

## **Friends of Coonley Board Meeting**

**August 11, 2020, 8 p.m.**

**Board Members in attendance:** Kristin Morris, Brooke Odem, Brooke Roark, Christina Kreidler, Kathy Alvarez, Erin Van Awken, Inka Cherry

**Honorary Board Members in attendance:** None.

**Guests in attendance:** None

**Call to order (B. Roark):** Called meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark):** K. Morris makes motion to approve April minutes. B. Odem seconds. All approve.

**Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez):** Numbers are preliminary – still reconciling a few things. \$715,979 total funds. \$358,440 committed, \$359,539 available. We are going to talk to our bank about upping our interest rate. Did better at previous bank. I. Cherry motions to approve preliminary numbers. B. Odem seconds. All approve. To simplify accounting, we are going to move the Best Buddy / Special Olympics line item into the Community events ledger. B. Roark motions to make that move. K. Alvarez seconds. All approve. I. Cherry working on budget for next year. Looking unlikely that we will be able to host many community events, due to the ongoing pandemic.

**Pride Stride (B. Roark):** Does it make sense to fundraise when the kids aren't in school? We usually have something specific we raise funds for, but this year we would not. This year, we will skip Pride Stride. Maybe we can do a capital campaign in the spring if we are back in school and the admins have needs we can help fulfill.

We also will talk to the admin to clarify the remote-learning roles of the teaching assistants we fund.

**New family welcome (B. Roark):** We are dropping off yard signs to welcome new families to Coonley. So far there are 19 new families plus the Kindergarten families. Some schools partner a new family with a current family in the same grade to help answer questions. Something we could consider.

**School supplies (B. Roark):** If people ordered Yubbler supplies, how should we handle. Should we hand them out when they pick up workbooks? Should it just be an option? We will talk to admin about this.

**Playground enhancements (B. Odem):** Talked about the faded paint on the sensory path with admin and sent an email to the playground committee to see if they want to be included in the next steps. The error might have come from the painter not power-

washing the cement before the painting. The paint was tested by the painting committee and it should have held up fine had we properly prepped the surface. We will power wash the fading paint this summer. B. Odem spoke to the artist who painted it and she's open to providing us with a mural to make up for the failed sidewalk paint. Maybe do it on a wall to stay away from the wear-and-tear issue. Maybe the north side of the building.

**Coonleywear (I. Cherry):** Not going to order Coonleywear or field trip T-shirts as long as school is remote. Should we order Coonley-logo masks? Hand them out at school materials pickup? Brooke will talk to admin about masks.

**Teacher discretionary funds (B. Roark):** Ms. Morgan will inform the teachers that we are providing \$500 for each of them for whatever they need to support learning this school year. They will submit their receipts and a form detailing what they purchased and why.

**Coonley Core (B. Roark):** Do we need to offer any perks to Coonley Core sponsors who will not be getting Pride Stride advertising this year? Maybe we could hang some banners during back to school week. Coonley Core planning to reduce fees for the fall but offer other perks in the spring for additional sponsorship.

**New board positions (B. Roark):** B. Roark and K. Morris are rolling off the board for the next school year. Will need to fill those positions as well as the one vacated a few months ago by E. McGarry. We also will have an attorney review our bylaws before a new board comes on in October to set guidelines for terms and renewal of terms going forward.

**Spring Fling (E. VanAwken):** Kristi Kelleher will be co-chairing Spring Fling with Erin, who is remaining optimistic that we will be able to have an in-person Spring Fling.

**Adjournment:** B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 10:12 p.m. C. Kriedler seconded. All approve.

*Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.*