



## OCTOBER 12, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

1) **Welcome and call to order: Sabrina-6:35 pm**

2) **Officer Reports:**

**A) Principal-Dr Steinmiller:**

He was heartbroken about the Sox loss. We all are! Dr. Steinmiller spent time at Bernard Zell at a recruitment meeting. The meeting went well. Existing LP students participated and shared experiences and told the BZ students what it is like to be at LP.

Dr. Steinmiller is so excited about what it means to be “in person”. Everything is more complicated this year dealing with in-person issues that have never had to be addressed before, but the teachers and staff are working with it all.

They are getting prepared for the Homecoming dance and are very focused on safety. They are aiming at 100% vaccination for all students.

Open House will not be in person this year. It will be all virtual. Dr. Steinmiller was concerned about what it meant to bring in so many outside students to our environment and thought it would be best to limit visitors for everyone’s safety.

Other events include Freshman Curriculum Night, which is coming up and Dr. Steinmiller will be doing the Coffee Talks with parents soon. On November 2, the school will host a Meet & Greet from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Auditorium followed by a parent party at Ranalli’s from 6:30-9:30 pm.

Dr. Steinmiller is so excited to meet the parents. There are so many he has not met due to when he started and remote learning. The Meet & Greet will be a fun event and chance to do a quick introduction. He cannot believe 6 weeks have already passed in the school year. It is going by so quickly. They are seeing so much positive movement in grades/academics. They are not where he would like the student body to be, but a ton of progress is being made and things are moving in the right direction. There was a lot more to work through than anticipated and a lot of pent-up emotions and anger, but they are working through it with the students. Teachers had a lot of emotions as well. Social emotional learning is a big focus.

Kristen said thank you for helping us make so many kids happy by being in school.

One more note on Sports: The Girls Volleyball team is off to the play offs! Yay!

SAT is an in-person attendance dance for everyone. Everyone will stay at school.

LPHS has a couple signed Dali prints. FOLPHS has agreed to pay for them to be reframed since frames are damaged. Misha suggested getting security hanging hardware on the frames. It typically costs an additional \$5-10 but helps ensure that the artwork is installed securely to the wall, and it also ensure that the art is level.

Graduation planning was discussed. Dr. Steinmiller mentioned that we will not know about possible dates for graduation until January. They are interested in Soldier Field again. The cost was a flat fee. In the past graduation has been at Roosevelt University. Typically, the school pays for this, not CPS.

Question 1: Eury: Can parents be copied on schedule and paperwork (anything deadline related) requests/emails that go to students especially college items, opportunities for options outside of school? Eury found out there was an opportunity for her son to do something this past summer, but she never heard about it. She would have liked the chance to talk to her son about it.

Dr. Steinmiller: He will talk to Mr. Abed who working on the College & Career planning to ask him to copy parents.

Kristen suggested those opportunities get posted on LPHS and FOLPHS webpages.

Question 2: Luisa asked if college research and college visits would be excused absences? There are virtual visits, but there are also colleges that are doing in-person visits.

Dr. Steinmiller said yes, they will be excused.

Question 3: Luisa asked if the senior photos had been confirmed?

Dr. Steinmiller said that Jostens got status as a CPS vendor. Ms. Walters will be putting it on the calendar. They will need more than one day to take all the senior photos.

Question 4: Sabrina asked what the current vaccination stats are?

Dr. Steinmiller said that 300 kids out of 2100 are vaccinated as of today. They are trying to get them uploaded as quickly as possible. Some vaccination records are only submitted when kids are faced with quarantine. Ms. Sulpeveda is working on a marketing piece that communicates studies on vaccinations. They are also working with Alderman Smith on a vaccination event. It is a complicated process to host a vaccination event, but the school would like to host.

Question 5: Sara asked if the parent-teacher conferences will be virtual?

Dr. Steinmiller stated that they will only be virtual. Many attendees noted that virtual is very efficient for parents and teachers.

## **B) President- Sabrina:**

Welcome to everyone especially those new to FOLPHS!

Sabrina is excited for the upcoming in-person coffee events with the principal. The first meet up with be November 2 at school. If you have ideas of where future coffee events can be hosted near school, please email the Sabrina.

Ms. Watson asked if FOLPHS could pay for the DJ for the dance and pep rally. The cost is \$600 for each event. Sara made a motion to have FOLPHS pay for the DJ costs for both the dance and pep rally. Kristen seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted in favor so the motion passes.

Sabrina made a motion to add Michele Berman and Beth O'Connor to the Board since they are the Open House committee chairs. Kristen seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Sabrina asked everyone on the Board to update their photos on the FOLPHS website.

**C) Treasurer- Christina:** not present. No report.

**D) Secretary- Misha:**

Review of September meeting minutes. Sabrina made a motion to approve the minutes. Sara seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval and the motion passed.

### **3) Committee Reports**

**A) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion-Julie Molina:**

The DEI is looking into putting together an LP cookbook. They are getting quotes on the book. They will be sending out a survey to find out the interest level of the LP community. They will also ask about possible book names. They will need to order a minimum of 100, but 200 is cheaper. Cost is between \$5-10 per book. The sell price will be \$25 per book. The goal is to have the book completed so it can be a gift for Mother's Day.

Possible name of the book: A Culinary Celebration of LP Diversity.

Ms. Tookey suggested asking students for names. She also suggested that they do a sample page and put in the newsletter or in a special email to show people what the cookbook will be like. Someone suggested that they do a sample like a Kindle book page. Ms. Tookey asked if there was a possible way to tie in the cookbook to a Potluck like what the IB program has done?

Sabrina asked if the cookbook could somehow tie into the Spring Parent Party? How do we launch the book? March 4 is our Spring Party.

Suzanne suggested that the cookbook have categories and that they tie to different cultures.

Question: Suzanne asked if there will be presales?

Julie stated that they would like to do mostly presales.

The DEI Committee is going to meet the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Thursday, November 4 from 8 to 9 pm. They will put information about the meeting in the newsletter.

**B) IB Liaison- Venecia Sanchez: Not present**

Ms. Tookey gave the IB update. For the first two years there are a large number of students that do the Middle Years program for IB, but typically about 500 students participate in the Diploma Program. 30 to 40 students go into the career programs including ROTC, Performing Arts, Paint/Drawing, Digital Arts. They have just added CP Drama, CP Sports Exercise and are working on a partnership with DePaul University. They are working on a presentation on the new programs.

Ms. Tookey also noted that there will be live music performances in the building on October 14 at the Fall Choir Concert.

There will be a virtual Freshman Curriculum night on October 19 from 6 – 7:30 pm. IB will have presentations in math, English, World Languages, and the arts. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. It will be the same format as last year.

**C) Wish List- Sabrina Spitznagle:**

We are hoping to roll out the Wish List by the date of the Meet & Greet on November 2. It was suggested that a slide show be put together to show what was accomplished last year with the money raised from the Wish List fundraiser.

**D) Teacher Appreciation- Kristen Feurer and Sabrina Spitznagle:**

They have passed out taffy apples to teachers and staff for Halloween. On report card pick up day, November 18, they will give out a coffee mug with Starbucks gift cards to the teachers.

**E) Brick Drive- Eury Chrones:**

The installation will start on November 1. Bricks are complete and ready, but the installer had a delay. Eury has received lots of emails asking if bricks are still on sale. She asked if it is still being advertised on the marquee? If so, Sabrina will have it removed.

**F) Spirit Wear-Luisa Shortall:**

They did their first in-person sales September 23 and 24. They sold \$5,000 in sales. Their best customers were security guards and teachers! Plaid pajama bottoms remain super popular and are sold out. They next sale dates will be October 18 and 19 when she is restocked. Possible future sale dates are December 16 and 17. Overall things are going great. They do need more volunteers but are all set for October dates. Luisa suggested having some spirit wear as a raffle item for the Spring party.

**G) Social Media- Debra Sitar:** Not present

**H) Marketing & Communications- Sara Shacter & Rebecca Eden:**

First Stage event is October 14. She hopes everyone can attend and support the program which raises money to update the performance venues.

Rebecca mentioned that there are 51 businesses that are part of the directory. They are not planning on opening again this year for additional businesses. Rebecca, Sabrina, and Sara need to meet to finalize a letter to the business directory members and connect them to one another.

**I) Open House- Michele Berman and Beth O'Connor:**

Thank you to Sabrina for the quick response to emails. The Open House will be virtual but will be held on November 6 from 12-2:30 pm. They had to move the date because of CPS testing dates which would affect who could attend.

The video that Chris Sato worked on is complete. It's a good video. Date is on the website. Michele asked if we could put it on the marquee? There will be a welcome, breakout sessions for both parents and students. There will be a panel discussion for parents and students. From previous feedback,

parents requested more time with teachers. Mr. Stucky is working on the agenda. Details on registration are coming soon. Sara stated that there will be one post that can be sent to feeder schools. Beth asked everyone to reach out to their contacts at other schools. Michele stated that the virtual Open House is appreciated by volunteers and parents. Other schools are having trouble getting enough volunteers per Sara. Sara was going to send Robin's (from last year's Spring party) contact info to Michele for the Open House. The deposit was approved by FOLPHS.

**J) Spring Parent Party- Suzanne Rovner:**

The party is Friday, March 4. She is working with Galleria Marchetti on the room size. They are trying to figure out how to best spread attendees out, still make the room feel full, and not have too little/too much space. They are looking into blackjack tables or an activity. Deposit was paid two years ago. Christy will work on a Save the Date communication.

Kristen and Suzanne will meet to discuss live and silent auction items. Kristen will lead live auction. They do need volunteers to help with silent auction. Everyone can participate. If everyone just gets one or two items from the businesses that they frequent like your favorite restaurants, hairdresser, nail salons, etc. We need small donations and large ones. You can start soliciting ASAP.

Misha asked if we have a solicitation letter to send out?

There will be some items that we have had in the past like parking spots, seats at graduation, etc.

**K) Community Fundraising-Jodi Torzewski:**

Chipotle will be November 2 from 4 to 8 pm. Sabrina stated that they will change the date because of the Meet & Greet and Parent Party. Lou Malnati's will be in December.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Next meeting, November 9 at 6:30 pm.

**Adjourn:** 8:03 pm

**Attendees:**

Sabrina Spitznagle

Kristen Feurer

Misha Mann

Sara Schacter

Michele Berman

Eury Chrones

Luisa Shortall

Suzanne Rovner

Julie Molina

Beth O'Connor

Rebecca Eden

Dr. Steinmiller

Ms. Tookey

Sara Furie

Alicia Hernandez

Tekoa Miller

Kate Layft

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