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**HIGH SCHOOL**

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**FOLPHS Meeting**

LPHS Community Room, #112

10/17/23

**Welcome and Call to Order** 6: 14 pm

**Officer Reports**

**Principal Dr Steinmiller**-present

Dr Steinmiller expressed thanks to parents, students and staff for the well-wishes, gifts and support during his recent absence. Special thanks to his administrative team who were ready, willing and extremely able to fill in while he was gone. Network chief was also supportive.

Updates

Parent teacher conferences will be 10/26/23, both virtual and in person. Links were sent out. No school 10/17/23.

Last week was a successful homecoming week. Dr. Steinmiller expressed thanks for all those who helped make the festivities possible. There were 47 parent volunteers for homecoming. As this was LPHS' first Homecoming parade, he already has ideas to improve next year's parade, including more police to assist with traffic and possibly including floats. There were 1440 tickets sold for the football game. Championship game is Saturday 10/21/23 against Whitney Young.

Open House was Saturday 10/7. He appreciated the support from parent volunteers and students who spoke positively about their LP experiences. There were approximately 2000 attendees.

Dr Steinmiller was invited to Chinese Culture Day at Field Museum and got to speak about LPHS and students were able to perform. He spoke about our Mandarin program at LP and Ms. Wu who has gone above and beyond to make Mandarin program including teaching 6 classes and having multiple preps so more Mandarin classes are available.

Tomorrow is first Digital PSAT. Official start time is 7: 55 am however there will be staggered start times. LPHS has worked to improve Wi-Fi infrastructure so hopefully, there will be no issues. The test is one day. Students need to stay until 1pm so mandated minutes are met.

Seniors will have field trip to LP Zoo tomorrow as school was unable to secure enough buses for college visits or service projects. Dr. Steinmiller will continue to advocate with the district to allow students to have day off when not taking test however, students need to have attendance on this day to meet mandated minutes.

Lots of sports activities going on. Currently there is no wrestling coach. Dr Steinmiller reports he always is trying to find teachers who can also coach.

There was further discussion about the open math teacher position. Position has not been filled despite much effort. CPS will not allow funds that are designated for the open teacher position to be used to pay the 5 current teachers overtime. Other options were discussed such as hiring or partnering with tutoring institutions such as Mathnasium or Huntington. Dr. Steinmiller said there could be contractual issues that would not make this feasible. Another issue that hinders the search is that CPS only uses Taleo to recruit for teachers. It would be helpful if we could use Indeed or other recruitment sites. Sabrina made a motion via email to use the \$25,000 earmarked for Smart Boards to pay the overtime fees for the math teachers who have substitute teaching the affected students. There were 10 votes yes, so the motion was passed successfully. Although, it sounds like there is an issue using those funds to actually pay the teachers.

**President Report- Sabrina Spitnagle** -present

Sabrina motioned that we vote for Danette Fernando to become a Voting Member/Member at Large. Michele seconded the motion. Motion passed with 9 votes.

Sabrina motioned to vote Colin O'Brien and Tracey Lazos as Co-VPs. Michele seconded the motion. Motion passed with 9 votes in favor.

**Treasurer -Maiva Lozano** -not present/**Assistant Treasurer Keely Selko** present - no report but Maiva is working on getting donations through Venmo. Michele will help her test.

**Secretary -Sarah Portugal-** not present. Minutes for September were sent via email. Sabrina motioned approval of September minutes. Michele seconded the motion. 8 voted to approve minutes – so they were approved.

**Committee/Director Reports:**

**Pledge drive & Corporate Sponsorship-Tracey Lazos** present . **Lindsey Spivey** not present. Tracey reported that we are at halfway point and have raised \$29896.74. Weekly promotions are being held as incentives. Tracey and Lindsey are working on putting together a corporate sponsorship package. If x amount spent, business will get x amount in advertising. Asked

members if anyone would like to contact businesses. She will provide them with template letters. Tracey has come up with names of different levels for donors. Decals can be given to businesses who have donated to put in their store windows. Tracey would like to get names of members who are on LP Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Steinmiller said LPHS is an honorary member of the Chamber of Commerce and can try to get list. Sabrina suggested Dr. Steinmiller send out another letter or video about pledge drive. Would like students and those who have donated to give testimonials. Dr. Steinmiller/Tracey suggested corporate sponsorship for parade floats next year.

**Open house - Beth O'Connor and Michele Berman** -both present

Open House was a success with approximately 2000 attendees. Beth and Michelle reported once again receiving much positive feedback about the format where attendees could decide which session they wanted to attend and there was no waiting in line. LPHS was featured in the GO CPS video because we have the most programs to choose from. There were some issues with clubs and sports not attending, but parent and student volunteers were able to answer questions. Attendees appreciated current students and parents answering their questions. Some money was saved as no new brochures did not need to be printed out and we could use signs from last year. Michele and Beth gave the budget to Maiva in preparation for next year.

**Spirit Wear- Jessica Strang** -not present **and Danette Fernando** -present

Danette reported that Jessica created Instagram for spirit wear sales. Next sale will be 11/15/23 from 215-315 outside room 111 in the Main Building. Danette also suggested students volunteer to model spirit wear and they can post on Instagram. Also pick up will only be on sale days.

**Social Committee- Keely Selko** present

Keely reported there were over 1700 who attended homecoming. There was a designated pick up area, but then security told parents something different. Kids were roaming some very isolated areas which was a concern. Also issues with Coat Check. Others expressed positive feedback about Homecoming especially having it at Soldier Field as most schools only have in gym. Winter formal will be at House of Blues 1/27/24.

**Community Fundraising -Jodi Torzewski** present.

We raised \$267 at Chipotle which was less than usual. Jenni's was \$135. For upcoming Fall Fest, LP families will get 10 percent off tickets and 20 percent of proceeds will go to FOLPHS. Jodi is pursuing other fundraisers such as Potbelly's and Dave's coffee cakes. Returns are low on dine out events. It is good for business, but not a huge return for FOLPHS. It does help with school spirit. Colin suggested trivia night at Hopsmith for parents and teachers. We could have raffles and prizes. Marquee Lounge is another suggested venue.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion- Venecia Sanchez** present, **Julie Molina** present  
Venecia reported October DEI corner was submitted and sent to Eva who uploaded to FOLPHS website. Suggested giving cookbook as prize in raffles or for those who donate. Sabrina suggested giving cookbook as gift if someone pledges \$50 or more.

**Brick Drive - Eury Chrones** present. Eury is working on getting sports teams to purchase bricks. She also suggested giving a brick for certain donation amounts.

**Faculty and Staff Appreciation -Eury Chrones** present and **Alexandra Salomon** not present. \$275 was spent on taffy apples. An email and flyer was sent out to let teachers and staff know about treats. However, Ms Tookey suggested that a student or parent should be present during distribution and if something is being distributed it should be available in Main Building and Freshmen Building since teachers punch in both buildings and may not go into other building. Dr Steinmiller confirmed that 200 staff will be in building for report card pick up.

**Social media -Jackie Gelb** present. Please send any pictures from Homecoming parade, game, dance and Open House to Jackie so can post on social media. We should try to remember to have someone designated to take pictures at events because often we become so busy we forget to take pictures.

**Marketing / Website- Eva Ho** present and **Chris Nelson** not present. No report, Sabrina asked to send anything we need posted to Eva or Chris.

**IB Liaison -Venecia Sanchez** present and **Ms. Tookey** present. Ms Tookey reiterated the success of Open House and having second entrance test canceled made more people attend event. Open house went well. Entrance test canceled so worked out well.

**LSC Liason- Sabrina Spitznagle** present. Report was given at most recent LSC meeting.

**Communications -Colin O'Brien** present and **Nkosi White** not present. Colin said to email him anything we would like shared in Communications Newsletter. If no response in 24 hours, please ping him with red envelope.

**Spring Parent Party and Auction** Eury Chrones, Sarah Portugal and Jody Boutell-will table till next meeting

**Yard Signs -Sara Byerly** not present, no update

**Personalized Marquee Message -Rochelle Brophy** not present. Sabrina said Marquee message are still available to purchase and sales are steady.

#### **New Business -**

Mr Frelick requested funds for Drama Club for approximately 15 students to attend the High School Theater Festival on the ISU campus. Not sure if they will be performing. Students will be

staying in hotel and will be bused there. Sabrina informed him that we can help set up fundraiser where FOLPH can promote and hold money under our NFP status. Other suggestions included using non-CPS vendors since money will be earned by fundraising and not being paid for by CPS.

**Open Announcements** -none

**Adjournment:**-Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Next FOLPHS is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 6pm in the LPHS Community Room

Minutes Submitted by Venecia Sanchez

Attendees: Michele Berman, Beth OConnor, Colin O'Brien, Sabrina Spitznagle , Keely Selko, Jodi Torzewski, Jennifer Dudek, Patty Kopita, Eurydice Chrones, Tracey Lazos, Jenny Perez, Eva Ho, Jackie Gelb, Denise Norris, Jessica Johnson Powell, Danette Fernando , Julie Molina , Venecia Sanchez