

## 2017 Booster Club Minutes (3)

Booster Club Meeting, Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 – 6:30pm

### **Board Attendance:**

Jay St. Pierre (President, Voting Officer)

Heather Vincent (Vice-President, Voting Officer)

Sandi St. Pierre (Treasurer, Voting Officer)

Sarah Limon (Team-Reps, Voting Officer)

Jeff Wilkinson (Activities, Voting Officer)

Pam Kelly (Secretary, Voting Officer)

Jeff Malloy (Athletic Department Rep, Non-Voting Director)

Meeting began at 6:32pm and ended 8:15pm

Jay St. Pierre, Booster Club Board President called the 3<sup>rd</sup> Booster Club Meeting to order at 6:32pm. He asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the last Booster Club Board Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Minutes were approved. He then asked for approval of the nights Agenda, which was approved.

Heather Vincent, Vice President announced that the UF Orthopedic Sports Medicine Institute is offering evaluations of motion for sports like volleyball and pitching. This is a free evaluation for those interested.

Sandi St. Pierre, Treasurer reported that there is a discrepancy in the budget and that there will be a complete profit loss report coming soon.

Jay St. Pierre, President remarked that there was no more money coming in, but Jeff Malloy, Athletic Department Director commented that there will be roughly \$19,000 ticket to play revenue coming in. The majority of the spending for this year is documented on the General Ledger Report.

There will be roughly \$40,000 left to spend. Jeff Malloy reminded the attendees that the \$200 fee will not come to the Booster Club next year, but the Booster Club can decide what to do with what is left over. Jeff Malloy reported that the money from the Fantasy Sports Raffle has been dispersed to the teams and is now in their accounts.

There was nothing to report regarding Events.

Sarah Limon, Team Representatives Officer asked for team reps to comment on their teams. Cross Country Girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Regionals with the Boys team placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both teams would be heading to State. Gracie won Regionals overall for the girls and Austin Montini finished 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Boys and Collin Kane finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. (State results, Gracie is

1A State Champion with a time of 18:15, Austin Montini placed 6th in 1A State with a time of 16:28, Girls team was 3rd & Boys 10<sup>th</sup>)

Swimming Regionals ended with two Oak Hall students heading to State. One for Boys Swimming (Name?) placing 10<sup>th</sup> overall in Swimming and One for Girls Diving (Ashlyn Johnson) placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the state. This is the first time in school history that Oak Hall School has had a representative from both Swimming and Diving go to State. Volleyball has had a tremendously successful season with 24 wins for the senior class. They had their Big Pink event where all 3 levels got to play. The team was very thankful to the Boosters for supplying the jerseys for all 3 teams. They were so happy and looked great! The team made and sold lollipops and T-shirts and raised \$2,016 for Breast Cancer Research. Jeff Malloy thanked Jennifer Bolton for her work on the Pink event.

Jay St. Pierre asked for a motion to accept all reports regarding Old Business. All were approved, the meeting transitioned into New Business.

Jeff Malloy reported that Stacey Curtis would not be able to lead the effort on fundraising. We are still in search of a Fundraising Chair who will pursue the one school fundraiser. If anyone knows someone interested in this position the Board is accepting nominations.

The meeting transitioned into brainstorming for the One School Fundraising Ideas.

Jay St. Pierre suggested that maybe we need a sub-committee to lead the brainstorming for the future of the Booster Club and it might be a good idea to get a broader perspective from the school base. We are going to be experiencing a big change from how things operated before.

A question was asked; What is the concept with fundraising? And, Where are the By-laws for the Booster Club?

The Booster Club By-laws are located on the Oak Hall School Website under Athletics on the Athletic Booster web page.

Conversation continued regarding funds and who decides what team gets what money. Questions were asked regarding the Ticket to Play \$200 fee and Jeff Malloy answered that the fee covers uniforms every 3 years and annual awards. The Booster Club also has been able to purchase bigger pieces of equipment that coach's feel will benefit their team. Each sporting team has their own account and coaches can decide how they want to use the money if approved by the Athletic Department and the Booster Club.

Participation by teams in the one school fundraiser may determine the percent of money they receive from the fundraiser. There are things that we may need to define as we go along. Do we set goals? Do we want to talk about needs like a Field House for the new field?

Heather Vincent, Vice President suggested that everyone begin by reviewing the Booster Club By-laws. While reading it think about where you want to see Oak Hall School Athletics going and how you would like funds to be used. In the long term we want to keep people captivated and want them to participate.

Jeff Malloy stated that the Booster Club is meant to lend support, both general and financial support.

It was again stated that the Ticket to Play, \$200 fee is used to pay for uniforms, awards and discretionary spending by each team depending on their needs regarding extras like swag to promote team spirit. The swag also helps to promote a Prep School image by looking sharp with matching gear.

The Booster Club needs to establish what the fundraiser is going to be raising funds for? What are we going to be doing with the funds? Do we want to pick one big need to focus and concentrate on?

The Booster Club seemed unified in the importance of Athletics as an extremely important part of the overall education of an Oak Hall student. It was stated that this is something that helps the kids excel in academics. Also that Athletics is a reason that a lot of parents choose Oak Hall over other schools in the area.

Jeff Wilkinson hoped that we could set some goals for fundraising and lay down some concrete ideas and direction.

Some of the big needs are:

- 1) 6 New Tennis Courts – there is a fund drive going on now with a donor who has pledged to match donations. To date they have raised approx. \$285,000 with a goal of \$450,000.
- 2) Swimming Pool
- 3) New Field house for the new field, tennis courts and swimming pool because currently there is no storage facility or restrooms for the new field.

Jeff Malloy updated attendees on the delay in the completion of the new field. The field will not be playable until April. This would affect the ability to rent out fields. We will be short on space during this year's winter sports season. Oak Hall Sports will not be effected by the delay in the field accessibility but there will be a reduction in the ability to rent fields until the new field is complete. The renting of the fields goes in to the operational budget of the school.

Winter Sports Report: Girls soccer is on life support due to the lack of players interested in playing. There will be a Boys Middle School and High School Soccer

team. Basketball has a full roster of Boys and Girl players. More basketball players then we know what to do with. Softball is also on life support.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a celebration in the gym at 11:32am to congratulate 6 senior boys that will play lacrosse in college.

Questions circulated on, How do we get more MS and LS parents involved in the Booster Club? The attendees seemed united that we need more publicity about the meetings. There was a suggestion to increase word of mouth recruiting by the committee and also to make announcements during basketball half time and to also have an informational table with flyers. It was suggested that we put up signs when driving in to advertise Booster Club Meetings. It was also suggested that we post something on the school Facebook page and Twitter.

Jay St Pierre, President reiterated his thought that it makes sense to have a sub-committee made up of people that would talk through what we need to target and to get appropriate representation.

It was suggested that we might need to first build up the Booster Club attendance. Maybe the sub-committee could meet on the same night as the Booster Club...

- A) Need to get representation for the coaches that still do not have a team rep.
- B) Need to recruit by bringing a friend to the next meeting.
- C) Need to create Signage and make more school wide announcements
- D) Ask Rebekah Johnson to be a guest speaker at the next meeting; she can better communicate to the Booster Club how we can achieve these goals.

Sarah Limon suggested that she could ask if an informational flyer could go out in the LS folders.

The meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>. It was asked if Dr. Hutchins could attend the next meeting so that he could provide more vision and perspective on the one school fundraiser. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.