

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

Oct. 1 2019, 7 p.m.

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

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Esther Storrie

Guests in attendance: Leah Boston, Sherry Skalko, Elisha Jurewicz, Heather Jurewicz, Sandy Morris, Jackie Sondag

Call to order (B. Roark): Called meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): E. McGarry corrected the potential amount of the Cubs charities grant to \$150,000 (instead of \$250,000). K. Alvarez made motion to approve Sept. minutes. Christina seconded. All approve.

Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez): starting to get money in from Pride Stride. Have a couple of Core deposits. These numbers are preliminary because bank statements not out yet. \$9,834 so far for Pride Stride. Ribfest brought in \$2,083. \$3,000 for field trip fund. Total committed accounts are \$255,200. Available funds are \$561,088. K. Alvarez made motion to approve expenses for Sept. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

LSC Report (E. Storrie): Oct. 22 is CWIP meeting at 6 p.m. They will analyze data from last school year and get ready to present findings at the Nov. 5 LSC meeting. Mitzi Baum is organizing push to get volunteers to help improve safety around the school in the morning at drop off. There is a link in admin blast. Volunteers will be encouraged to register as official volunteers even though they are not in the school.

School admin report (S. Laslo): Basketball hoops are up and running. Functioning well at all levels they can be raised to. Waiting on floor to be finished (water damage) before finalizing volleyball nets.

Tractor has been delivered and parked in its spot in outside storage. Didn't get sweeper as would have been a \$4,500 addition. Can discuss what we want to do about that. Can plow concrete but not turf, but the turf melts much quicker and gets less icy. CPS will continue to provide ice melt.

Having difficulty with speaker system on gym side. Muffled sounds. Worker came out and it's probably under warranty. Plan for Pride Stride is to swap those speakers with parking lot speakers in order for Pride Stride music to be loud. Would cost \$440 to have them swapped and then back again once the speakers are fixed under warranty. B. Odem motioned to pay for the work. B. Roark seconded. All approve.

Spring Fling (B. Odem): Brooke and Erin met last week. Seeing which chairs from last year want to come back. Kickoff meeting Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

Pride Stride (B. Roark): Up and running. Coming next week. First set of carabiners for signing up were sent home with students today. There will be pretzels and gluten free snacks. T-shirts are being sorted tomorrow night. 6 p.m. at Coonley. Funds raised go to teacher assistants and enrichment class needs.

Coonley Core (B. Roark): Committee not here tonight but there have been some renewals and outdoor signs are going up ahead of Pride Stride.

Box Tops (C. Kriedler): Handed out a lot of flyers about the program at Open Houses. People were receptive. Just got credited for last May's collection. Doubled our amount this year in the two weeks after Open Houses. First collection date is Oct. 16 and we will need help counting.

Mattress sale (B. Roark): Mattress sale is Oct. 19. Rhonda Gettleman, Robin Levine and Mollie Stoner getting Sign-up Genius set up for volunteers. Money earned goes to the field trip fund.

Speaker Series (E. McGarry): Kathleen Hayes willing to take over Speaker series. Heather Donnell did great job for five years and is ready to pass it on. Thinking of sending a survey to parents about what topics they'd like to see. We could also use it to see how many people are interested in the speaker series. These things would inform our budget. Could also talk to Bell or other schools again about partnering. Have done that successfully in past. Likely only one speaker in the spring. Should we see if Michelle Swenson's group would come back out again to talk to new parents and those who missed last time?

History of FOC (B. Roark): Leah Boston spent nine months contacting people and recording the history of FOC/PTO as our school has grown. Leah wants our feedback when we read it.

K-2 dance (I. Cherry): All under control. Suzie and Saioa have 14-15 volunteers already. Co-chairs for 3-5 dance are Elisha Jurewicz and Renee Schneidewind.

Room reps (E. Jurewicz): Only missing 8 classrooms. Laslo sent another email today. Need to start communicating that we are not going to do classroom fund collections this year.

Teacher appreciation (E. Van Awken): Have a big committee of willing people. Had a meeting and went through initiatives for this year. Load the lounge, lunch on report card pickup days, teacher breakfast, etc. Going to make signs for the lounge of who delivered the food (FOC, Grades 3-4, whoever it may be.)

Rainbow room (H. Jurewicz): Upstairs room that hosts IEP meetings, social workers' meetings with kids, some testing sessions. Needs a facelift. Getting a redesign with some paint and furniture that's a better fit for the space. Two Ikea tables and 10 chairs and paint. Hoping to get it done on school days when school is already open rather than taking up weekends. Could be done in a month or two if we don't have to change the base wall color. Or could use mattress

sale day to paint it as the school will already be open. Will email finalized purchasing emails. Estimated at \$1,000-1,200 before the cost of base paint. I. Cherry motions to approve \$2,000 for Rainbow Room improvements. E. Van Awken seconds. All approve.

Adjournment: B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019.