



MEETING MINUTES 12.14.2021

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- 1) **Welcome and call to order- Sabrina – 6:31 pm**
- 2) **Officer Reports**
 - A) **Principal Report-Dr. Steinmiller**

They are winding down for break. School will mostly be closed over break. Dr. Steinmiller is encouraging all staff to take a much need vacation. They are providing resources for families including resources for mental health. They will share information about who the students reach out to over break.

LP has been hosting tours. Ms. Tookey mentioned that lots of elementary schools have planned for tours. Sometimes special groups of students stay after school to provide relevant information to our visitors. The tours are occurring after school hours. In the past, students had an opportunity to see students in person. The way they are doing it now is safest for LP students and our visitors as everyone is separated. They will continue to provide private tours in Spring. We have IB, parent and student panels.

Sara mentioned that visitors are appreciative of how LP is handling tours versus other high schools.

The post-secondary room teacher is providing scholarship help, helping students with the application process, and hosting virtual events for students.

There was a December Coffee with the Principal event in person at Philz Coffee. There was a group of 10 people. Eury mentioned that she attended and felt good about the gathering. The next Coffee event is January 4. Sara will be sending out an email reminder.

There will be a choral concert tonight at the school and there was a choral event on Friday, December 10 at a church in Albany Park. There is a December performance for the drum group and a basketball game. The school is alive with activity.

There will be a faculty get together after school on December 15. Everyone is looking forward to it. The event will be hosted at Ranalli's. Dr. Steinmiller thanks the FOLPHS for helping host this event.

After the Christmas break there are four weeks left in the first semester.

Anything that we want to have announced in the weekly newsletters should go to Mrs. Walker or Ms. Sepulveda by the Thursday before the newsletter goes out.

B) President's Report-Sabrina Spitznagle

This is our first in-person meeting since March 2020. It's exciting to be in person.

We will have several vacancies to fill now and in the future. Currently we are looking for a treasurer. There are two possible candidates. We will have an opening for our graphic designer. Rebecca stated that she might be able to help FOLPHS.

C) Vice President's Report – Kristen Feurer- No report. Not in attendance.

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

The report will be emailed to the Board after the holidays.

E) Secretary- Misha Mann.

Misha asked for an approval of the meeting minutes from November. There is not quorum so we will have to table approval.

We need to put meeting minutes on the website along with DEI attachments. Rebecca stated that she could assist with this.

3) Committee/Director Reports:

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

Eury is reviewing the list of brick sales to ensure that every brick sold was installed and to ensure that there are not any additional mistakes on the text for the bricks. So far, they know that Kristen's brick is missing, and Christy's brick had an error. The review will also include a physical audit.

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

FOLPHS is supporting the teacher's event on December 15.

C) Spirit Wear Committee Report- Luisa Shortall Not in attendance.

FOLPHS made \$813 for the spirit wear sales on November 19. They will be selling spirit wear on December 16 and 17. There is a new product: a winter hat for \$22. There will be a second winter hat with stripes in January once we are able to get stock. It will also sell for \$22.

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

No updates currently. She is actively posting on social media.

E) Marketing & Communications Report- Sara Shacter

They are busy sending out email communications about everything that FOLPHS is doing. The coffee email will go out on 12/16 and the Wish List email will go out sometime between

12/15-12/17. She will need to have her role filled at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Sara mentioned that learning Constant Contact is a great asset to her role. They also need a bit of lead time to get all communications translated into Spanish.

They will put out an email about the marquee messages at least one time per month.

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

CPS Go closes on December 15 at 5 pm. Everyone has loved the private, individualized tours. So far 7,600 students have applied to LPHS. Beth mentioned that future students and families liked the tour option as a follow up to the virtual open house. Michele and Beth are going to work on the Open House committee again next year.

G) Fall Social/Spring Gala Committee Report- Suzanne Rovner and Kristen Feurer Not in attendance.

The spring parent event will be on Friday, March 4. Ms. Drake is helping with the Lions. They look great and everyone is excited to see how they look painted. Kristen and Suzanne are working on the auction items.

There will be 9 Lions. The Lions are 24" tall. They are discussing if there is a safe way to displace a few Lions around the school to help increase excitement about the Lion sales and the party. There will be 5 Lions as part of the live auction items and 4 in the silent auction so those who are not attending can bid ahead of time. The committee is also working on some additional silent auction items as well. If the Lions are a success, they will have different clubs paint Lions next year.

H) Wish List Committee- Sabrina Spitznagle

The Wish List made \$35,640. We had several list items that were fully funded. It has been decided to keep the Wish List open all year to accommodate ongoing donations, but we will not be advertising beyond the month of December for the 2021-2022 school year. Sabrina noted that donations were good especially when there were incentives like a marquee display. There will be an end of the year email about the Wish List that mentions donating and how it can be used as a tax deduction. One Smart Board is fully funded. We also had a donation of another HP copier from a parent named Collette Sues Lynn. We had only 100 people donate so there is room for improvement on participation in future years.

There was some money donated for the Bathroom renovations. Sabrina is hopeful that some improvements can be made. There has been some general graffiti (not gang) in the bathrooms that we are hoping to remove. The kids like to write messages on the bathroom walls. They are hoping for some new sconces on the walls. Dr. Steinmiller is talking to Ricky, our school Engineer, about possible needs, and improvements. There was a lot of discussion about creating a place for students to be allowed to graffiti. They want to create an outlet for creativity. Eury mentioned that she works for Sherwin Williams, so she gets a 40% discount on paint.

Sabrina also mentioned that the past pledge drive was in 2019 made \$45,000. Someone remarked that they thought it had made up to \$60,000 one previous year.

I) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee- Venecia Sanchez and Julie Molina Not present

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

They have created a write up for all the different holidays celebrated in December that will be shared on the FOLPHS pages. It will be sent to Rebecca. On December 9, they met to talk about the cookbook. They are working on getting quotes and how the process of submitting recipes will work. They will need at least 75 recipes to complete the book. They are also trying to figure out how many books to sell and what the deadlines will be.

J) Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski Not present

Lou Malnati's will be our location for community fundraising in January. The event will be held on January 18. The Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square and West Loop locations are participating. The business Oasis Facial Bar in Lincoln Park is offering a deal in December every Saturday where a donation will be made to FOLPHS. The suggestion has been made to see they would be interested in donating to the Wish List or a gift certificate could be offered as an incentive prize or something at for the Parent party in March.

I) International Baccalaureate Liaison- Venecia Sanchez Not present

All students are registered have been registered for their exams. There are 260 grade 11 and 12 students registered for one or more oral and written IB examinations and assessments in 8 different Higher Level and 20 different Standard Level subjects. The written examinations will take place between Thursday April 28th and Friday May 20th.

Ms. Tookey mentioned that they are discussing when acceptance letters come out. It is a good time to recruit for FOLPHS. She also mentioned that at or before graduation would be a good time and that maybe at a meeting in August.

K) LSC Liaison- Rebecca Eden and Sabrina Spitznagle

No report from Rebecca or Sabrina. Dr. Steinmiller mentioned that they were talking about the state of the school. Also discussed are the current SAT stats: the highest of all neighborhood schools. They have also been discussing security and general improvements to the school including the social-emotional needs of staff. On the security side, they are meeting with local state representatives to discuss improvements on security. They are also putting alarms on every exterior door. Groups like BAM (Boys Advocacy and Mentoring) and WOW (Working on Womanhood) which help young men and young ladies make positive journeys into manhood and womanhood respectively. They are also working on getting more social-emotional support for the staff and teachers by providing social workers. They are looking for a 2-year commitment. They have seen how getting more mental health support has helped students with the transition back to school.

4) Old Business:

No old business.

5) New Business:

Sara mentioned hosting coffee events for seniors at the end of the school year before graduation like an exit interview.

Next meeting will be held January 11 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be in-person and on Zoom.

6) Adjourn- 7:34 pm

ATTENDANCE

FOLPHS Board and Committee Members 2021-2022			
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