



MEETING MINUTES 2.9.2021

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1) Welcome and call to order- Sabrina – 6:32 pm

2) Officer Reports

A) Principal Report-Dr. Steinmiller

There is a freshman field day on Friday, February 12.

Senior week will be the week before Spring Break. February 5 Dr. Steinmiller met with Ms. Glunz, Ms. Watson, and Ms. Martello. They are the Senior Committee. They were searching for a date to avoid AP and IB testing. Looks like March 22, the week before Spring Break, will be the week. Ms. Watson is on point. If anyone has questions, contact her.

A question came up about Re-opening and next steps. Dr. Steinmiller said that they do not have any information on re-opening and are focusing on successfully re-opening for the Cluster program.

Professional Development Day was very successful. They are focusing on the teachers.

Coffee with the Principal is back up and running and will be every other Tuesday until at least spring break.

Dr. Steinmiller was very proud of all the hard work that students and teachers put in to help aid struggling students. There were 611 students with an F at the beginning of January. By the beginning of February that number was cut in half and now is even lower. This took tremendous dedication on everyone's part.

Questions:

Drama event on March 5. It is up for approval with the LSC.

Sara asked Dr. Steinmiller if there was any update on the \$250,000 grant that the school received to make improvements to the Auditorium. Dr. Steinmiller said that Mr. Stuckey oversees this project. He is working with the Visual & Performing Arts and meeting with him on February 10.

B) President's Report-Sabrina Spitznagle

Thank you for Sabrina to Dr. Steinmiller for his report. Thank you to Suzanne for updating the Bylaws. She will send it to the Board to review. We can vote on approving them at the March Board meeting.

Prism message board looks great. Sara will send another announcement out about buying a message for the prism board.

C) Vice President's Report – Kristen Feurer- No report.

D) Treasurer's Report- Christina Sciarotta- Not in attendance.

Treasurer's report will shared with the Board.

E) Secretary- Misha Mann.

Sabrina moved to approve the January Minutes. Kristen seconded. All voted to approve. The motion passes.

3) Committee/Director Reports:

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

There is \$15,725 in sales at this point. Letters have gone out to the Corporate Sponsor list. These are all previous sponsors, possible sponsors and businesses/individuals that have indicated that they might be interested in sponsoring. If anyone has any information on other possible businesses, please reach out to Stefanie.

Michele asked if Eury could send out the "ideas" for what to say on your brick email again? They will send it out.

Jackie asked if the Board should host a brick? Many Board members mentioned that they would be interested.

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

Kristen reported that they brought in Valentine's Day candy for all the teachers. They left it at school to put in teacher's mailboxes. The next Teacher Appreciation effort will be in April. Sabrina will send something to Debra to draft and send so the teachers know to pick up their treats. Dr. Steinmiller will let the Department Heads know on February 10 at a meeting he has with them.

C) Spirit Wear Committee Report- Luisa Shortall

Luisa mentioned that she wanted to donate spirit wear to our Diverse learners in the Cluster program. There are 17 students in the group. The group was supportive. She will be picking from her stock. Luisa is also working with Ms. Watson to reward students with perfect attendance. They will be doing a raffle for up to \$750 in gift cards for the online store.

Luisa requested \$600 for the 1st semester awards. Sabrina made a motion to give \$600 for the awards. Kristen seconded the motion. The group voted unanimously in favor and the motion passed. Dr. Daniels sent a letter out today to the students about the awards.

There is also a contest for a school song. Luisa thought we could have an award for the winner. This is an event that will occur after Spring Break.

Luisa has a shipment of hoodies coming. Therese and Venecia will help coordinate deliveries. Pajamas will be offered at the end of March/April when they are back in stock.

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

E) Marketing & Communications Report- Sara Shacter

Sara is sending out lots of emails related to the Lion Pride event.

F) Open House Committee Report -Jackie Herigodt.

We need to find a successor for Jackie. Who will take her place for future open house work? Jackie will be circling back with Dr. Steinmiller, Sara and Sabrina to ensure there is smooth transition and all of Jackie's notes/great ideas.

G) Fall Social/Spring Gala Committee Report- Suzanne Rovner.

Lion Pride events is February 26. Tickets launch live on February 1. So far, we have sold 31 tickets. Another email went out today. Three teachers have asked for tickets. Tickets for teachers are complimentary. A reminder will go out next week. They will announce an incentive like a Prism message. Prices go up from \$25 to \$40 on February 15. Ticket sales close on February 21. It is a hard stop for tech reasons.

The format of the night will be that everyone gathers on a Homepage and then we head to breakout rooms. We will then have some activities/games in the breakout rooms and then come back into the Homepage for a "Raise the Paddle" live donation event that people can donate directly via text to the event. The activities/games portion will be a one hour breakout. When attendees are in the main room, there will be a performance by the Chamber singers. Someone will talk when attendees are all together about where donations go and what we do with our money.

Food options: Boqueria is still offering the 10% donation through the month of February so that is still an option. Lou Malnatti's can be an option for pizzas.

Drinks options: Suzanne will email attendees. There will be a beer package that attendees can purchase in advance from Beer Temple and a wine/cheese pairing option.

There is a cap for 26 for the wine ticket and they have sold 21 so far. Our fee paid to the event planner covers 85 zoom links.

There is a Parking Spot that is available. Post meeting, Kristen volunteered to buy the spot again at \$500 (she purchased it last year and has not been able to use it at all). This is a very generous donation. We did not know how to market it or fit into this year's event, so everyone was in favor of letting Kristen purchase it again for the next school year.

There was also a donation of College Search/Planning Services (Academic Angle). There was not a resolution as to how to use this. Perhaps as a reward for those who donate to the Brick program or for the wish list?

H) Auction Committee- Misha Mann

Misha finalized the wish list but had a couple outstanding questions for Dr. Steinmiller to clarify. The wish list will not be part of the Lion Pride event. It will need to be uploaded to either Neon or Qtego. Misha will send the list to Sabrina and discuss the input process. Misha mentioned that there was not anything specific to IB program. Dr. Steinmiller was going to investigate it.

I) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee- Venecia Sanchez and Julie Molina

Survey results are in. The DEI Committee has recruited several volunteers. They will meet with their committee to review the results. There were 54 responses. The biggest response was from the Sophomore parents with 23 responses. There were 13 senior parents, 10 juniors and 8 freshman responses. They will try to meet before the next meeting so they can report back to the group.

Venecia gave some examples of the questions like “Does FOLPHS listen to the community?” and “Is FOLPHS inclusive?”

An important question was, “Why do you not participate in FOLPHS events?” The majority of the people said schedule, lack of interest, distance and finally money for events.

Another question, “Do you want to get involved?” 10 respondents mentioned that they wanted to get involved. The primary folks who wanted to get involved were northside parents. Misha suggested posting information about the positions and committees on the board, what we do and the time commitment so potential volunteers understood better what being on the Board required or does not require.

The goal of the committee is to be inclusive and more diverse. They also want to get the kids back in school. They will invite all of those who responded to join. They will then set a regular time after their first meeting, so it works for the group.

Some responses ask for another way to communicate. Suzanne asked, “How do they want us to communicate if not via email or Facebook post?” Julie mentioned that the Principal’s phone call might be an option. Julie also asked if our information could come out in Spanish and could the Principal’s call be in Spanish as well? Dr. Steinmiller thought that parents/guardians did indicate language preference on their paperwork so there might be a way to get messages to those requesting Spanish. Jackie asked about the mail. It would require us to do a lot more planning ahead and would require funding for paper and postage. The mail would not work for sending out Zoom information since we must keep the link confidential for Zoom bombers and we get the link only days before the meeting.

Memory mentioned that she missed the DEI when they spoke at the LSC, but she is still very excited to have them at the meeting and about all that they will contribute to LPHS.

Memory also asked about incorporating the DEI into things like Black History month. We could be doing so much more. She suggested making a bigger announcement about the FOLPHS DEI. Jackie agreed. She asked about making announcements on all the Facebook pages, Instagram, website, etc. (LP Class of 2024, LP Parents, school website, FOLPHS

website). Yesenia asked if there was going to be a Facebook page for the DEI. Sabrina thought that content from DEI should be posted on the FOLPHS website and Facebook pages.

Sabrina suggested that Christy could create an announcement and promote the committee's first meeting. Julie will work with Sara to get a date. Sabrina will add the DEI committee names to the FOLPHS website.

Memory asked about the format for the upcoming meetings and asked about educational opportunities and awareness discussions. Venecia had suggested that the DEI could host a book to ready or speakers in the future.

J) Community Fundraising- Jodi Torzewski.

Jodi reflected on the Boqueria D&D event. The open-ended nature of the promotion has not really worked or aided in drumming up business and donations. We have only earned \$50. Sabrina commented that it is a bit of a distance from LP and not convenient for many of our families.

Everyone did think that tapas would be great as a meal for the Lion Pride event and go well with wine and beer tastings.

We will host at Lou Malnatti's in the spring and possibly Chipotle.

K) International Baccalaureate Liaison- Memory Jacobs

Memory and Ms. Tookey are putting together a task list for the spring. Ms. Tookey is not able to attend tonight's meeting as she has a family situation. Memory asked us all to keep Ms. Tookey in our thoughts.

L) LSC Liaison- Memory Jacobs

The next LSC meeting is on February 11 at 6:30 pm. Memory asked the LSC if groups like DEI and FOLPHS could speak at the beginning of the meeting and the LSC agreed.

Eury commented that the LSC meetings seem very one-sided in that you cannot see who is on the call besides the LSC Board. It is hard to participate and support other speakers when they are talking.

4) Old Business:

Someone asked about the SAT in April. Dr. Steinmiller was going to into the date.

5) New Business:

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm.

6) Adjourn- 8:01 pm

ATTENDANCE

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