

Ross A. Nielsen Fund Board of Directors
February 3, 2005
6:30 p.m., CST

Roll (X=present, either physically or by phone):

- X Joan Duea, President and Emeritus Representative
- X Becky Hawbaker, Vice President and PLS Secondary Faculty Representative
- X Julie Creeden Secretary and PLS Parent Representative
- X Sue Savereide, Treasurer and former PLS Faculty Representative
- Trev Alberts, Alumni Representative
- Leander Brown, former PLS Faculty Rep
- X Nadene Davidson, PLS Parent Representative, UNI Faculty
- Norm Granger, PLS Parent Representative
- X Les Hale, Emeritus Faculty Representative
- Bob Hellman, Alumni Representative
- X Barbara Lounsberry, Alumni and current UNI Faculty Representative
- Mackenzie Carlisle, PLS Student Representative (class of 2006)
- X Nancy Stevenson, Alumni Representative
- X Catie Wiesley, PLS Student Representative (Class of 2005)
- X Rachel Cole PLS Elementary Faculty Representative (alternate for Clare Struck)
- Bob Stephens, Alumni Representative

Ex Officio Members and Guests:

- X Dave Smith, NU High Principal and Associate Director of PLS
- Shannon McQuillen, UNI Foundation
- Jeffrey Cornett, UNI College of Education Dean, PLS parent
- X Bill Callahan, Director of PLS and Interim Head Department of Teaching
- JD Cryer, PLS Elementary and Middle School Principal, alumni
- X Michelle Swanson, President of Alumni and Friends of Price Lab School.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30.
- II. Introductions: Duea introduced the members. Coles is serving as Clare Struck's alternate. Duea noted incorrect information on the roster that was sent out, and will send a corrected version. Callahan reported the Brown is absent today because he is recovering from major surgery.
- III. Approval of Agenda: There were no additions or changes to today's agenda.
- IV. Minutes of September 7, 2004 meeting: Hawbaker/Savereide moved to approve the minutes with one correction (the spelling of Stephens' name). The motion passed.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Savereide distributed the report. The total amount raised to date is \$85, 871.85, including \$48,551.85 in cash raised and \$37,320 in outstanding pledges. Hale asked how much of this total was for the quasi

endowment and how much was for the PLS Students First Fund to offset increases in PLS student fees. The answer is not evident from the report, but several members stated that PLS Student First Funds would have already been paid out, so the total reported today probably does not include those funds. Lounsberry asked about the rate of return on the Foundation's investments, but McQuillen was not present to answer the question. Creeden/Hale moved to accept the report. The motion was approved.

VI. Ex-Officio Report

A. Interim Head, Department of Teaching/Director PLS, Bill Callahan. Callahan and Cole presented the program "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" which includes K-5 curriculum, a video DVD, music and cheers, all linked to national standards. Duea asked about the plan for dissemination. Cole replied that they would present the curriculum at an upcoming conference and will market widely and sell the curriculum for \$30. Callahan shared that the curriculum was recently featured at the Governor's Anti-Bullying Conference. Callahan shared that a Democracy DVD has also been produced featuring PLS teachers and classrooms, as well as a DVD for the Iowa Department of Education on teacher evaluation. Callahan stated that these projects show the developing and growing partnerships MPLS has with outside entities, especially the Department of Education and the Governor, and represent the importance of the lab school as a resource for the state. He also shared a new federal Department of Education grant project to educate young children with moderate to severe disabilities and handicaps at the lab school.

B. Associate Director, Price Lab School, Dave Smith.

Smith began by thanking Davidson for rejoining the group and thanked her for her work in many of the above initiatives. He announced that there are no new budget cuts for the lab school. He shared that he has been making a stronger effort to listen to students and is working with the high school faculty in studying the recommendations of the Iowa Learns Council and Breaking Ranks. A group of teachers attended the recent Iowa High School Summit. He reported the climate of the school is positive. He recognized the efforts of many who organized and planned the AFPLS Fall Social.

VII. Old Business

A. UNI Foundation Web Site. Savereide asked McQuillen about placing PLS as an explicit option for pledging on the Foundation Web Site. McQuillen responded by email that the Foundation is not willing to list PLS as an option because if every program or department asked for this, the list would be too long. She suggested that a pledge link should appear on the PLS website with instructions to check the "other" box and write in PLS when designating funds. Hawbaker said that the RAN Fund page on the AFPLS website includes a direct link to McQuillen's email.

- B. Fundraising Report: The Class of 1963 Challenge has raised \$4050 so far and a follow up to the challenge will go out soon. McQuillen asked for the names of alumni she should visit on her fundraising trips.
 - C. NU High Web Page: Hawbaker reported that nuhighalumni.com is up and running but currently has fewer than 100 members. She will continue efforts to publicize the page, and to maintain a separate webpage for AFPLS and RAN.
- VIII. New Business
- A. Elections of Officers. Hale reported that the nominating committee has put forth the following slate: Past President: Joan Duea, President, Barbara Lounsberry, Vice President, Sue Savereide, Secretary, Becky Hawbaker, Treasurer, Nancy Stevenson. Hale moved, Creeden seconded to approve the slate of new officers. The motion passed.
 - B. PLS Highlight. The “Be a Buddy, Not a Bully” was presented. Duea also noted that the NU Boy’s basketball team is currently ranked 5th in the state.
 - C. AFPLS/RAN Relationships. Duea proposed discussing the question of the relationship of RAN to AFPLS and whether two separate bodies are necessary. Michelle Swanson is the current President of the Alumni and Friends of PLS (AFPLS), and she reviewed the purposes of the AFPLS organization. Duea reviewed the purpose of the RAN Board from our Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation. Several members noted shared purposes as overlap and possible conflict-of-interests. Duea suggested that a committee should examine this question further and report back at the fall meeting. Lounsberry, Savereide, Hawbaker, Creeden, and Smith volunteered, and Swanson will suggest other names to represent AFPLS.
- IX. Other Business
- A. Next Meeting: September 6, 2005
 - B. Smith thanked Duea for her service as founding President of the RAN Fund.
- X. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Wilson Hawbaker