

## 2017 Booster Club Minutes (2)

Booster Club Meeting, Monday October 9<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 6:35pm and ended 7:22pm

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Booster Club Meeting was called to order by Booster Club Board President, Jay St. Pierre. He welcomed everyone and explained that he was new to the Booster Club and to the Board. The Board Officers introduced themselves. The Minutes from the last Booster Club Board Meeting on August 29, 2017 were approved by the Board.

Heather Vincent, Vice President reported briefly on the results from the Steering Committee Meetings from the previous year and the thought processes from the meetings and thanked everyone for their feedback and contribution. She felt that there was a lot of good energy that transpired from the meetings.

Sandi St. Pierre, Treasurer reported that she was working on the forms to fill reports and a copy of the expenses was up and coming on Quicken Systems. This year's expense report was handed out by Jeff Malloy.

Rose Pickens reported on the fundraising efforts of the Fantasy Sports Raffle and profits made. 169 tickets were sold at \$100: income from ticket sales, \$16,900.00 There was a total of \$4,000 raised through sponsorships (3@ \$1,000 and 2 @ \$500) The raffle was held at the end of the year Sports Banquet. Ryan and Stacey Curtis won a cash prize of \$5,000 and donated \$2,000 back to the school. After expenses the raffle raised \$17,027.25. Each sport received money for how many tickets they sold. Rose reported that the money had not been distributed yet. The money from those that chose the All Sport option will go back to the Booster Club. There was an approved motion to distribute the funds to the teams.

Jeff Malloy spoke about the New Business and the new direction that the Booster Club would be taking per the new Head of School, Dr. Hutchins decision to eliminate individual sport fund raising and to go with a one school fundraiser which will go

into action next year. Mr. Malloy said that it was important for the Booster Club to look at the Mission of the Booster Club along with the direction and goals so that it would serve the kids and would also be a pleasurable experience for all. He said that the Booster Club fee was not mentioned in our By-Laws but that the fee charged by the school has been left to the Booster Club to doll out. The fee will now be an athletic fee and dispersed by the school. The Booster Club will no longer decide how the money will be dispersed. This decision will be made by the Athletic Department.

The Booster Club did not elect a fundraising chair or a Team Oak Hall Chair. These two positions are still in limbo for this year although there is a hope that Stacey Curtis will chair the fundraising for this year. The one year fundraiser has the intention of reducing the overwhelming number of fundraisers each year and to better define what fundraising is at Oak Hall School in a hope to reduce the burden on parents, so gone are the days of active and inactive fundraising. Ideas such as a one weekend event to raise money for Athletics has been suggested, but the Athletic Department could decide to partner up with another department like the Arts Department and share the profits of the weekend 50/50.

Jeff Malloy reminded us that he is just an advisor. It seems that the biggest need is discretionary spending such as food, swag, summer camps, things not provided through the Athletic Department budget. He suggested that maybe the fundraising profits would go to each team depending on their participation in the event.

Maybe the Booster Club wants to advise on needs such as a swimming pool or renovated field house.? The Booster Club has some choices to make this year. Basically there are 3 choices: 1) Should we dissolve the Booster Club? 2) Should we embrace the idea of one school fundraiser and initiate it this year? 3) Should the Booster Club spend this year amending the by-laws?

Jay St. Pierre said that there should be flexibility in terms of transition of certain sports that have ownership of their fundraisers. He asked the committee, How do we want to go about it? A One school fundraiser or not? And how can we benefit all kids in all sports.? We need to decide how we can pull it together across all sports and be successful. This year there are still a number of fundraisers and those will continue as is with approval by the administration, as we need some time to transition, but we need to think about how to make 2018-19 the most successful and he is looking for peoples input.

Some questions were asked about how this one school fundraiser will work? It seems unclear at this point.

There has been animosity between some athletic teams as some have been allowed to do one thing and other teams have not been allowed to do the same.

If approved by Dr. Hutchins the teams will still get their uniforms every 3 years and there will be funding for the awards in May. Requests will be need to be made to Dr.

Hutchins for supplemental stuff like for example, a new scoreboard. The policy has been to not fund things that the kids keep or to fund food. So as stated previously the ticket to play does not go away, it will just go through the Administration rather than the Booster Club.

The Mulch fundraiser will not be approved next year unless it is part of an all school event.

This is a change in process and there will be time to work through things and we will make the change the best we can.

A question was asked if we can do a non-fundraiser fundraiser? Parents would be asked to write a check. This would eliminate the work and stress of a fundraiser all together.

Heather Vincent, Vice President felt that this option would lose some of the comradery and the feeling of doing something good. She felt that people like the social element of getting involved and having the kids participate that it brings the school community together. There was some criticism that last years Sports Fantasy Raffle took the easy way out.

Jeff Malloy stated that there is a chance that Stacey Curtis would agree to being the Fundraising Chair this year. She has been asked to attend the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Booster Club meeting. It was asked if anyone had an interest in the Team Oak Hall position since it was open? No one accepted and then it was stated that this position would most likely be eliminated next year.

The Booster Club will vote next meeting to decide what will be the best way to proceed. Attendees were encouraged to talk to coaches and see what their needs are and to advocate for your teams.

Heather Vincent asked is team reps had anything to report on their teams? The Volleyball team rep reported that as of two weeks to the end of the season that the team was in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Also that they were preparing for the Big Pink event that would be hosted at Oak Hall. The MS Football team it was reported will probably have its very first winning season this year. Which I can now report did indeed happen. The Golf team was preparing for Districts. The Swimming & Diving team would be hosting the Districts at the O' Connell Center this year.

The team reps were reminded to sign in on the team rep sheet and a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

An attendee at the meeting complimented whoever was in charge of making sure that the sports teams were in the newspaper. He felt that that person was doing a great job.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.