and committees for their hard work and to the DEI for working together for our school.

Thank you to Ms. Glunz for the "Prom". It was terrific.

Sabrina stated that Memory's positions are open. The positions are IB liaison and LSC liaison. Venecia offered to serve as the IB liaison. The LSC liaison position is still open.

Sabrina asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Julie- has a freshman daughter in IB

Yesenia has a kid that graduated from LP in 2020 and a freshman son in drama.

Christy has a freshman daughter in Drama.

Sara Furie has a freshman daughter in Band/IB.

Michelle has a freshman daughter in IB/Poms.

Peter has a freshman daughter.

Eury has a Sophomore Son and a 7th grader.

Luisa has a Junior son in Volleyball and soccer and a son that graduated from LP in 2015.

Misha has a sophomore daughter in IB who plays soccer.

Kristen has a sophomore son and a freshman daughter.

C) Vice President's Report – Kristen Feurer-

Thank you for all who have participated this year. It is a great group, and everyone is so friendly and willing to help.

D) Treasurer's Report- Christina Sciarrotta- Not in attendance.

Treasurer's report was sent to the Board.

E) Secretary- Misha Mann.

No quorum.

3) Committee/Director Reports:

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

Next steps are construction. Emily Wong is committed to paying funding infrastructure. Christina has paid the brick invoices. There was discussion about marketing information about the progress and having an event around the construction "groundbreaking" and involving alumni. Ricky has space in an onsite storage locker for bricks if we need space.

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

Sabrina stated that they wanted to have an end of the year party and do something in person.

C) Spirit Wear Committee Report- Luisa Shortall

The store is well stocked. She said that they could sell the cookbook. She will be getting ready for Freshman goodie bags. They will be ready in July. Ready for quick start in August. Can someone confirm that there will be a back-to-school bash? Kristen ordered cards with all of LP social media address/info on them. There are still some bags left over from 2020-2021 Freshman goodie bags. Will attempt to distribute.

Luisa discussed participating in the Lincoln Park Farmer's Market over the summer. Ms. Lopez is the contact for that. Dr. Steinmiller asked if we need volunteers? Sabrina said she will send out an email.

We will offer an LP yard sign. It will be a more generic LPHS Lion Pride sign. Will sell at the store and offer pick up at school. Yesenia mentioned that Lane sells signs 2 times per year, and they do pick up at school.

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

No updates currently.

E) Marketing & Communications Report- Sara Shacter. Not in attendance.

Business directory is going well. Businesses will be featured on FOLPHS Facebook page. We have 21 businesses so far.

F) Open House Committee Report -Jackie Herigodt and Sara Shacter. Not in attendance.

Sabrina reported on this. They are engaging a videographer. They are interviewing students to update the video. Christy Levy would like to help.

Peter mentioned that we should be reaching out to the feeder schools. Dr. Steinmiller said that it is being prioritized and they are tracking all local efforts.

They are trying to promote that LP has the third largest IB program in the US and we are in our 40th year of providing IB education. They will be celebrating it at graduation.

G) Fall Social/Spring Gala Committee Report- Suzanne Rovner. Not in attendance.

No report currently.

H) Wish List Committee- Misha Mann & Sabrina Spitznagle

Sabrina stated that the Wish List raised \$20K which is great for our first year. Items like garden tools, printers, desk computers, bathrooms and band instructions had donations. The FOLPHS had committed up to \$80K of matching funds to help pay for items that had donations but were not fully funded. The commitment was to match the top three items.

Separately, Dr. Steinmiller stated that CPS was funding new laptops for teachers so we wouldn't need money for that.

Misha thanked Sabrina for all her work on the program. She really helped set up the structure of the wish list. She noted that the incentives were a great tool in donations. Incentives such as marquee messages, college planning services and a painting donated by a LP parent were great tools to the program. Sabrina ordered 110 travel mugs with the LP logo on them for future incentives.

Peter asked where the "surplus" in the LP bank account comes from. Sabrina clarified that it wasn't surplus, but undispersed funds from past fundraising events.

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

The committee has an email address: FOLPHSDEI@gmail.com

Thank you to all for the support. The committee is grateful for everyone's participation in the first event they hosted. The next thing that the DEI wants to do is create a scholarship. The amount would be \$2-\$5K. The money would help pay for the cost for students who want to transfer into IB. When you transfer from Double Honors there are classes that need to be "made up" to catch up with the curriculum. These classes must be taken through Illinois Virtual School and cost money. They want to encourage kids to consider the IB program and not let the cost be a deterrent. Right now, there are about 13 kids that need to make up classes. There are 6 kids that need to make up 1 class, 6 that need to make up 2 and 1 kid that needs to make up 3 classes. Each course is \$240. The scholarship would be available for anyone who requests it. Payments for those signing up for Virtual classes is due June 20.

Dr. Steinmiller stated that we could work with Ms. Lopez, so need is kept confidential. Dr. Steinmiller also suggested talking to the head of the Counseling Department Mr. Merle. His email is cmerle@cps.edu.

Since we do not have quorum, we will need to vote via email.

The other thing that the DEI wanted to work on was a LP cookbook. The cookbook would sell for about 425 with unique anecdotes about LP. Kristen noted that her kid's school did a cookbook which she would share with the DEI as a template. Someone suggested using student art and asked the DEI to talk with Ms. McCormack. It could be an IB cultural project as well.

Everyone loved the idea of the cookbook. Venecia and Julie said they would work on the idea over the summer.

J) Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski. Not in attendance.

Lou Malnatti's is the June fundraiser.

K) International Baccalaureate Liaison- Memory Jacobs

Memory thanked Ms. Tookey for their years of partnership and stated that Ms. Tookey was a very good friend now. She is so happy to support the IB program and work with Ms. Tookey. Thank you for helping with emergencies and thank you for the laughs. Ms. Tookey stated that she will miss Memory. I think we can agree that we all will.

Ms. Tookey mentioned that the potluck could be coordinated with the cookbook. I could be a venue to sell the books.

Memory thanked Julie and called her a “Good Egg” and she thanked Dr. Steinmiller.

Someone had the idea to do an auction item called “Dr. S cooks”. Apparently, he is a good cook.

L) LSC Liaison- Memory Jacobs

June 10 is the next LSC meeting. Sabrina will give an update. June meeting will NOT be Memory’s last meeting due to transitions with people leaving the LSC.

4) Old Business: none

5) New Business:

Eury stated that next year’s freshman class will be about 600 kids. The school has opened up for 10th transfer students, but that the cut off scores might be too high for Visual Arts. Dr. Steinmiller stated that the goal for each grade is 550 students. Board positions for 2021-2022 remain filled.

Next meeting will be held September 7 at 6:30 pm.

6) Adjourn- 8:11 pm

ATTENDANCE

FOLPHS Board and Committee Members 2020-2021			
Board Members (Voting Members)			
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