



MEETING MINUTES 5.11.2021

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- 1) **Welcome and call to order- Sabrina – 6:32 pm**
- 2) **Officer Reports**

A) Principal Report-Dr. Steinmiller

Budget is balanced. It will be presented at the LSC on Thursday. He met with chairs and department heads.

Having students back in school has been wonderful, but it would awesome if we had more students. Some in-person students went back to being remote. Some are waiting until they are vaccinated. They are still looking to accommodate for IEP/504 plans. He has been collaborating with the safety committee. Security team has been happy with the transition and use of the health screener. Expectations are all being met by the students. Students cannot go outside due to supervision issues. There are not enough in-person teachers as many are still remote.

Graduation will be held at Soldier Field. There will be tickets for every graduate and their family. There will be multiple entry points. Each student will get 4 tickets. Instructions on how things will work are forthcoming. The event will be live streamed. They are working on a guest speaker: Dick Durbin.

Sports are happening throughout campus: water polo, baseball, volleyball, soccer, etc. to name a few.

Prom: he is meeting with the senior committee tomorrow to discuss. They will be looking at options and activities. Ms. Tookey suggested the parking lot. It was noted that Amundsen is having a prom in their parking lot.

Dr. Steinmiller mentioned that they need to hire Cluster teachers. They are also seeing the conclusion of Round 1 with acceptances to LP from GoCPS.

B) President's Report-Sabrina Spitznagle

Welcomed all attendees.

Sabrina also told us that the Marquee sales continue, and many messages are focused on graduation announcements. The money raised will go to the senior gift request that the

Board heard last month. It is not a ton of money, but it will help contribute to the funds they need for the t-shirts and stickers. They have raised \$400 so far.

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

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

Tax form will come soon. We can use the old one until then.

E) Secretary- Misha Mann.

Sara moved to approve the March Minutes. Jackie seconded. Tabled no quorum. All voted to approve. The motion passes.

3) Guest Speakers: President Judy Johanson of Oz Park Advisory Council, Gretchen Glock from Friends of Dickens, and John Yeh, parent from St. James Lutheran School

The City of Chicago is proposing a two-way bike path that will cut through Oz Park and cut it in half. The above-named groups oppose this bike path. CDOT is pushing for this as well. The path will start at Dickens and run west to east and go through to the Lincoln Park Zoo. The Park will be cut off from the fields. The path itself will have a curb or berm on both sides which will severely limit accessibility. This is not a connection of the 606 to the lakefront and should not be looked at as such. Cost is rumored to be around \$750,000. That money should be used elsewhere in the city.

There will be a meeting on May 18 at 6:30 pm regarding the bike path. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Gretchen, and let her know. You will need to register to attend. Sabrina recommended that Gretchen reach out to the LSC as well. This would be a good forum for sharing the information. Gretchen's email is gretchstowers@gmail.com or you can reach out via friendsofdickens@outlook.com.

Gretchen Glock would like to "spread the love" and give a bike path to another neighbor in the city. If approved, this would be the 8th bike path in Lincoln Park. We do not need another bike path.

Eury mentioned that she was concerned about this and how it will affect the students. Judy Johansson talked with the LP track coach last night and found out that LPHS did not know about the bike path. The planning started in 2019 but died off a bit in 2020 due to the pandemic. Back in 2019, the Oz Park Advisory Council registered their opposition. They feel it will negatively affect children, seniors and LPHS students who all use the park regularly. Many bikers are "high speed", and the Advisory Council worries about how they will interact with the slower traffic from children and seniors and the volume from the students from LPHS. The Advisory Council is also concerned with how service vehicles will access the areas they need to and how garbage trucks will collect garbage. This will also impact access for ambulances.

Kristen thanked the group for sharing the information with us. She stated that kids need to feel free to move about the park without fear of running into bikers. She also noted that LP's Physical Education program uses the park.

Gretchen will send Sabrina the information and Sabrina will distribute to the group. Sabrina thanked Gretchen and the rest of our guests for coming.

4) Committee/Director Reports:

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

The next step is to meet with Ricky in building engineering and then source out the landscaping work. The cost of landscaping is being covered by a generous donation from Emily Wong. The team is confirming all details and double checking everything. Once they do that, they will place the final order. Eury will send an update to share. It will then take 4 to 6 weeks to deliver the bricks. They anticipate installation in fall of 2021.

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

Kristen stated that the next teacher appreciation event was last week. Sabrina and Kristen gave the teachers lotto tickets. Dr. Steinmiller told us that he won \$1! Debra Sitar helped with teacher appreciation by posting photos of the teachers when they were young on social media. It was a lot of fun to see the teachers when they were kids.

On Friday they will provide lunch to the teachers for an end of the year event. They have been working with Ms. Watson on this event.

When teachers came back, they did a "You are a lifesaver" theme and gave the teachers tumblers filled with lifesavers, advil, and snacks.

C) Spirit Wear Committee Report- Luisa Shortall

Sold a couple hundred dollars' worth of stuff in April. Reached out to local elementary schools to connect with future LP students for spirit wear. She did get one customer from Bell Elementary. She is opened to doing more. She can give us all a blurb to send out to local elementary schools. She would also like to participate in the open house event. She will be stocking up for next year. She will also stock up for next year's Freshman swag bags (2021-2022) and any pop up or Farmer's Market events. Dr. Steinmiller stated that the Farmer's Market is every Saturday. Ms. Lopez would be able to assist with details. Since the event is in our parking lot, LPHS gets a free table. Luisa asked the group to pick a date and she will be there. Sabrina mentioned that they will do the exact same items in the swag bag as last year. Swag bags included a magnet, a sticker, a water bottle, and a bag. Kristen will add a card.

Julie mentioned posting information about spirit wear to all the groups on Facebook. Sara asked if registration will be in person? Dr. Steinmiller stated that it will not be in person.

There will be a Freshman/Sophomore Connection this summer. Swag bags need to be ready before that. Dr. Steinmiller will confirm the date. He estimates that we will have around 550 in our 2021-2022 Freshman class. We have 300 acceptance letters so far. It was confirmed that the Freshman Connection will be between July 17 and July 29.

Kristen mentioned that her daughter is coming. She got into Lane but wants to be a LION! Yay!

D) Social Media- Debra Sitar.

No updates currently.

E) Marketing & Communications Report- Sara Shacter

Sara stated that things are going well with the business directory with 18 businesses listing and that she is sending out lots of communications. Jennifer and Rebecca have been helping a lot. Jennifer is creating emails and posting for social media. Rebecca wrote a nice blurb for marketing. Christy is developing a logo stating "I support LPHS" for social media. They will open up sign up again for 2021-2022 in June. Cost for each business is \$25 and they have collected \$450 so far.

F) Open House Committee Report -Jackie Herigodt and Sara Shacter

Jackie mentioned that the Open house committee was forming for next year's event. Judy and Jackie met to discuss planning. Black Oaks was used last year. There will be a video in addition to an in-person event since it was so successful last year, and it allows the open house to be "attended" at other times. They did discuss getting more footage with a drone. Volunteers for next year's Open House included: Venecia, Jennifer Nelkin and Christy Levy.

Ms. McCormack helped previously. Sabrina stated that they need to engage a couple teachers before the school year ends so they know how to reach the teachers. They will need help this summer. After June teachers are hard to reach and by September it is almost too late, and teachers are focused on school year/curriculum. Mr. Stucky is the AP they are working with on this event. He is going to set up a meeting in the next couple weeks to discuss the Open house.

What will live Open House look like? They will always have an online (access at any time option). We need to have a Q & A, mock teaching sessions etc.

Budget: no solid budget yet. They will look back at what was spent in 2019 for a better comparison to what they should be spending. 2020 was an atypical year. Some money came from LP, and some came from FOLPHS. Christina might have a record. Sara noted that we have 6 parents that want to help, but they need direction.

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

No report currently.

H) Wish List Committee- Misha Mann & Sabrina Spitznagle

\$3,000 raised so far. There are several items that are already fully funded included caps and gowns (50) for 2021 graduation. Art tools are fully funded as are the copiers for the social studies department. Incentive emails will be coming out next including marquee space, a painting donated by Sandy Gerding and college planning sessions.

Many people were surprised by our Capital needs such as infrastructure items like the bathrooms. Rebecca Eden mentioned grant writing and has volunteered to help FOLPHS with some grants. A couple committee members mentioned Donors Choose which helps raise funds for school requests. Rebecca thinks that the best time to appeal to these requests is at Christmas when many people and organizations are looking to make donations. Jodi mentioned that Whole Foods has a grant we can apply for at LP.

Someone discussed One School/One Community. Alderman Smith helped secure a donation of \$20 million which LP used for tuckpointing and a new roof. After we spent those funds, CPS gave schools billions of dollars to fix infrastructure items. The timing was off. If we had waited, we could have used the One School/One Community money for other items, but we really could not have waited to fix the roof back then. Stage Right is working on a fundraiser for the auditorium.

The group discussed the success of reaching out to parents via Facebook and how much success fundraisers had when Coaches reached out. There was a baseball fundraiser that was very successful because the Coach made the appeal directly to the parents. Lezcano could make a personal appeal for items related to sports/sports facilities.

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

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

Julie reported that they have had three committee meetings. Christy Levy is the secretary. Their meetings are every first Thursday of the month from 8 to 9 pm. DEI will host a meeting featuring speaker Future Cain on Wednesday, May 19 from 6:30 to 8 pm. The event will focus on social inequities and social justice and how to talk to your teen about these issues. Sabrina stated that information about the event will go out via Constant Contact on May 12. They will also send it to Ms. Martello and Dr. Steinmiller. Sara is getting this, and other documents translated into Spanish with Julie's help. Sara thanked Julie.

J) Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski.

Next event is May 25 at Chipotle from 4 to 8 pm. The only location participating is the one near the school. Chipotle donates 20%. After that, our next event is June 8 at Lou Malnati's. There will be three participating locations including Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, and the West Loop. The event will be posted on the Facebook events page. Jodi thanked Debra and Sara for all the posting and good communications on the events. Sara thanked Julie again for translating the events into Spanish.

K) International Baccalaureate Liaison- Memory Jacobs Not in attendance. Ms. Tookey spoke.

There will not be IB exams this year. They will be doing an internal assessment. They will review what has been done and what could have been done differently. They will analyze unique work and research. During the 2021-2022 school year, they will go back to normal IB exams.

AP Exams: there are 3 sessions which go into June. These exams will equal extra credit. Some exams are in-person, and some are online. Credit is issued for scores of 3 of 5 and above. LP does not give the actual credits. Colleges give the credits individually when students attend.

CPS: letters of acceptance have been received for LP and have been received for all programs. Dr. Steinmiller ran a panel online featuring students. May 14 is the deadline for acceptance. Interest and acceptance levels are good.

L) LSC Liaison- Memory Jacobs Not in attendance.

5) Old Business:

Julie Molina mentioned that the pool gave out on May 7, and they were looking for other pools that the water polo team could use for practice and games. Dr. Steinmiller helped negotiate use of the Roosevelt High School pool. Julie thanked Dr. Steinmiller. The pool is 100 years old, and they might need funds to repair and maintain the pool a bit more robustly. Rebecca Eden mentioned that they might be able to apply for a grant.

Luisa asked about future graduations and where they will be held. She stated that Soldier Field sets a precedence for all future ceremonies. Michele Berman was hoping for Sox Field next year.

6) New Business:

There was discussion on how we can welcome incoming freshmen and new students now that will be joining the LPHS family in the 2021-2022 school year.

Jackie also mentioned that the LPHS Poms team did a routine to bring awareness to her organization Imerman Angels. It was a great routine. The video will be seen in 105 countries because of the Imerman Angels reach. Michele Berman thanked Jackie for posting it.

Jackie has suggested that the FOLPHS board and committee have a picnic. The event would be for all of us including our families. Everyone liked the idea. Kristen volunteered to help put the event together. Sabrina assured Dr. Steinmiller that he could come as well.

Board positions for 2021-2022 remain filled.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 pm. There will not be a meeting in July or August.

7) Adjourn- 8:13 pm

ATTENDANCE

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