



MEETING MINUTES 3.9.2021

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- 1) **Welcome and call to order- Sabrina** – 6:32 pm
- 2) **LSC Visitor-** William Quinlan from the LSC Board joined us at the top of our meeting. He wanted to let everyone know that there will be a special Town Hall on March 10 that will review departmental meetings and will outline the Administration's position. The LSC will ask their questions and then there will be a Q&A opportunity.

3) **Officer Reports**

A) **Principal Report-Dr. Steinmiller**

CPS sent out a survey about returning to school. They did not let LP know it was coming out ahead of time. The survey is regarding a return to school for Q4.

There was another coffee with the Principal on March 9. Dr. Steinmiller said it was fun to meet with parents and the group discussed the survey informally.

Testing: PSAT for grades 9 and 10 is not mandatory. Parents did show interest in the testing, but it is not confirmed that PSAT for these grades will be offered. AP Testing: What will that look like for Spring 2021? Per Dr. Steinmiller, it will NOT be in person. They need to set the schedule. Same for IB tests: they need to discuss whether testing will be in-person or virtual.

Sports: Sports are in full swing with Winter sports wrapping up soon. Michele Berman thanked Dr. Steinmiller for getting the kids back into the building and back into sports. The school has been filming sports events so parents can view. The videos will be shared online.

Dr. Steinmiller has been meeting with the LSC to discuss the pathway forward for LP and our curriculum. The past several weeks he has met with department chairs and specifically discussed how to give access to courses especially in the junior and senior years. There is an emphasis on consistency and using the same structure for all department. For example, in the Math department there are so many options. They need to ensure that Freshman have access to the highest level of math.

LPHS will offer three educational paths:

1. Performing Arts
2. Advanced College Prep

3. International Bacculaureate

A brochure has been created to better explain the programs and to highlight the details with additional facts about LP. The link is below.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aKlqSiAVwY4cPUI3P4jtYLEgAoiE4VA_/view

They are also trying not to put caps on classes offered if demand exceeds number of spots offered, they will open it up to an additional class time.

Budgets are due soon, so placements and teacher allocations need to be finalized as they are related to one another and to the budget.

The Auditorium curtains will be replaced, and the request has been expedited as the Fire Marshall wants them replaced. This escalates the importance to get the curtains updated.

Graduation will be different that “normal” but will be a bit more robust than the 2020 graduation. Dr. Steinmiller might reach out to FOPLHS for funds if needed. They are looking at a couple locations such as Lincoln Park Zoo and Sox Park. Mr. Stucky is working with Sox. Kristen mentioned that she had a good connection to the Sox and would share it with Dr. Steinmiller. If they can do luncheons or dinners in conjunction with graduation, they will need to be small to align with Covid guidelines. There is a meeting on Friday, March 12 to discuss graduation plans.

There will be a host of events the week before Spring break for Seniors. One fun thing for the Senior week is that Stefanie Coslow will be teaching a virtual yoga class.

B) President’s Report-Sabrina Spitznagle

Thank you for Sabrina to Dr. Steinmiller for his report. Thank you to Julie for translating the FOLPHS communications into Spanish. Sabrina reported on the prism board and said that sales were going great. Misha responded that her message looked terrific and was appreciated by her student.

Sabrina mentioned that typically there is a Senior Luncheon and that FOLPHS would like to discuss providing t-shirts for the seniors.

Sabrina thanked Suzanne and all involved for hosting a great event. She also thanked everyone for attending. It was a fun evening. Kristen mentioned that the host of the Beer room was very knowledgeable and made the event a lot of fun.

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

D) Treasurer’s Report- Christina Sciarotta- Not in attendance.

Treasurer’s report will be shared with the Board for January and February.

E) Secretary- Misha Mann.

Sabrina moved to approve the February Minutes. Kristen seconded. All voted to approve. The motion passes.

3) Committee/Director Reports:

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

Stefanie Coslow gave the report. One generous sponsor has agreed to pay for the entire installation of the bricks. This means more profit for the Brick Campaign! We raised \$31,000 on the Brick Drive. Stefanie will walk with the installation team on Friday including Ricky and the engineers.

Sara asked how many bricks there will be this year and Stefanie stated around 230, but that did not include the group bricks. The brick company will deliver the bricks when we are ready to install.

Sabrina and Dr. Steinmiller have discussed including a brick in a cap and gown bundle for seniors going forward.

Eury mentioned that they have been following Lakeview High School and their brick drive. Lakeview does their drive annually. But they may not install bricks every year.

Someone inquired about whether you could select the location of where your brick will be installed. At this point, Eury said no, but they could consider that going forward and perhaps charge a premium?

The FOLPHS Brick is fully funded, and Sabrina is confirming the wording for the brick.

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

Kristen reported that the next time the committee reaches out to teachers it will be for report cards and that they will provide snacks. They will likely have a gift card for teachers in April. The candy from Valentine's Day has not been entirely picked up or consumed.

C) Spirit Wear Committee Report- Luisa Shortall

I delivered 9 out of the 17 spirit wear items to Ms. Delgado for prizes for the Diverse Learners. I will deliver the rest if she needs them.

I attempted to sell hoodies out of my house again, but the response was not great, so I plan to put the stock in the storeroom in the next week or 2. Hopefully, PJ bottoms will be restocked in April. I think we will have to wait to sell in person next time whenever that opportunity presents itself. Let me know if there are any in school opportunities in the future when students will be on campus for any reason. Maybe for the SAT exam on April 13? I guess this is a question for Dr. Steinmiller.

I was planning to reach out to the 8th graders at our local school when high school decisions come out to see if any kids going to LP want to buy a hoodie. If anyone else on the board wants to reach out to their elementary schools to do the same, I could pre-sell the hoodies and deliver them directly to the schools assuming all 8th graders are in attendance by then. Or they can be picked up at my home again. Dr. Steinmiller stated that once the list of future Freshman is finalized that he can reach out to the Spirit wear committee and FOLPHS.

Volunteers for this effort are as follows:

Hawthorne - Rebecca Eden

Bell Elementary- Sara

Lincoln Elementary- Stefanie

Sabrina also suggested creating a “fireworks” email to welcome new students who accept as future Freshman at LPHS. She confirmed that we will have goodie bags for Freshman in the fall.

Debra Sitar and I are meeting with Ms. Watson this week to give her the spirit wear shop gift cards for the perfect attendance raffle, and one for good grades, too, I believe. She and I will figure out how to pay for them and distribute them.

Otherwise, my focus is just to stock up the store so that it is ready to go whenever that time is. We can also discuss later in the year if we will be producing a freshman goody bag again.

Luisa also discussed selling spirit wear at the Farmer’s Market at LPHS. The market is ongoing throughout the year and is hosted in the parking lot. There is lots of room for a table. Rebecca asked about LPHS branded tents. Sabrina suggested that FOLPHS Board and committee members “man” the table at the Farmer’s Markets.

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

We now have a committee: Rebecca Eden, Julie Molina and me.

Rebecca has created a calendar for us to stay on top of posts and we have reached out to teachers and the general LP community to get things of interest to post. They are adding national days to the calendar.

Rebecca or Julie may be able to speak at the mtg tomorrow. Waiting for a response on if they are attending.

E) Marketing & Communications Report- Sara Shacter

Sara noted that the Drama Raffle raised \$560. The show was well attended. It was fun, hilarious and they even have a blooper reel. Wonderful news for the drama program!

The Business Directory committee has been meeting. The committee includes Jennifer and Rebecca. They are planning on a broad reach of businesses to include in the directory. A “bigger is better” theory is being employed. If they need to peel back and make it a smaller group, they will adjust. Right now, they are including current LP families, alumni, faculty, and current local sponsors. The directory will be hosted by FOLPHS. There will be a downloadable PDF with links. If you sign up in the spring of 2021, you will get a full year in addition to the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Christy will help with the registry. The cost will be \$25 and has been reviewed by Sabrina, Kristen, Sara, and Rebecca.

Questions: Rebecca asked how she will know if a business has paid? Sabrina stated that they will be notified of payment via Neon. Rebecca asked about locating Alumni. Ms. Tookey mentioned that there is an Alumni list that the school keeps. Vivian Hernandez in the IB office maintains a list.

Kristen made a motion to approve the Business Directory program and fundraiser. Sara seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Sara stated we need to remove an old banner. We need to update it with a new one. The location is on Armitage. This will be done in conjunction with the start of in-person (hybrid) learning. Banners are less than \$100 so they are a good investment and way to thank sponsors and supporters. Sara made a motion to get a banner and Kristen seconded. All voted in favor of getting a banner and the motion passed.

Misha suggested that the banner state some like, "Welcome back Lions!"

F) Open House Committee Report -Jackie Herigodt not in attendance

We need to find a successor for Jackie. Who will take her place for future open house work? Jackie will be circling back with Dr. Steinmiller, Sara and Sabrina to ensure there is smooth transition and all of Jackie's notes/great ideas. The school should run the Open House with FOLPHS supporting the event. Dr. Steinmiller suggested that Sara reach out to Mr. Stucky who will oversee the event in the fall.

Volunteers for next year's Open House included: Venecia, Jennifer Nelkin and Christy Levy.

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

The event was February 26. It was a lot of fun and a great way to get to know fellow LPHS parents and guardians. There were 80 tickets sold with 7 staff and faculty in attendance. Ticket sales covered our costs and we netted \$4,000!

Suzanne will reach out to volunteers about the Fall 2022 Gala.

H) Auction Committee- Misha Mann

Misha finalized the wish list but had a couple outstanding questions for Dr. Steinmiller to clarify. The wish list was not part of the Lion Pride event. It will need to be uploaded to either Neon or Qtego. Misha will send the list to Sabrina and discuss the input process. Misha mentioned that there was not anything specific to IB program. Sabrina will review some outstanding questions with Dr. Steinmiller.

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

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

They had their first committee meeting. They talked about the mission of the group and discussed the survey. They want to ensure that the message that this committee is about "One Community" not just black and brown people. In the future, all their meetings during the school year will be the first Wednesday of each month.

Venecia feels that they are still defining their role and that they want to be a resource. They want to have actionable items. Maybe some guest speakers or host a book club featuring books on topic. They would like to put together a suggested reading list and use this as a jumping off point for their events. They think that a book club is more casual, and expense will not be an obstacle to participation.

Julie asked the Board to think about what they want from the DEI committee. What are the guidelines? They will continue to reach out to other high schools to see what they are doing for comparison.

Sabrina suggested 1 to 2 events per year and that we could discuss budget when we had a better idea of what the events entailed. She also noted that Sara Osoba is the person in charge of the Cluster program.

Venecia reported that they will reach out to the Cluster teachers and parents to ensure that they are included in the committee.

Venecia signed up for a free event "How to Talk to your teen about Racism". She will investigate the event host and see if they might be an option for a FOLPHS DEI event.

Comments: Jennifer Nelkin stated-Cluster program is a great idea! Stefanie agreed- Awesome job Venecia and Julie! Therese said – Venecia and Julie are killing it! Kristen mentioned that her K-8 school is hosting paid speakers. She will find out what they are doing and give examples to the committee.

Memory hopes that there are at least 2 parents from both the future freshman and sophomore classes that participate in the DEI Committee. She also would like to connect Ms. Tookey to the DEI.

Dr. Steinmiller mentioned he could add DEI event information to the LPHS call that goes out each Sunday. If you want anything to go into the newsletter, email Ms. Martell at akmartell@cps.edu and items for the Sunday "robo" call go to Ms. Troche at vtroche@cps.edu.

Attached is the summary of findings from the survey that the DEI committee hosted:

Summary of Findings

Survey went out 1/19/21 with a deadline 1/31/21. Received 54 responses.

Sophomore parents:23, Freshmen: 16, Junior: 10 and Senior: 8

Overall positive responses on 3 questions. We focused on "Strongly disagree" or "disagree" responses for us to know what we need to improve on.

FOLPHS listens to the community and works to include as many diverse voices as possible in decision making. 3 in total

FOLPHS works to make events inclusive and available to all members of the community. 5 in total

I feel welcomed at meetings, can speak freely, and my opinions are valued. 3 in total

Some comments of those who disagreed or strongly disagreed:

- Find ways to recruit a more diverse Board to help with community engagement
- I did not even know LPHS or FOLPH had a DEI Committee
- Have more zoom meetings
- Invite non officers to meetings and allow them to participate and be informed
- More culturally appropriate communication with Spanish speaking families.
- Cannot use email as main communication
- Intolerance towards the right

Questions on the Survey:

Reasons why people have not yet participated in events?

57.1 % schedule

16.7 % lack of interest

The rest of responses evenly spread (money, distance etc.)

Are you interested in participating on the DEI committee?

10 people expressed interest.

Interested in other committees?

Yes! Julie will forward emails to the appropriate committee chair.

What kinds of events would you like to see? Where would you like money go?

This information will be relayed to the Fundraising committee.

What neighborhood or area of the city do you live in?

Primarily north side, but 3 south siders responded, and one did not want to give location.

J) Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski. Not present

Boqueria fundraiser is completed with a \$250 donation. I have asked them to send me a logo to include on our banner and website in appreciation for their donation.

Portillo's is scheduled for Monday March 22 from 5-8 pm, Ohio St. location.

Debra and Sara are set to handle communications for Portillo's.

I still need info from Christina to complete the W-9 for Portillo's before the event.

I will plan to schedule Chipotle for April or May (your choice, just let me know if you have ideas for which location would be best. Happy to do Fullerton again, but want to make sure we are reaching all communities.)

K) International Baccalaureate Liaison- Memory Jacobs

Ms. Tookey discussed the 3 IB programs: Middle years (Grades 9 & 10), Fully Diploma (Grades 11 & 12) and the Career Related program (i.e., ROTC, Performance, Digital, Fine Arts, etc.).

They requested funding to train Dr. Walter for a new Career Related program that will focus on Sports & Wellness (Coaching & Health). There is a training program in June that lasts 4 days. The IB program needs approval now so they can offer this course as an option for students planning their Fall 2021 classes. Since the training technically is outside of the United States (the facility is in Toronto), CPS cannot pay for the training. The cost is \$900.

Everyone liked the idea. Sabrina made a motion to pay for the training and Kristen seconded. All voted in favor of sponsoring the training and the motion passed.

Ms. Tookey stated she would send the formal information to Sabrina.

L) LSC Liaison- Memory Jacobs

Sabrina stated that the LSC will review the Wish List at their special meeting on Monday, March 22. FOLPHS needs them to approve to host this fundraiser.

4) Old Business:

Bylaws- we did not have a quorum at this point. We decided to table the voting on bylaws and send an email out to the voting board members.

Suzanne also mentioned that FOLPHS has an insurance policy. Christina confirmed and will send it to Sabrina. She will share the information with the Board.

5) New Business:

Sabrina noted that she loves LPHS Athletic Newsletters that Mr. Lezcano sends, and I had let him know that we would be happy to help with anything he needs with communications. I will also forward those email updates.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm.

6) Adjourn- 8:20 pm

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