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FOLPHS Meeting

LPHS Community Room, #112

January 23, 2024

Welcome and Call to Order - 6:06 pm

Officer Reports

Introductions including Paul Kendrick, LSC community outreach and John Cabey, LPHS faculty.

Principal Dr. Steinmiller

Aside from some inclement weather, this semester is officially in full swing. Last Thursday, LPHS had the great opportunity to host one of the Facilities Round Tables for the district. We were the only high school represented and appreciated the discussion time with Chicago's COO- Charles Mayfield, CPO- Alfonso Carmona and CFO Ivan Hansen. Later this spring, there will be a follow up roundtable to discuss action items. Additionally, Alderman Knudson has schedule press conference at LPHS on Feb. 5th so lots of opportunity to strengthen our community footprint.

From LPHS' perspective:

- Lion Pride: One school/one community. We're in a unique position as a strong performing neighborhood school with 2,081 students, have 8 feeder elementary schools and 5 wards within attendance zone. Moving forward, partner with CPS on what a community high school should look like and are there areas we can pilot?
- We have one of the largest total populations of students with resource needs. (CPS top 10). LPHS does not meet CPS Equity Index (balance of community factors, demographics, and capital investment) to receive Title 1 funding.
- Our leading indicators, particularly with most at risk demographics are on upward trend.
- From athletics standpoint, we feel there is opportunity to become a hub for our feeder elementary schools by investing in our athletic venues as well as identifying further partnerships with Chicago Park District.

There was recent opportunity to tour campus and discuss best practices of Lane Tech and eye opening to see size of classrooms and historic resource support. As best practice, LPHS will be adopting similar cell phone usage policy. Policy will transition after spring break with full blown implementation planned for 2024/2025 school year.

On athletics front, there is continued work across 5 wards to identify athletic facilities, including practice space. This includes our ability to leverage Oz Park. LPHS is funding a trainer as well as finalizing search for Athletic Director.

There is also work in-progress to define perimeter in between two school buildings.

Dr. Steinmiller wanted to defer remaining time to discuss some extremely unique, exceptional activities supported by Mr. John Cabey, a science and diverse learning teacher who is part of the ASBMB (Am Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology). His students research models of proteins and have research published in scientific journal. He was able to bring examples of molecular designs printed off 3D printer as well as science posters created by students.

Since 2017, he has been bringing students to the annual ASBMB conference to present their research, get publications and have opportunity to present to fellow scientists. This year, he has the highest number of students (12) publishing. Majority of schools participating are private. We are the only public high school in Chicago as well as Illinois and there are very few public schools across country. He can't think of any different program with our diversity and academic rigor. For LPHS, our primary participation are girls of color who are significantly under-represented in the science community.

Previously, convention has been in Chicago and able to be funded through LPHS. This year is unique based on location of convention as well as increased participation/publication. Students will be published regardless but Mr. Cabey would love each student to be able to attend convention in San Antonio and have opportunity to present.

General discussion as to specific financial needs (hotel, airfare, etc.) and any CPS vendor limitations:

- Total cost expected to be \$14,000 (12 students and 3 chaperones). Mr. Cabey is working with Ms. Lopez to fund half through LPHS/CPS. Student fees may help fund as they are divided up by semester.
- Conference fees waived and next two years' conventions are located in Chicago.
- Mr. Cabey working with travel agent but flight/hotel options through CPS iProcurement are much higher than if purchased directly. Is there a way to identify best avenue of what to purchase through CPS vs. makes more sense to purchase through FOLPHS?
- Decisions need to be made quickly as vendor needs decision by 2/1.
- Jody Boutell may have contact with Hyatt to donate hotel rooms and will work offline on that option. Request to Mr. Cabey to provide a one-pager.
- Suggestion to look for potential funding through ODLSS.

General discussion on opportunities to further publicize students' work. 3DMolecular Design wants to do a photo shoot. Suggestion to include as a spring party auction item as well as promote during LPHS open house.

Sarah Portugal made motion to fund up to \$7,500 towards trip. This provides Mr. Cabey/Dr. Steinmiller range as they work to identify sourcing through CPS. Keeley seconded motion and unanimous approval. Reasons for funding include school wide activity, historically funded through LPHS but unique circumstances this year, poor CPS iProcurement options, lack of booster program, DEI representation, positive PR for LPHS.

Discussion led to additional conversation on best practice to document expenses approved for FOLPHS funding. If any member of FOLPHS has suggested criteria, email to Sarah and she'll compile for next month's FOLPHS meeting.

President Sabrina Spitznagle – present/no report

Co-Vice Presidents– Colin O'Brien – present **and Tracey Lazos** – not present

Communication “Do you like to drink and know things?” sent out for upcoming Trivia event, including link to pay and sign up. Currently, only sold 3 tickets but expect more as event gets closer. Bring fiends, share on social media. Everyone try to come!

Treasurer - Maiva Lozano – present **and Assistant Treasurer- Keeley Selko** – present

There is currently \$131, 301 in bank, of which \$48,608.16 in usable funds. Dr. Steimiller is no longer in need of \$2,300 for mural (listed as campus beautification). Sabrina to work with Chris on ordering smartboards. LPHS has upcoming “4 year” audit so asks that nothing is purchased immediately until audit complete.

Per last month's discussion, engineer is checking on standard facility color palette so we can integrate into basic school branding parameters. Sabrina to email Tony/engineer for paint colors.

Secretary Sarah Portugal – present

Sabrina moved to approve December meeting minutes and Michelle seconded. Unanimous vote.

Committee / Director Reports

Pledge Drive and Corporate Sponsorship – **Sabrina Spitznagle**- present, **Tracey Lazos** – not present **and Lindsey Spivey** – present.

Lindsey will be following up with Tracey on status of corporate sponsorship. Currently, none have been sold but believes emails have started to go out. Tracey/Lindsey to follow up on how a corporate sponsorship is earmarked for IRS. Suggestion to change corporate sponsorship name

and confirmation that it is publicized as community sponsorship so we should rename committee.

Spirit Wear- Jessica Strang and Danette Fernando – both present

Ordering standing shelves to help with organization and will communicate if they need resource help on a Saturday to organize spirit wear in preparation for moving to permanent space. Feedback that students are preferring LPHS vs. Lincoln Park branded attire so good to have options. General discussion of “Est. 1875” to align with school charter and need to look at tablecloths with seal stating 1899.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation – Eury Chrones and Alexandra Solomon- not present

As follow up to previous meeting, there is “Pepsi cooler” refrigerator earmarked for Freshmen building. Dr. Steinmiller confirmed that fridge only is preferable. Maiva’s husband is donating Pepsi/Frito Lay products. Confirmed staff of 230 and Maiva will choose a variety.

Social – Keely Selko- present

Winter Formal is coming up. There are 960 tickets sold and 42 volunteers. As follow up to Ms. Theus’ email, we need to confirm number of students who are still in need of a donated ticket. Agreement to further publicize on FB parents’ page.

Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski – present

Chipotle fundraiser coming up on March 5th from 4:00-8:00pm at the 2400 N. Lincoln location. Jodi is still working to see if we have Dave’s Coffee Cakes for Valentine’s Day.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Venecia Sanchez and Julie Molina – not present

Brick Drive- Eury Chrones – not present

Social Media- Jackie Gelb- not present

Marketing/Website/Graphic Design- Eva Ho – and Chris Nelson- not present

Reminder to send headshot in high resolution for FOLPHS Board member page.

IB Liaison- Sabrina Spitznagle - present

No report

LSC Liaison- Sabrina Spitznagle - present

Provided update at last LSC meeting on January 18.

Communications- Colin O'Brien- no report

Spring Parent Party and Auction- Sarah Portugal, Tracey Lazos, Lindsey Spivey, Keely Selko and Jody Boutell – all present except Tracey

Spring party scheduled for April 20th at Galleria Marchetti. Work divided into work streams: communication, event, website, and auction. Thanks to Tracey for developing logo!

Open House- Beth O'Connor – not present **and Michele Berman** – present

No report

Yard Signs- Sara Byerly – not present

Yard sign ordering will occur in the spring.

Personalized Marquee Message- Rochelle Brophy – not present

Old Business- none

Open/Announcements-

Next FOLPHS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00pm in the LPHS Community Room.

Adjourn – 7:41 pm

Attendees:

Jessica Strang, Maiva Lozano, Michele Berman, Jody Boutell, Danette Fernando, Lindsey Spivey, Denise Morris, Keely Selko, Jodi Torzewski, Sabrina Spitznagle, Colin O'Brien, Paul Kendrick, John Cobey, Dr. Eric Steinmiller, Sarah Portugal

