



FOC Board Meeting 9/28/21

Attendees: Julie Weber, Jennifer Wilson, Ana Kitic, April Matheny, Danny Scott, Erin Scott, Karin Gutierrez, Meredith Taylor, Joe Rappold, Mindy & Jason Warling, Bailey Catanese, Mike Catanese, Rebecca & Alberto.

Meeting called to order at 5:47pm by Julie weber

LSC update: Jennifer - LSC voted on fundraising items. Picture day was announced, scholastic book fair and taffy apples. Two vacancies, one parent and one community member.

Admin update: R. Staszack has been out sick and will give us an update later. Professional development is in progress, Algebra class for 8th graders is now available. Received a grant for an after school choir program. NBGC is providing after school care for k-8. School has completed their emergency plan. Traffic is an ongoing issue after school. Para professionals will be present every morning before school. Gates are now locked for safety. The Literacy team met over the summer. Dual language team met as well. Ms. Martinez and Ms. L are conducting assessments. Appeal was made for more special ed positions, they won the appeal and are looking to fill the positions. Ms. Ward was accepted into a CHicago Fun class. Mr. Thigpen is starting a lawyers in the classroom program. Peer conferencing is commencing. Teachers in personalized learning classrooms are working on goals. Architect visited the school and the window project is on the table. Current construction is still IP and hopes to be finished in December. Three confirmed covid cases in the school.

Treasurer's report: Ana - presented copies of the August Treasurer's report. BALance is \$79131.37, as of September 28. Not including current expenses that will be reconciled at the end of September. IRS 90090 form will be filed soon with a cost of \$700-\$900.

Communication update: Biggest project is a "Welcome Note," be concise and direct. Have something handy, short, sweet and informative to hand out to parents. The goal is to continue to spread awareness of why we fundraise for our public school. Also working on a survey for parents, both digital and paper form. Work on communication timeline for future events. Make sure items are on Rob's calendar for him to send out and share with everyone. For example, aim for a 4 week timeline. Next meeting is the last Tuesday of every month at 1pm.

Fundraising: RBH is at \$12,000! Arches goes on sale 10/1. Cookbook-Springtime- Jennifer: Potluck, but individually wrapped. Invite families to share multiple recipes and bring a dish. Readathon-January-Nicole Page. Dine outs: Oct & Nov are scheduled, McDonalds on Oct 26th, Chipotle Nov then Easy Street. Dad's night in January, NFL football playoff game, MNF at Chief O'Neals for example. Superbowl Squares, unofficially, run it again. Plant Sale.

Family Engagement: Halloween on the green, 3-4pm, October 29th, just got approved by Ms. Ward.

Staff Appreciation: IT appreciation, gave a gift to Ms. Slattery. Today dropped off all RBH teacher swag - went really well! Will need more volunteers for future distribution. Teachers were excited and had questions. Next up is principal appreciation month, maybe do a 30 day "advent calendar type." Remaining appreciation is in the Spring.

Finance: Ana-forming a finance committee. Talking about spending and budgeting. Ana will send an invite out to everyone.

Board Development: Pitch the tent a week before any meeting, and engage with teachers and parents to get them to join our meetings.

RBH recap: 41% registered, 208 students so far. Only 91 pledges so far, try to push pledges. \$12208 pledged so far. Mr. B will shave his head if we make our goal. 5:30pm volunteer walk through on Wednesday.

Celebrate Cleveland: October 6th is the first meeting via Zoom, planning for a May event, potentially at Trigger. Looking for auction items, gift cards, restaurant donations, food, alcohol, etc.

Open announcements: Danny - Townhall meeting with Jaime Andrade in the school auditorium, enter through door 4 and go upstairs to the auditorium at 6pm. Watching online feed from Alderman.

Music Enrichment: RBH money is going to this. Ms. Ward is onboard with Early Learning and how they go together with reading, etc. This is an enrichment program that adds to the teacher's curriculum. Chime and Old Town School of Learning. If the school and admin are on board, teacher selected course is studied and adjusted to fit in a music curriculum. Every classroom benefits.

Danny makes a motion to spend \$25000 on music enrichment. April seconds the motion. Board votes: April, Danny, Erin, Meredith, Bailey, Julie, Karin vote to approve. Motion approved.

Classroom discretionary fund: \$200 grant, give them a grant, say it can be used for xyz and not abcd, etc. Ana has a shell of a letter, KG will work on it with Bailey. Julie will purchase gift cards. Gift to teachers and ask for a report on how they spent the \$200.

Parent Survey: Digital and paper copy to send out to parents soon.

Soccer netting: Danny received quotes for turf field, \$20,000 for large netting. KG asking Alderman's office to help solve the issue. Can Chicago Fire help as well?

Next FOC meeting, October 14th, 5:30pm at school.

Motion to adjourn by April, Danny seconded, adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Gutierrez
Secretary, Friends of Cleveland