

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

June 9, 2020, 8 p.m. (held online via Zoom)

Board Members in attendance: Kristin Morris, Brooke Odem, Brooke Roark, Christina Kreidler, Stephen Laslo, 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 8:07 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): B. Roark makes motion to approve May minutes. S. Laslo seconds. All approve.

Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez): Total balance is \$803K. Committed funds \$364,789. Available funds \$438,340. Auction team has refunded five items. We got our 2019 audit letter today and we passed. Still waiting on the tax-exempt letter. B. Odem makes motion to approve financials. I. Cherry seconds. All approve.

Board vacancies (B. Roark): Will have at least three openings for next year's board, beginning in Oct. Will advertise them in an FOC blast this month.

Back to school meet and greet (B. Odem): It's usually the Thursday before Labor Day. We can tentatively put on calendar, but there's no way to know yet if we are going to be in school then. It will likely be a scaled back event if we don't have word far in advance. Even if we do open, there may still be safety protocols/social distancing rules in effect. If we can't do that and also the new parent meet and greet, we still need to consider how we can be ambassadors for the community. How can we make new families feel welcome? Maybe drop off yard signs and say hello. Or do a Zoom "welcome meeting." Mr. Z and Mr. Laslo can speak to the whole group and then we can do breakout rooms with smaller groups where board members can take questions. Maybe Wed. Aug. 12 at 8 p.m. Mr. Laslo will put together the email invite.

End of the year teacher appreciation gifts: Up to individuals to give something if they want to. FOC is not going to coordinate. Keeping in line with our new policy that we will coordinate a staff-wide holiday gift only.

Playground painting: Keeps fading. We had planned to revisit the issue when the weather got warmer. Do we want to let it fade? Strip it? Repaint? Have we heard back from the original artist who had said she wanted to work with us to repair? We should reach back out to the artist to see if there's any resolution. Also reach out to the committee that worked on the project to see if they want to be involved with the next steps for the area.

Admin report (S. Laslo): Admin would like FOC to approve \$80K for classroom technology needs for next year. The requested amount is based on the school's budget from CPS and the needs discussed at the most recent LSC technology meeting. There are no other big asks in the pipeline. The teachers have made their yubbler lists. Mr. Laslo will be including the school supply options for parents in an upcoming admin blast with an acknowledgement that next year is still a bit of an unknown. We will follow CPS directives on school supplies, which admin does not know what that will look like yet. B. Roark motions to approve \$80K for Coonley's technology needs for next year. I. Cherry seconds. All approve.

Adjournment: K. Morris moved to adjourn meeting at 9:05 p.m. C. Kriedler seconded. All approve.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for August 2020.