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### **FOLPHS Meeting**

LPHS Community Room, #112

August 15, 2023

### **Welcome and Call to Order - 6:05pm**

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **Principal Dr. Steinmiller**

Great to see so much engagement from Freshmen parents. 99% of LPHS budget is allocated to staff payroll so parent and community involvement is crucial. Half of what LPHS can do is through FOLPHS support.

For Athletics, LPHS hired new SECA positions who are also coaches. They include head basketball coach, swim coach and our returning basketball asst. LPHS would like to have coaches, “in the building,” to foster relationships with students, faculty, and staff. There is continued work on athletic budget across all programs (i.e., booster, transportation, equipment investment, etc.). Great meeting with soccer coach to discuss opportunities to partner with local medical facilities to get trainer support. We need to start laying foundation/thinking of ourselves as our own school district and plan for our current and future needs. We have solid professional learning for teachers, IB for all and are a unique community neighborhood school with attendance zones including 5 Alderman districts and 8 CPS Elementary schools. 75% of our LPHS students will have taken at least one college level class before they graduate. LPHS has a great deal to showcase and attract investment to our campus.

Regarding physical facilities, we received 200+ new student desks for free. Our lead custodian, Veronica is currently taken inventory of each classroom. Our stage was refinished and for the first time in 10 years, everything previously stored on each side of stage has been removed. Archery range in basement is complete and allows LPHS to host competitions. We are looking to bring in resources any way we can by fostering with the community.

Two district members are currently reviewing schedules. LPHS had 30 new students enroll this month. Currently, there are 118 students with incomplete schedules. LPHS has intentionally focused on increasing bilingual support. Through partnership with Brad Kessler, LPHS is accepting students who have recently immigrated to Chicago. LPHS has hired 18 new teachers and increased ESL certification from 7 to 14 staff. We will have 12 resident teachers assisting LPHS this year with option to hire. This is second year LPHS will be able to offer summer school and evening school to help students get back on track.

Remaining schedules issues are largely isolated to two groups:

- Junior IBD students who have electives which are conflicting with core curriculum.
- Freshmen students who are being manually reviewed to ensure course enrollment aligns with diagnostic testing.

LPHS released schedules at Quick Start to flag things initially missed as well as allow corrections prior to the first day of school. In Aspen, all 2100 students have a schedule. There are 50 students who are only enrolled in 6 classes. Every day prior to school starting, counselors are making copy of new progress to ensure last year's programming error doesn't reoccur. Additionally, there is work to level out classroom sizes as CPD technically, doesn't adjust for volumes until 8/21 (first day of school). Currently, there is only one PE class over 40.

General questions for Dr. Steinmiller:

- My student transferring in, received schedule and chrome book but is not in Aspen system. *Discuss offline with Dr. Steinmiller.*
- Is there an issue with counselors putting in grades for colleges? *System is changing from Aviance to School Links. Counselors were trained on new system today but have not heard of any issue with grades. Discuss offline with Dr. Steinmiller to ensure no issue.*
- Can we get buses for athletes across all sports? Neither swim nor water polo had transportation last year. *There is continued challenge with transportation. As example, LPHS paid \$100k in transportation last year and issue already seems to be worsening. We aren't even getting buses for field trips. LPHS submitted bus requests for entire season and vendor is not accepting requests. We know we won't get buses near dismissal. Alternative would be for students to leave at noon and miss three instructional periods. General discussion on other schools and how they handle. Example of another school purchasing van but it's a wait list of 9 months. LPHS is going to continue to need to be creative in how we utilize public transportation, certifying coaches as drivers, leveraging parent transportation, etc.*

## **President Sabrina Spitznagle**

“New” normal FOLPHS meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6:00pm. Since she has verbally provided notice, there is no need to change bylaws. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to get involved with FOLPHS as well as a welcome to those who would like to learn more about FOLPHS and get involved. If you are a new committee chair, please email Eva a head shot/brief description so she can update the FOLPHS website. Currently, we have 7 voting members (“Members at Large”). Per bylaws, we can have up to 11 voting members. If you are interested in becoming an officer or committee chair, please discuss with Sabrina. General discussion regarding new members and agreement that we will vote for new members at the next FOLPHS meeting in September.

Sign up opportunities available for Back to School Bash on Thursday.

Need to vote on the following expenses:

- IB Yearbook expense: IBD requesting FOLPHS to cover \$621 expense for IBD yearbook. Per Ms. Tookey, IBD has a special yearbook for IBD programs. LPHS has one page entry which is good publicity for our IBD program. Normally, LPHS would cover expense, but vendor is not on iProcurement. Sabrina moved to cover the \$621 expense. Jodi Torzewski provided a second and motion passed with 6 votes of approval.
- LPHS library/Ms. G has put together a “wish list” of books our students have requested for the library inventory. The LPHS library does not have an annual budget. General discussion on whether the request is for FOLPHS to donate a certain amount. There is also outstanding request for library shelving. FOLPHS agreed to publicize list to our parent/guardian distribution list and social media. Nancy Hodges also suggested partnering with used bookstores for lower price and will contact Ms. G. Sabrina to follow up on outstanding request regarding shelves. No voting necessary.

## **Vice President – vacant position**

Sabrina is still looking for someone to fill vacant Vice President position.

## **Treasurer Ellen Zickmann (Member at Large) and Assistant Treasurer Maiva Lozano**

Ellen is expanding Treasurer responsibilities to both Maiva Lozano and Keely Selko.

As financial update, we are holding funds from last year to purchase an additional 4-5 smartboards and waiting for LPHS on timing.

Amazing work from our new spirit wear co-chairs. They have already sold \$3,300 in merchandise which is a 50% increase from last year.

Every committee chair should be submitting a budget to Ellen, Maiva and Keely for review. Ellen can provide any new chairs with records from previous year.

## **Secretary Sarah Portugal**

No minutes as last FOLPHS meeting was end of year party. For new officers/chairs, please send Sabrina and Sarah your email and cell numbers so we have updated contact information for voting members.

## **Committee / Director Reports**

### **Open House- Beth O'Connor and Michele Berman (Members at Large)**

Sabrina provided report on behalf of Beth and Michele who could not be present. The date of Open House still needs to be finalized with Dr. Steinmiller based on CPS schedule. Beth and Michele are looking for a volunteer coordinator as there will be tons of opportunities to volunteer.

### **Pledge Drive – Sabrina Spitznagle and Suzanne Rovner (Members at Large)**

Sabrina would like to once again coordinate pledge drive kickoff party with curriculum night and run pledge drive for 6 weeks. General discussion regarding goal and venue. Consensus to explore Blue Door based on experience using them end of year and proximity to LPHS. Sabrina and Ellen to further discuss financial goal offline.

### **Brick Drive- Eury Chrones (Member at Large)**

If anyone is interested in working with Eury or taking over brick drive, let Eury know. Moving forward, brick drive will be ongoing “rolling” process and as sales reach a certain level, FOLPHS will schedule installation. We are not expecting next installation until spring. This is based on current sales, vendor ordering timeframe (7-8 wks) and weather. Eury will communicate status to individuals who have already purchased a brick and send out new communications to purchase brick. Outstanding question as to what volume we need to sell to cover installation vs. profit.

### **Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski (Member at Large)**

Jodi has overall plan to schedule 2 community fundraisers in fall and 2 in spring. We need to have a high level of participation for fundraiser to be worth the effort. Restaurants are increasingly moving over to a group fundraiser at corporate level. Unfortunately, Lou Malnati's, who historically was our highest profit migrated over to a corporate level system.

Currently, Jodi is planning a fundraiser with Chipotle for Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00pm-8:00pm at the Lincoln Park location. Jenny's contact is currently on medical leave so may pursue in spring. Jodi will plan Dave's coffee cakes around holidays. There were also recommendations to investigate Cedar Palace and Potbelly's.

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

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Venecia Sanchez and Julie Molina (Members at Large)- no report**

**Faculty and Staff Appreciation – Eury Chrones (Member at Large)**

Alexandra Solomon may co-chair. Welcome breakfast scheduled for tomorrow. Ellen to share financial folder with Eury so she can finalize budget. Last year's budget was \$12,000 and we overspent. As reminder, we also have phone wallets for teachers. There may also be opportunity to ask for donations. Last year, Costco provided Un Sil with gift card.

**Social Media- Jackie Gelb- no report**

Thanks to Jackie for taking over social media.

**Marketing/Website/Graphic Design- Eva Ho and Chris Nelson- no report**

Thanks to Eva for supporting website and Chris for supporting graphic design. Nancy Hodges indicated she is a great proofreader if anyone needs her to review communications.

**IB Liaison- Sabrina Spitznagle (Member at Large)**

Sabrina is hoping to do potluck when things get more settled. She will know more by next meeting.

**LSC Liaison- Sabrina Spitznagle (Member at Large)- no report**

Sabrina was not able to attend LSC meeting.

**Personalized Marquee Message- Rochelle Brophy -no report**

Thanks to Rochelle for taking over.

**Communications- Colin O'Brien and Nkosi White- no report**

Thanks to Colin and Nkosi for their support.

**Social – vacant**

Keely Selko is interested in Social Chair. Good news is Kristen Feurer and Jil Theus have already identified key LPHS social dates. Keely will set up meeting with Ms. Theus.

**Spring Parent Party and Auction- Eury Chrones, Sarah Portugal (Members at Large) and Jodi Boutell -no report**

## **Yard Signs- Sara Byerly**

There are available yard signs for new families and available online under FOLPHS Spirit Wear site. There may also be an Open House for Freshmen. Spirit wear, including yard signs would be sold.

**Old Business-** none

## **Open/Announcements:**

- Freshmen Connection went great. Had ice cream and goodie bags. Need to figure out how to get goodie bags to Freshmen who were unable to attend.
- Jenny provided update on Drama. New senior class have trip down state. Will continue to provide updates to FOLPHS on upcoming shows. Main ask will be chaperones and bus transportation.

## **Adjourn – 7:27 pm**

Next FOLPHS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm in the LPHS Community Room.

## **Attendees:**

Jenny Perez, Venecia Sanchez, Julie Molina, Tim Paschke, Nancy Hodges, Colin O'Brien, Suzanne Rovner, Megan Sindelar, Jenise Johnson Powell, Mandy Shaw, Jamie Fishman, Elizabeth Liebovitz, Chris Nelson, Eurydice Chrones, Maiva Lozano, Ellen Zickmann, Jodi Torzewski, Sarah Portugal, Sabrina Spitznagle, Dr. Eric Steinmiller