



FOC Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Present: Erin Scott, Danny Scott, Ana Kitic, Rob Staszak, Jennifer Wilson, Julie Weber, April Matheny, Meredith Taylor, Lauren Rappold, Joe Rappold, Karin Gutierrez

Meeting called to order at 8:34pm by Danny Scott.

Annual Meeting to elect board of directors. Meredith moves to approve agenda, Julie seconds agenda.

Board of directors slate

Ana Kitic
April Matheny
Danny Scott
Lauren Rappold
Karin Gutierrez
Meredith Taylor
Rob S.
Julie Weber

Motion to accept slate by Erin Scott, Julie seconds.

Danny asks for motion to nominate president. Karin nominates Danny. Danny cannot due to our bylaws of a three year maximum. Erin nominates Julie, Ana seconds. Julie accepts nomination. Board votes in favor of Julie Weber as president. Julie nomiates Danny as VP, all vote in favor.

Danny nominates Karin as secretary, all vote in favor. Danny nominates Ana as treasurer, Julie seconds, all vote in favor. Rest of slate is accepted as board members.

Election of officers for 2021-2022 is complete.

Meeting called to a close at 8:40pm.

First Meeting of 2021-2022 school year is called to order at 8:40pm.

LSC update from Jennifer Wilson, no current update, waiting for their next meeting. Need to organize an in person meeting.

School admin update-Rob:

Beginning of school, kids are adjusting to not having been in school consistently over the past year and a half.

Two teachers asked for a sabbatical mid-August and we've picked up two teachers to cover.

Construction update: CPS said ADA changes needed to be made, they decided to redo bathrooms on the first floor to include ADA specifications, even though they're technically on the 2nd floor. Bathrooms are functional, but not finished. Work in the office is on hold, gender neutral bathrooms are on hold, the process is ongoing.

Need a recess monitor, 4 hours, no benefits, \$15/hr. 10am-2pm.

6 hours, no benefits, \$15/hr, classroom help, lunchroom help. Could be 8am-3pm, 7hrs.

Two maternity leaves this year as well. New art teacher, Ms. Voss.

Student numbers are currently under 500 around 485.

School calendar is not out, and will hopefully be out tomorrow 9/1.

Ms. Slattery is still busy with tech needs and not quite available to teach technology yet.

Treasurer's report from Ana:

\$80,266 balance at the end of August. Includes street pole banners.

Spirit wear sale went well, sold 16 items. We currently have a stock of adult sized items.

Ana will send August report late tonight or early tomorrow.

Communication updates:

Erin nominates Bailey as communications chair. Bailey accepts. One newsletter has gone out so far, banners went up, messages have gone out on social media. Bailey will be sure to work with Jennifer to keep website updated.

Jennifer-is ClassDojo approved for communications? Rob-have not received clarification, hoping to by next LSC meeting.

Fundraising committee:

Joe Rappold, going to grow and learn from past years. Fewer dine outs, only popular ones like Mcdonalds and Mimas. Red Bird Hustle as well. Trying to expand who gives to FOC, joining other groups and attending community meetings. Get buy-in from community members to support their neighborhood schools. Arches will follow RBH. Looking for other fun ideas that bring in larger amounts of money. Super Bowl squares as well. Joe will stay on as fundraising chair. Danny will step in as fundraising co-chair. Next fundraising meeting date will follow.

Rob, voicing some concerns about fundraising, especially the Red Bird Hustle. Because students are used for fundraising, the approval needs to go through LSC and money needs to go back to the school. Vague mention of Luis Garcia saying this is a strict rule.

FOC's hesitation is that money raised could potentially be taken by CPS, asking for more clarification. Can be discussed at LSC. There are multiple viewpoints and we definitely need clarification. We want to protect the money we raise so it goes to areas of need.

Family engagement:

Erin-Sounds like meetings are in person, can we have in person meetings at school? Family engagement events, now that BAC, LSC, etc. are in person. Can we do outdoor events? Rob will get back to Erin and Julie.

Staff appreciation:

Meredith, will set up meeting to plan year out on September 14. Going to send out survey to staff to solicit needs, wishes, etc.

Substitute appreciation is coming up, but we don't really have subs at this time, it's irrelevant. IT professional day is approaching, will send something to Ms. Slattery.

Meredith wants to set staff appreciation budget at \$500.

April motions to approve. All vote to approve.

All vote to approve \$500 budget for family engagement as well.

Also, custodian appreciation day is 10/2 and Meredith will recognize staff. Asking Rob for staff list.

Lauren-idea for this Friday was to have a Friday morning RBH giveaway to teachers as an appreciation token for the start of school. Due to supply chain issues, items have not arrived, need to reschedule. Rob can blast emails to staff.

Going to continue with goal for room parents and would like to grow and also help cover recess.

Jennifer asked about stipend for teachers. Danny is giving an update, we are working on the copy for sending info on the classroom discretionary fund. Working toward announcing soon.

Finance Committee:

Ana, looking for more people to join finance team.

Board development and Recruitment:

Who would like to lead? Erin nominates Karin, Karin accepts to be chair. Lauren has built a committee sign up sheet. Have a meet and greet on Friday, 9/3 with FOC tent, Lauren will have sheets out and will send them to Karin to do data entry and draft email to interested people.

Red Bird Hustle- Lauren, registration opens on 9/3. Newsletters going out, 9/17 is pep rally. Friday, October 1st is actual date of event. Volunteers for day before and day of, multiple shifts.

Celebrate Cleveland:

Julie and Karin to co-chair. Looking at Trigger or other venues. Potentially hybrid event. Hold first meeting at beginning of October to begin planning for a March or April event.

Keep meetings on Tuesday, next meeting set for September 28th, potentially in person. Let's try to meet at Leader Bar, it's open and inviting.

Motion to adjourn by Ana, seconded by Rob.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Gutierrez
Secretary, Friends of Cleveland