

FA Booster Club Board – MEETING
NOTES Tuesday 7/27/21 – 4:00 pm

- The meeting was called to order by **Jenny Thompson**, and everyone around the table introduced themselves to the group, including FA administration members Scott Hutchinson, John Pope, and Carl Nash
- Jenny asked for a member of the board to take the role as **Secretary**; Maryellen Aiken volunteered and was voted in
- Jenny explained that the challenges of the 2020-21 school year caused fewer in-person meetings of the Booster Club board, and several projects were put on hold. However, this year, the board meetings and activities should resume as ideally designed, with several **key priorities** already being addressed:
 - Communications to be improved per grade level and as a whole
 - Fundraising activities underway and continuing for stadium/field improvements as well as general operations, new equipment, etc
 - Plans/ideas to better support our teams, athletes, and coaches
- **Athletic Director, Carl Nash** gave a report of several items in process:
 - All team sport schedules are being finalized with the exception of some tweaking in Middle School football and Tennis – we are in search of at least 4, ideally 6 courts
 - The school's weight room has been improved with some new equipment, and more importantly, the placement of a new weight training professional, Coach Lawless
 - FA has made exclusive agreements with some vendors for athlete's clothing / equipment as well as spirit wear (ex: Under Armor, online sales, etc)
 - Staffing Updates:
 - Coach Dom Clinch has been hired full time to assist both Coach Derrick with varsity football as well as Coach Nash in Basketball
 - Ryan Lawless has been hired to lead strength and condition for our athletes as well as Middle School football
 - James Overlies will be teaching in the Academic Center and also possibly assisting with basketball and cross country
 - Danielle Summerhouse will be coaching Varsity boys soccer
 - Earnest Palmer (famed former running back of BHS) will also be assisting varsity football
 - Nash announced the positive news that FA was recognized as runner-up for the Drake Athletic Excellence Award – for the school that scores the most points in their region over the entire sports season – FA was second only to John Milledge Academy and trailed by only 10 points, an amazing feat given that FA is the smallest school in our region, while JM is the biggest! Congrats to all our student athletes and coaches!
 - Carl concluded his report by sharing dates of several team picture shoots
- **Advancement Director John Pope** reported on several updates and shared financial reports:
 - A capital campaign began over the summer to support stadium/field improvements that have begun and will continue through the school year (visitor bleachers, press box, ticketing gates, etc)
 - Fundraising efforts include scoreboard sponsorships, booster club memberships, and Fall sports program ads
 - John then walked the board through the Booster Club Financial P&L report with a positive outlook on the bottom line

- **Coordinator Reports:**
 - **Concession** leader: Caroline Champion – will soliciting help with grade-level volunteers for games, as well as set-up and pre-game stocking
 - **Spirit Wear:** Elizabeth Brunson and Alexa Scott working with Baker Sports online ordering system
 - **Volunteer** Coordinator – Detra Brock is working on streamlining and delegating volunteer coordination for concession and ticketing for ALL sports' home games and will be communicating to grade-level leaders for assistance
- In closing, the next meeting was set for **Thursday, Sept 9th at 4:00**. Meeting was adjourned.