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FOLPHS Meeting

LPHS Community Room, #112

November 14, 2023

Welcome and Call to Order - 6:03pm

Officer Reports

Principal Dr. Steinmiller – present

Several activities taking place at LPHS this week and we're quickly gearing up for holiday events. There is a Senior financial aid meeting tonight as well as a Drama production this Thursday and Friday. There were IB informational sessions for potential incoming students over the last few weeks. There are lots of opportunities for our families to get involved.

Trends are moving in the right direction as shared in LSC meeting last Thursday:

- Based on GoCPS, our attendance numbers/year over year enrollment continues to increase
- LPHS is experiencing the 2nd highest college enrollment rates in the last 13 years which is a strong preliminary indicator that our "6-year journey" efforts are showing success.
- AP enrollment has doubled in the last 5 years. More of our students have access to college level classes. It's a good reminder that Freshmen shouldn't be detracted from enrolling. Even if they are not testing high enough, the course still academically prepares them for college level curriculum.
- Please make sure you review the IBD growth slide in Sunday's Lions' Roar newsletter. It demonstrates overall IBD growth but more importantly, an increased AP access for all of LPHS' sub-groups. Ex. In the last 4 years, the pass rate drastically increased for black, male students, 14% in English and 12% in Math.
- As a student body overall, our SAT rates are going up. Once again, these are all data points to be proud of.
- In addition, LPHS' focus is not just on academic advancements. There has been a specific focus on supporting our students' social and emotional learning. As a reminder for new parents, it used to be just JJ. LPHS has invested in two additional support personnel. The

number of “higher incidents” is the lowest in 10 years which supports work focused on ensuring the % of misconducts aren’t escalating.

- Attendance is not where I want it to be. I would like to see more of a courtyard area during school day. This not only increases safety but allows staff to control flow for off campus lunch, leaving school grounds, etc.
- We also had an exciting signing day for athletes. We’d like to see this continue every year.

Q&A:

- What is status of teaching vacancies FOLPHS is covering?

Dr. Steinmiller: FOLPHS approved expense to cover salaries until Dec. 21st, when full time teacher contracts could be signed. There is potential to give money back. Dr. Steinmiller is working to cover through central office funds and will keep us posted.

President Sabrina Spitznagle – present

As referenced in agenda, Sabrina would like to discuss and vote on a request from the music department to cover \$530 performance rights for spring musical. Sabrina moved to approve and vote via email (for quorum). General discussion regarding guidelines for FOLPHS voting members to assess requests, specifically when and who to fund. There is discussion on how to make it fair and equitable. Discussion on internal review established within LPHS. Expenses which are not able to be funded/paid through CPS iProcurement system are submitted to department chair. Escalation protocol from department chair is Ms. Lopez, Ms. Sepulveda and then Dr. Steinmiller. There is a recommendation to create a Google form for any expense request. Danette offered to create a document.

Additional discussion to clarify school groups vs. clubs. For academic needs, LPHS attempts to fund within student fees. Athletics, Performing Arts, etc. leverage fundraisers. For Drama/Musical example, this is an activity open to any LPHS student or “student wide activity.” From past activity, FOLPHS is more inclined to support school wide expense needs which cannot be funded through traditional methods. (vendor not on iProcurement, expense must be pre-paid, etc.)

Co-Vice Presidents– Colin O’Brien – not present **and Tracey Lazos** – present – no report

Treasurer - Maiva Lozano – present **and Assistant Treasurer- Keeley Selko** – not present

Maiva has copy of budget actuals for anyone interested. On revenue side, exciting to receive a \$20k donation to Pledge Drive. We came in underbudget on Open House but need to put placeholder on next year’s needs. Beth will discuss with Michelle on any budget needs for 2024 knowing we need to film new video. General discussion on funds we may be able to use for additional Smart Boards. Smart Boards have life cycle of 14 years, have a maintenance cycle through CPS.

Maiva is continuing to work through Venmo and PayPal. She needs to research how initial Venmo was set up as Venmo and PayPay are now co-owned and FOLPHS would like to leverage both on one FOLPHS account.

Secretary Sarah Portugal – present

October FOLPHS Minutes were provided via email. Sarah made motion to approve minutes, Sabrina seconded and there was quorum of 7 votes for approval.

Committee / Director Reports

Pledge Drive and Corporate Sponsorship – Sabrina Spitznagle, Tracey Lazos (Member at Large) and Linsley Spivey – all present

Pledge drive is just over \$65,000! Positive to see overall amount of reoccurring donations, although we're technically not counting in total as people are able to cancel. Drive will stay open to take advantage of holiday giving/Giving Tuesday/Corporate matches.

Tracey suggests sending thank you letters for recurring payments as method to keep donor engaged. General discussion sending thank you letters, handwritten vs. automated. Committee to further discuss plan once they determine total donors. *Update: Sabrina bringing FOLPHS Thank You cards to Dec. FOLPHS' meeting for group to assist in writing thank you cards.

Corporate sponsorship has finalized stock letter highlights of LPHS, updated corporate sponsorship levels and cleaned up existing data base. Tracey would like to share read only link so people can "assign" themselves contacts they have relationships with. Suggestion to make separate corporate sponsor email and/or leverage existing unused email address separate from general FOLPHS email. General discussion regarding cost feasibility to obtain Chamber of Commerce spreadsheet. Potential to work with Brad Kessler to offset cost by making Chamber a top-level sponsor. Regarding sponsorship signage, committee will coordinate with spirit wear on ability to print window clings. Last year, we listed sponsors via banners but not on school marquee.

Spirit Wear- Jessica Strang and Danette Fernando (Members at Large)- both present

We will be selling spirit wear outside room 111 on Wednesday. There will be alternate options for kids and/or families to buy on-line and pick up at a volunteer home. We will also post new merchandise on Instagram.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation – Eury Chrones (Member at Large) and Alexandra Solomon- not present

On school conference day, faculty and staff were given “survival kits.” We also contributed \$2,000 to their end of year party.

Social – Keely Selko- not present

Winter formal is scheduled for Jan. 24th and link has been sent to order tickets. As clarification, FOLPHS will support any volunteer needs but dance logistics, ticket questions, etc. should be directed to Ms. Theus.

Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski (Member at Large)- not present

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Venecia Sanchez and Julie Molina (Members at Large)- not present

Brick Drive- Eury Chrones (Member at Large)- not present

Eury is interested in transitioning Brick Drive to another volunteer. If interested, please contact her.

Social Media- Jackie Gelb- not present

Marketing/Website/Graphic Design- Eva Ho – present and Chris Nelson- not present

Tracey Lazos is also able to assist with logo needs, particularly for spring party.

IB Liaison- Sabrina Spitznagle (Member at Large)- present/no report

LSC Liaison- Sabrina Spitznagle (Member at Large)- present/no report

Communications- Colin O’Brien(Member at Large) and Nkosi White- not present

Spring Parent Party and Auction- Sarah Portugal, Tracey Lazos (Member at Large), Lindsey Spivey, Keely Selko and Jodi Boutell - all present except Keely

Need to work with Dr. Steinmiller on proposed dates. Will have further updates in December FOLPHS meeting. If anyone is interested in working on spring party/fundraiser, let us know.

Open House- Beth O’Connor and Michele Berman (Members at Large)- Beth present

No report but reference early discussion regarding need to budget updated video for 2024.

Yard Signs- Sara Byerly – not present

Personalized Marquee Message- Rochelle Brophy -not present

Old Business- none

Open/Announcements-

Mary Enda Tookey discussed IB program updates. Virtual sessions were offered via GoCPS and a couple weeks ago, in person events were hosted for potential students. There is a known issue with the application to HH and IBD. Unfortunately, the online test wasn't functioning. Tomorrow is deadline for students in IB classes who will be taking test in May.

Adjourn – 7:22 pm

Next FOLPHS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00pm in the LPHS Community Room.

Attendees:

Beth O'Connor, Angela Pestano, Maiva Lozano, Lindsey Spivey, Danette Fernando, Jessica Strang, Eva Ho, Jody Boutell, Sarah Portugal, Sabrina Spitznagle, Robert Zanio, Angela Hainsworth, Tracey Lazos, Mary Enda Tookey, Eric Steinmiller