

FOC Board Meeting

November 11, 2021

In attendance: Danny Scott, Erin Scott, Jennifer Wilson, Joe Rappold, Lauren Rappold, Bailey Catanese, Meredith Taylor, April Matheny, Ana Kitic, Robert Staszczak, Julie Weber

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm

LSC update: Jennifer, had a meeting on Oct. 21st, voted in a new parent vacancy. Community vacancy is still open. Must live within school borders and not be a parent in the school. Jennifer went to the California Park Neighborhood Association meeting to spread the word. Application is due next Wednesday, the day before the next LSC meeting.

School Admin Update: Extremely busy month with the addition of Friday, November 12th off. Teachers are working on REACH evaluations and they are looking for growth in students. The Chicago Teachers Union is pushing back so they are not going through their usual evaluations. Now Deb and Rob are observing to evaluate. There are about a dozen teachers affected. Next week is report card pick up day, some teachers are doing virtual, some are doing it in person. Only one parent is allowed and no children are allowed in. Teachers are trying to be very flexible and accommodating to be able to connect with all parents. LSC meeting brought up a recess consultant called Play Works. Last Friday Ms. Thalia and special ed classroom assistants attended the session to get trained on recess techniques targeted towards diverse learners. Bernie's Books did a drop off for kids this past week, books went home with all children. Lockdown drill happened this past week, worked with police precinct to help make it happen.

Erin-working with her kid's pediatrician to come to Cleveland to administer Covid-19 vaccines for students. Deb is helping on the school admin side to make this accessible to families.

Treasurer's report: Ana-Sending us report as of today. Arches, Celebrate, and other things are beginning to roll in. \$82,000 in the bank currently.

Joe-\$280 from McDonald's dine out. Are we able to move our money into an investment account?

Ana-Not likely since we are a non-profit.

Committee Reports

Communications: Bailey-For social media working on events, dine-outs, vaccination announcement, arches, etc. Along with website updates and newsletter. We have to renew the S'more account (newsletter), do we have an FOC debit or credit card we can use? Erin is going to look into doing a sponsorship email.

Ana-Not at the moment, there are some options.

Julie-It should be a priority to get a credit card.

Ana-There may not be a card offer for our account, but we can look into it. Should be in the name of the president of FOC.

Finance Committee-Still planning a November finance committee meeting.

Fundraising Committee: Mcdonald's fundraiser: \$280 cash and \$70 in drive thru. Chipotle is next. They don't allow posters or a tip jar. Bailey will cover arches. Joe and Nicole Page met with read-a-thon people, very similar to RBH. Online donations and company takes a piece of the funds, but set up is easy. First goal might be \$5000. Portillo's will be an upcoming dine out. Dad's night is in January. Super Bowl squares will also be happening. Joe is also looking into Linkedn's charitable giving.

Lauren-Bateman suggested doing a partner Queen of Hearts event since they are able to acquire a gamblin license. Timing around valentine's day would be idea. Combine with an Easy Street dine out. Also need to get a mom's night on the schedule.

Julie-Can we do a March Madness bet as well? Mr. Thigpen might be a good resource.

Joe-It might be a little much, but we can look into it. There are lots of variables and moving parts.

Bailey-Arch building and installation is happening November 19 & 20th, have lots of volunteers. Couple of hours of work are needed. Goal is to sell 125.

Family Engagement: Might need volunteers for vaccination day, still TBD. December 12th, 1-3pm, free ice skating at McFetridge. Families will sign up for a sign up date.

Staff Appreciation: Not much going on for this month. Deb was thrilled with all of the principal appreciation touches. About half of the school submitted cards for her. Still hoping to do a hot chocolate bar in the school. Also looking into spaces for stocking teacher brearoom items. Next appreciation meeting is December 6th to discuss Christmas. PAC requested we restencil the sidewalks for recess.

Board Development: Looking to plan/encourage more informal meetings. We participated in Zumba with Ms. Gutierrez and PAC. We have a joint meeting with FOC, LSC, PAC and BAC set for November 14th.

Celebrate: Julie-Ticket sales are live, Save the Date is in the works, as is a packet of information for parent parties, auction items, etc. The November meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Old Business: Old Towne school of music program, no current update. Looking for an update from Deb we haven't seen.

Survey is still in the works, look at it and make any changes.

Soccer backstop: on the Ward's PB budget ballot.

Pizza and pop mingle for parents and kids, maybe for January. Danny makes a motion to set a \$500 budget for board development committee everyone votes in favor.

Next meeting is December 9th in cafeteria. Ana moves to adjourn, Karin seconds, all in favor to close meeting.

Meeting called to order at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Gutierrez
FOC Secretary