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FOLPHS January Meeting

LPHS Community Room, #112

January 10, 2023

Welcome and Call to Order – 6:35 pm

Officer's Reports

Principal Dr. Steinmiller (not present)- no report

President Sabrina Spitznagle –

Welcomed everyone to our first 2023 meeting.

Vice President Kristen Feurer (not present)- no report

Treasurer Ellen Zickmann –

Since December's meeting, we received an additional \$1,800 in Pledge Drive donations and sold \$1,700 in spirit wear. FOLPHS invested \$2,000 towards faculty and offsite holiday part. Sabrina and Ellen discussed financials and are comfortable purchasing 5 smart boards. Ellen plans on creating a recap of FOLPHS support so far this year. Suggestions to keep simple as "Did you know...." Document with bulleted highlights including: 36 sets of headphones, 5 smart boards, choir uniforms, freshmen back to school gift bags, Shedd aquarium field trip, Homecoming, Open House, etc. Financially, this equates to \$25k to school, \$11k to support school and \$9k to support faculty and staff. Ms. Tookey suggested any communication should come directly from FOLPHS.

Secretary Sarah Portugal

Sabrina moved to approved minutes. Michelle agreed to second. Unanimous approval of minutes.

Committee / Director Reports

Brick Drive – Eurydice Chrones

Eury is meeting with supplier next week and will send update out to FOLPHS board via email. Her husband can support any graphic design needs.

Community Fundraising – Jodi Torzewski

Kicking off 2023 with a Lou Malnati's fundraiser on Feb 21st at three locations: Lincoln Square, Lincoln Park and Irving. Fundraiser will be scheduled from 11:00am-11:00pm. There is an additional March fundraiser at the Lincoln Park Chipotle on March 7th from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Flyers have already been sent to Communications committee to be posted via Constant Contact and social media. Normally, flyers are posted the week before and day before fundraising event. When weather is warmer, Jodi will schedule another fundraiser with Jenny's ice cream and is also considering Dog Haus. Group agrees that venue is appropriate for LPHS. Sarah to send Jody information on LSC student representatives from LSC Communications subcommittee and SVC to increase fundraising communications to student body.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation– Sabrina Spitznagle & Kristen Feurer (not present)

Sabrina introduced Un Sil Hwang who will be transitioning over to lead the Faculty & Staff Appreciation committee.

Pledge Drive – Sabrina Spitznagle & Suzanne Rovner-

As Ellen reported, additional \$1,800 in donations received. Sara asked about usual performance in relation to last year. Ellen provided additional detail as to stretch goal for 2022, reduction in high one-time donors as well as difficulty making exact comparison to last year's Wish List drive. Ellen estimates we were in range of \$1-15k less than previous years.

Spirit Wear –Therese Matheny (not present) & Ellen Zickmann

Additional \$1,700 in spirit wear sales. Ellen to work with Therese on potentially altering spirit wear sales days @ LPHS. They are currently scheduled for the 18th & 20th (Wednesday/Friday in alternating cafeterias). Dr. Steinmiller has given approval to sell near security which is conveniently located near storage units in Community room. Ms. Tookey suggested having resources announce in cafeterias to promote. Therese and Ellen to continue to monitor activity online to see how added link changes dynamic of purchasing activity. Sabrina recommended adding notice in weekly Lion's Roar newsletter. As reminder to everyone, please send any newsletter updates to Sabrina by Wednesday. Newsletter submissions are currently routed through Ms. Theus.

Communication will be going out announcing gently used spirit wear donation box.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion– Venecia Sanchez & Julie Molina (not present)- no report

Social Committee – Kristen Feurer (not present)

Sabrina provided update on behalf of Kristen. Ms. Theus distributed Winter formal email/e-pay link tonight. Winter Formal is Saturday, Jan. 21st from 5:30pm-9:30pm @ House of Blues. Tickets are \$50, all grades are included but seniors will have exclusive section on 3rd floor. Food and drink are provided. Sabrina will be forwarding out link for volunteer sign up. Volunteer shifts are available to cover 4:30pm-9:45pm and include t-shirt and parking pass. Shifts include check-in, handing out wrist bands, monitoring different areas, etc. There are no decorations nor clean up. House of Blues is providing security.

Eury expressed concern with timing of Sunday's Lions Roar newsletter indicating students with outstanding detentions could not attend dance. She plans to also address in Thursday's LSC meeting. Coming off winter break, students only had a couple weeks to work off detention. General discussion regarding additional opportunities that LPHS would provide for students to work off detentions prior to dance. Lunch sessions were also added back in December. If there are unique circumstances, recommendation was to work with JJ directly. Specifically, her son, he has 7 detentions but was scheduled to DJ at the event. He is unable to attend Tuesday detention due to work, Thursday detention due to Production Club and Saturday's detention would be challenging if he also had gig that evening.

Brad Kessler who is also member of LSC Safety subcommittee added some additional information regarding LPHS detention policy and benefits they are seeing. Ms. Tookey added that tardiness is extremely disruptive to first period class. There are limited entrances to LPHS and students are loitering in mall area and wait to enter at 8:55am which causes bottle neck at front entrances. Brad and Eury to further discuss Eury's concerns outside of meeting.

Spring Parent Party – Suzanne Rovner (present) & Kristen Feurer (not present) – no update

Faculty and staff appreciation- Sabrina Spitznagle (present) & Kristen Feurer (not present)

Great news! Un Sun Hwang has agreed to take over committee. She will partner with Sabrina and Kristen on transitioning responsibilities. Next activity is scheduled for Valentine's Day.

Social Media- Debra Sitar (not present)- no report

Marketing- Rebecca Eden (not present) and Indira Williams (present) –

Indira is looking to identify any work coming her way over the next 6 months, so she can complete any commitments as well as start transitioning her graphic design responsibilities. Ellen requested a "Donated with Lion Pride," logo that could be used ongoing and incorporated into any event. There may be need for spring party flyer or potentially graduation. Eury confirmed that her husband can handle any graphic design needs for brick drive.

Sabrina asked if anyone was also interested in taking over yard signs. Sara Byerly will discuss with Sabrina.

IB Liaison – Venecia Sanchez (not present)

Ms. Tooky provided update. No potluck this year but on schedule for next year. In March or beginning of April, any student enrolled in AP class will be scheduled for a mock exam prior to sitting for AP exam. This provides students with a “supportive” practice environment to hopefully reduce nerves during actual exam. Ms. Tookey shared some newly published report identifying much higher college acceptance rates of students who had completed the Diploma program. Research was not specific to LPHS but national to IBD programs and includes statistics from: MIT, Stanford, Harvard, CIT, UC, Princeton, Cornell, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, Penn, Michigan, UC Berkeley, Duke, Northwestern, UCLA, UCSD, Carnegie Mellon, NYU, Brown, Wisconsin, Washington, Illinois, and GIT. This is great publicity for LPHS as students enrolling have opportunity test into IBD program.

LSC Liaison- Sabrina Spitznagle (present) and Rebecca Eden (not present)-

Reminder that next LSC’s meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 4:00pm. Based on input from faculty, staff and students, meetings are changed to 4:00pm for remainder of this school year.

Personalized Marquee Message – Sabrina Spitznagle

Continues to be up and running. Financially, marquee messages have doubled compared to last year.

Communications – Yelena Spector (not present) – no report

Open House Committee – Beth O’Connor (not present) and Michele Berman (present) -

Michele indicated the financials are all closed out and match up with Ellen’s reporting. Both Beth and Michele are committed to facilitating next year’s Open House. There was great feedback and good lessons learned for next year.

New Business – none

Old Business - none

Open / Announcements –

Brad announced LPHS was hosting 43rd Ward Aldermanic Candidates forum on Tuesday, Jan. 24th from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the LPHS Auditorium. There are three forums scheduled. The other two forum are scheduled for tomorrow at Parker and Jan. 17th at DePaul.

Continued discussion regarding detention policy and concerns that it is punitive and not helping. Brad does not have updated statistics for this month but when detention policy was initially

rolled out, roughly 700 students were tardy but now is only averaging 150. Current discussions are to maintain improvement, understand when it's statistically plateaued and look for other areas to improve. Reminder that detention policy is part of overarching safety concerns. Faculty and staff need to ensure they can identify and account for all students on campus. That includes visible IDs, alarms on exterior doors, reducing number of students loitering around campus outside of classroom, etc.

People could continue to discuss after meeting but in interest of time, meeting was going to be adjourned.

Adjourn 7:44pm

***Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30pm in Community Room. Sabrina to consider rescheduling or shortening due to Valentine's Day. UPDATE: meeting changed to Tuesday, February 7th.

Attendance: Eurydice Chrones, Indira Williams, Jodi Torzewski, Michele Berman, Un Sil Hwang, Ellen Zickmann, Sabrina Spitznagle, Mary Enda Tookey, Suzanne Rovner, Bradley Kessler, Jenny Perez, Sara Byerly, Sarah Portugal