



MEETING MINUTES 3.8.2022

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1) Welcome and call to order- Sabrina – 6:32 pm

Everyone on the call and in person introduced themselves.

2) Officer Reports

A) Principal Report-Dr. Steinmiller

Friday was amazing. Thank you to everyone for a great event. Dr. Steinmiller was nervous about the masking change with the community, staff, teachers, and students, but it went well. It was the first major event with the entire community gathering and he wants to build upon it. Dr. Steinmiller's wife Jaclyn, was talking about how wonderful it was to have everyone gather.

We raised enough money to get two additional Smart Boards for the classrooms. Each Smart Board is about \$4,000. We received an \$88,000 grant that allowed us to get about 11-12 Smart Boards and this will add two more. Ms. Sulpeveda is focusing on grant applications before the end of the school year.

Eury mentioned that the Old Town Triangle organization has a grant opportunity and so far, they only have one applicant. Dr. Steinmiller will be sharing that with Ms. Sulpeveda. They are focusing on SEL for their grant applications.

The Safety Committee met today and will have a follow up meeting on Friday, March 11. The school continues to maintain a low Covid rate. They are very focused on vaccination and cleanliness. They will continue to push testing and asking everyone to continue to wear masks to protect those vulnerable. Right now, they have about 1 student a week that tests positive. There are so many events between now and the end of the school year, so they want everyone to remain healthy, so they can participate in all events.

Sara mentioned that she has been working at an Archdiocese school and they have a mask optional policy. No one is wearing masks at her school.

The school is tackling what they call the 3rd quarter slumps where make students grades dip a bit after a strong 2nd quarter finish. Teachers are very focused on keeping students on track. They continue to see improvements on grades year over year.

The LSC meeting is on March 10 and March 9 is the last day to apply for an LSC Board position. Candidates are listed online. We need more parents to participate. There are 6 parent spots and 2 community spots.

The boys' basketball team senior night was a success. While they did not come close to breaking event on the cost with ticket sales, it was great to get everyone together, celebrate the seniors, and honor some alumni. The cost was \$7,000. Dr. Steinmiller is hoping to work with DePaul to get a special rate so we can have more events there. DePaul does not use the facility much so there might be an opportunity to get a deal on the cost.

Question from Sabrina: Will we be able to schedule/sign up for specific times for conferences again? Dr. Steinmiller stated that he must speak to his department heads, but most parents and teachers like this format and he is fairly sure we will continue to have sign-ups for either in-person or virtual.

B) President's Report-Sabrina Spitznagle

Lion Pride Party was an amazing time. The lion statues were very cool. Thank you to Ms. Drake and the students for creating their designs for the lions. There were 145 tickets sold in advance and 10 at the door. We had 23 students with us from Mr. Cooper's Chamber choir and 2 students from the school musical Urinetown. The auction made \$16,000 total with \$7,175 from the paddle raise and \$9,200 from the silent auction.

Dr. Steinmiller would love to book the event at Galleria Marchetti again and asked Suzanne and Kristen to look into it. The space flows well.

Kristen mentioned that they did have a couple issues with some attendees that bid on the paddle raise, but their phone numbers did not match up with a credit card. Suzanne was going to help investigate it so that they closed the last few open items.

Sabrina asked everyone to send their photos from the event to Debra so she can post on social media. Misha sent the only two photos she had to Debra over the weekend, and they have been posted. It was noted that we need to have someone dedicated to taking photos at the event next year.

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

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

Christina did report that we have approximately \$111,000 in our account currently. Ellen will work on an official report. The group discussed creating a plan for 2022-2023 to have a good and shareable report on fundraising and finances for FOLPHS.

E) Secretary- Misha Mann.

Misha asked for an approval of the meeting minutes from February. Sabrina made a motion to approve the minutes. Sara seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passes.

3) Committee/Director Reports:

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

No update.

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

FOLPHS is going to do something for progress reports on April 21. There is no school that day and it is also the LSC's election voting day.

C) Spirit Wear Committee Report- Luisa Shortall

FOLPHS made \$821 for the spirit wear sales in February including \$550 from the basketball game. Jesse White, LP alum, even bought a couple sweatshirts and took a selfie with Therese Matheny. They will be selling spirit wear on March There is a new product: a winter sweatshirt. Sale dates will be March 24 and 25.

She is still working with Dr. Steinmiller on a location for a permanent store. She has one volunteer to cover spirit wear for 2022-2023 school year but is still looking for a co-chair.

Suzanne commented that March 18 is decision day for GoCPS and asked about offering swag to incoming freshman. Could we have a freshman day on campus where incoming students could pick up LP swag?

Ms. Tookey noted that in the past she has reached out via email to all new incoming IB students to welcome them. They also hosted a mini-open house for the IB program with break out sessions.

Ellen mentioned that at her past school they had a Sunday in June when students could pick up swag.

Sabrina asked if we could have yard signs again and create the senior yard signs. Sara will work on that. Christy did the original design so it should be simple to rerun the signs. Indira could help if needed.

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

No updates currently. She is actively posting on social media. Thank you, Debra.

E) Marketing & Communications Report- Sara Shacter

Yelena Spector and ShaNita Daniel will be taking over the Marketing & Communications role and will start at the April meeting if they are voted in. Sara will send an email to the Board introducing them. Sara will continue to set up the April and May meetings, but someone will need to host the Zoom meeting in June and all meetings thereafter.

There will be an online survey for the Business Directory, but they will restart the program for the fall.

Communications continue to go out on the marquee. Messages for each week are input on Monday mornings so the message is live midday Monday. That needs to be communicated to the marquee message purchasers.

Suzanne asked how messages get to the students? Sara noted that Constant Contact cannot be sent to the students directly so messages must be sent via Mr. Hardesty.

Sabrina noted that photos of the Lego creations from Mr. Brown and his class will be sent and posted on SM by Debra.

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

Michelle in attendance. No report.

Sara mentioned that Nothing Bundt Cakes sold cupcakes when we had Open house in person in the past and sold tons of product. It was a big hit. Perhaps this can be something that occurs in the fall?

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

The event on March 4 was a big success. We had 140 attendees plus 25 students that performed. The event was compromised of parents, guardians, LSC Board members and friends of LPHS. Approximately \$7,000 was raised during the paddle raise and from the Lions sales and \$9,000 from the silent auction. The ticket price covered the cost of the venue, DJ, and food. Everyone had a good time at the event and many enjoyed dancing.

H) Wish List Committee- Sabrina Spitznagle

Sabrina is working with Dr. Steinmiller on getting quotes to paint the bathrooms to protect them from graffiti. They are also working on a special area in where graffiti will be allowed and encouraged. Cost is approximately \$15,000. They are also looking at replacing tile which is part of the proposed cost.

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

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

The group met last week. They are focused on setting up an event with Sarah E. Dennis, PhD, founder, and co-leader of the Illinois Chapter of NAME (National Association of Multicultural Education- Advancing and Advocating for Social Justice & Equity). Dr. Steinmiller and Mr. Golebiewski are working with the DEI to have a parent engagement night. CPS and the network will promote events with DEI topics district and network wide. They will host the event in person and offer a Zoom option.

Venecia noted that the cookbook work will start up at the end of the summer and be sold in the fall.

J) Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski

Jodi is awaiting information from Lou Malnati's and Oasis on the results of the two respective fundraising events.

Our next community fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 11 at Cilantro. This is a popular restaurant with the students so the event will start at 11 am. They will donate 10% of their proceeds to LPHS.

Kidoodles, an online boutique, will host a fundraising event for LPHS. The store sells gifts appropriate for birthdays, graduations, Mother's Day and more.

Broken Barrel Brewery is interested in hosting an event with FOLPHS. Spa Vic and Nothing Bundt Cakes are interested as well. Jodi will work with Sabrina to plan events out ahead of time for the 2022-2023 school year.

K) International Baccalaureate Liaison- Venecia Sanchez and Ms. Tookey

Mock exams for IB and AP are being set up. It is challenging to set up since they need lots of space for kids to spread out. Logistically it is a lot of work to do when school is in session. They might utilize the gym.

Mr. Abed is working with the seniors, and many are receiving their acceptance letters for college. It is an exciting time.

L) LSC Liaison- Rebecca Eden and Sabrina Spitznagle

Rebecca is not in attendance. The LSC meeting is on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 pm. Nominations close for the LSC Board on March 9. There are 6 parents running.

4) Old Business:

No old business.

5) New Business:

Senior Events:

Ms. Glunz joined the FOLPHS meeting to talk about all the senior events. There were 5 separate senior events including: Senior Prom, Senior Luncheon, Grad Night at Six Flags, Senior Week and Graduation.

Grad night is Saturday, May 14 at Six Flags. The kids will take a bus to the park and be there from 7 pm to 3 am. The cost will probably be around \$75 per person. Cost includes bus, rides, food, and drinks. Dr. Steinmiller will try to use some of the student fees to cover the bus cost and reduce the overall cost for the seniors. Teachers are the chaperones.

Prom is Friday, May 20 from 7 to 11 pm at the Hyatt Regency. The cost is going to be \$150 per person. We will need parental support with décor, the DJ, centerpieces, etc. The theme is enchanted forest. Ms. Glunz will be getting solar powered twinkle lights that can be re-used.

She is thinking of setting up a Hoopa where students can take photos. Sydney Walters will take photos. Ms. Glunz's husband will take candid photos. Tickets will be available to this event and all other senior events via Aspen.

Senior Week will be May 31 to June 3. They will be practicing the graduation ceremony during this week. The events of the week include a BBQ, field day, food truck and maybe even a dunk tank.

Senior Luncheon is another senior event. The date was not discussed, but it may occur during senior week. Luisa is working on locations with Ms. Glunz. They are looking at places like Joe's on Weed, Moe's Cantina, and Castaways. They need a location that can accommodate about 400 people. The cost will be around \$40 per person and will cover the location, food and possibly a DJ.

Ms. Glunz is looking for sponsorship to help offset the costs of the events. They want to ensure that all students who want to participate can do so regardless of whether they can afford to do so or not.

Yesenia asked if there would be a "prom" store where students could pick up outfits for prom as a reduced cost. Ms. Glunz mentioned that many organizations host prom style stores that are not located onsite so students can shop privately. Some examples include Silver Slipper and the Cinderella Project. Sabrina suggested a possible donation drive for formalwear similar to the Lego drive. Students would have access to clothing and could shop in private by setting up time with their counselors.

Ms. Glunz will be attending the April FOLPHS event and will let us know final costs and make her request for sponsorship based on those final numbers.

In the meantime, they need parents to help work on all these events. Luisa has senior parent names.

Jodi mentioned that Nothing Bundt Cake would be happy to sponsor a fundraiser for the seniors. Zahir, a student, wanted to help set this up.

Dr. Steinmiller stated that the LSC budget meeting was on March 7. They had a surplus of money from homecoming due to selling a significant number of tickets for the event over what they had budgeted for originally. They will use 25% of those funds to help pay for senior events. 25% represents the portion of the excess funds that would apply to the existing seniors. Each grade level would be entitled to have $\frac{1}{4}$ of the funds to use towards events that they participate in.

Suzanne asked if students would be participating in a fundraising that they led to help pay for senior events? Dr. Steinmiller stated that some students were trying to put together an event with Lou Malnati's.

Side note: Ms. Glunz thanked the FOLPHS for sponsoring the teaching luncheon and mentioned that they were planning for an end of the year party for the teachers/staff.

Sabrina made a motion for Ellen Zickmann to join the FOLPHS Board as Treasurer. Michelle seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Christina will continue to be on the Board until Ellen is fully up to speed, but Ellen will be the official Treasurer starting at the next meeting. Reimbursement requests will now go to Ellen but need to copy Christina for the next couple months.

Next meeting will be held Monday, April 4 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be in-person and on Zoom.

6) Adjourn- 8:13 pm

ATTENDANCE

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