

## **Friends of Coonley Board Meeting**

**May 12, 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:** Renee Schneidewind

**Call to order (B. Roark):** Called meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

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

**Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez):** Will send out financials to all board members. Still reconciling a few things. Will renew our Costco membership when we start buying things for events in the fall.

**Spring Fling (B. Odem):** The first spring fling party cancellation happened today with the School's Out block party. May get some refund requests. Those party hosts are happy to cover those refunds so the money stays with FOC. The cancelled Elton John concert will require a refund to the winning bidder. Need to decide if we will run refunds back via Greater Giving or cut checks for people. Hoping to do it through Greater Giving and will try that route first. Easier and will cancel out those credit card fees. Should we reach out to everyone with a cancelled event to offer the choice of a tax-deductible donation or a refund? Does it make sense to do it in the FOC blast?

The teachers were agreeable to offering the canceled teacher experiences in the fall.

**LSC/Admin report (B. Roark):** The admin presented the budget for next year during the LSC meeting. We will lose some funding due to options program continuing to phase out and having fewer reduced/free lunch eligible kids at Coonley. Admin is appealing the budget and seeking an additional \$144K but unsure if it will come through. Admin hoping FOC will still be able to cover the \$50K we provide yearly for technology upgrades. We should have the funds for that between the Pride Stride reserves and Spring Fling revenue. Will review the financials to confirm. Admin does have some money to cover gaps next year due to not spending all of this year's money due to shortened year. The 2021-22 year could be more difficult.

**Teacher appreciation (E. Van Awken):** Renee Girardin generously made a video of kids thanking the teachers. Room reps did a good job of getting the word out about teacher appreciation opportunities. A few parents gave a bit of backlash over being

overwhelmed in general and not wanting to be asked to do anything else but plenty of families were excited to participate.

**Graduation (B. Roark):** Admin asking about possibility of help with 8<sup>th</sup> grade yard signs. What does admin need from us? Funding? Ideas? Considering putting up a banner at school and yard signs for their yards. R. Girardin working on the banner and Sharon Gaietto on getting photos of our graduates in a safe way. Admin may ask if FOC can help with funds for the yard signs. Admin will be doing a virtual luncheon and virtual graduation. We could also still donate the candy from Spring Fling to the graduation fund. Could hand them out when students come to Coonley to get caps and gowns. They are going to start distributing them next week in staggered manner. There are 92 graduates. We had earmarked money to help with graduation luncheon, etc., so could divert it to the yard signs.

**Coonley Cares (B. Roark):** Common Pantry drive went well. Raised about \$4,050. K. Alvarez and B. Roark will sign the donation check and get it out. B. Roark and Lisa Mishkin will handle distribution of the incentives to the donors.

**Kindergarten orientation (I. Cherry):** Should we order some field trip T-shirts to arrive in Sept.? S. Laslo says we can have them delivered to the school still.

**Book Fair: (B. Roark):** Sold over \$8,000 in books. We didn't take any funds from this fair but Book Cellar will continue to provide author visits to our school. We will miss the funds from our usual Scholastic fair that covered all the educational magazine subscriptions. Admin might have have ask for help with that next year and we can work together to figure out what would be most appropriate way we can help. Could potentially roll that ask into Pride Stride.

**Yubbler (S. Laslo):** Should we get going with Yubbler again for next year's school supplies? Last year was light load on FOC as admin handled most of the work. S. Laslo will look into Yubbler and other options as well. Likely will stick with status quo as it's easier on our parents in a year that's already uncertain, but will entertain any other ideas that our teachers present.

**Adjournment:** B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 9:03 p.m. S. Laslo seconded. All approve.

*Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2020.*