

**DVMS Spartan Boosters Regular Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**February 24, 2022**

**Attendance:** Jason Holmes, Jill Hamilton, Annalee Huntington, Renee Gruel, Kim Barnes, Kim Tobias, Bre Thompson, Kristi McMenamy

**Call to Order:** Jill Hamilton called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m.

**1. Secretary's Report** – Renee Gruel reported:

- a. A quorum is present so voting can take place.
- b. January Minutes were emailed and there were no changes.
  - i. *Kim T. made a motion to pass the January minutes. Kim B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the minutes passed.*

**2. Treasurer's Report** – Annalee Huntington reported:

- a. Cash on hand is \$49,622.37: \$44,256.05 in Checking and \$5,066.32 in Savings, with \$300.00 in Cash Boxes.
- b. Income & expenses so far, see attached financial report. Changes highlighted in green. Significant income/expenses...
  - i. Concessions, net income of \$9,892.20.
  - ii. Spartan Spirit Rock, net income of \$149.28; Yard Signs, net income of \$32.00
  - iii. Unallocated expenses, payment of \$650.00, Sheila Arnold speaker
- c. *Bre T. made a motion to approve the February Treasurer's report. Kristy M. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the report was approved.*
- d. Will review the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 at next month's meeting. Please take a look at your committee budget & let Annalee know if it should be adjusted.

**3. President's Report** – Jill Hamilton reported:

- a. Positions for 2022-23 – in March, will present the slate for next year committees, so be thinking of what position you might be interested in.
  - i. Fannie May Co-chair is needed, Jenny Waldsmith is Chair
    - 1. Kim T. did confirm with Joyce Ruff, that either their daughter or someone in the community will fill Mike's role as F.M. rep
- b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's Basketball lunch expense reimbursement of \$322 was approved via e-vote on Feb. 18, see **Appropriations** below.
- c. Chess team is headed to State competition on Saturday & has requested monies from the Boosters' Club to cover pizza afterwards, see **Appropriations** below.

- i. Bre T. made the suggestion to add monies into next year's budget to cover these lunch/dinner State competition requests.
- d. Jill, Annalee, & Mr. Holmes discussed adjusting the minimum Boosters' Club savings account balance from \$5,000 to \$2,500 to free up some cash. The balance has been set at \$5,000 since 2008 per by-laws so will require a vote to change the by-laws. All present were in favor so will vote on next month.

#### **4. Committee Reports:**

- a. Outdoor Classroom – Jill H. & Mr. Holmes indicated the urgency to complete the wall seating in the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade areas. Ideally by spring but no later than the start of school next year.
  - i. \$15,000-\$18,000 needed to complete both grades
  - ii. This will add an additional 20 students, essentially a class, that can utilize each outdoor classroom area.
  - iii. Jill H. to check with Courtney & Tom on the timeline for completing wall seating once we have funds.
  - iv. Jill H. rechecked on table prices and they are still high. Were \$600, now \$900-\$1,000.
  - v. Will utilize Joan's Trophy for a donor wall plaque.
  - vi. If you have additional fundraising ideas, please let Jill H. know.
- b. Red Cross Blood Drive – Kim B. has a date set, Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-6:00pm at Valley
  - i. Only certain types of blood will be taken that day.
  - ii. A student rep will be coming into the school to promote the blood drive to students. While students are unable to donate blood, they can reach out to others to make them aware of event.
    - 1. Blood drive began in 2000, in memory of Brooke Joseph, who was a teacher at Valley that passed away from cancer.
    - 2. Around 25-30 people have donated in the past.
  - iii. A Sign-Up Genius link will be sent out for time slots for donating blood along with volunteer shifts, Kim to send to Jill once she has so can be posted on social media.
    - 1. 1 ½ hour shifts, 2 volunteers/shift. Also 3-4 student volunteers to greet people and hand out refreshments.
  - iv. Boosters' Club will need to provide refreshments, such as pretzels, goldfish, water, p.b. crackers. Bre suggested taking some things from concessions stand.
- c. Concessions – comment was made that concession pricing seems more simplified at other schools, everything \$1, \$2, or \$3. Bre T. to discuss with concessions chairs.
  - i. Filing cabinet lock – new filing cabinets are expensive so Bre T. proposed 2 lock options

1. Realtor's type lock box which attaches to existing filing cabinet. Filing cabinet would be kept locked with the key located in the lock box and accessed via a code.
  2. Refrigerator/safety type box on each cabinet drawer with a code.
- ii. Everyone favored Option #1 so motion was made to purchase, see **Appropriations** below.

## 5. Principal's Report – Mr. Holmes reported:

- a. Jill H. mentioned that she received a letter from the District regarding unpaid student fees. Said she had already paid fees back in the Fall and amount seemed different. During meeting, Mr. Holmes received another email from a parent so will discuss with Mrs. Shepherd.
- b. Students have excelled both academically and athletically. Volleyball(regionals), Cheerleading & Dance team(placing @ State), Boys B-ball(3<sup>rd</sup> @ State), Girls B-Ball(won @ State), Chess team(going to State)
- c. March 4<sup>th</sup> is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- d. March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Sheila Arnold assembly
- e. March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Break
- f. April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> IAR Testing
  - i. Never has seen this wide of a learning gap based upon gender.
    1. 7<sup>th</sup> grade females did 20% better in literacy area.
  - ii. If think about it, 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, their last normal school year was 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - iii. Stressed importance of students being at school during testing time and have headphones. Reading in AM, Math in PM.
  - iv. Snacks to be provided by Hospitality, \$1,000 budget
- g. Appropriation request from Christine Hill, instructional teacher, for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade combined instructional program class(7 students). Students write a narrative, interview staff & students, draw pictures. She publishes it as a book, does this project every year. See **Appropriations** below.
  - i. Since this seems to be a reoccurring expense, it was suggested to add as a line item in next year's budget.
- h. Partnered with Bradley University's Men's Basketball team for a mentoring program.
  - i. "Stay In It, To Win It", zoom meetings take place during school day with 6<sup>th</sup> grade participants.

## 6. Old Business:

- a. *Amy S. & Jessica S. indicated a larger popcorn machine would be beneficial for the concession stand. Jill H. asked them to research the cost of a new machine.*

## 7. New Business:

- a. *No New Business*

## **8. Appropriations:**

- a. *Done via e-vote, Courtney M. made a motion to allot \$322.00 to reimburse Scott Vogel for lunch for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team during the IESA 4A State tournament. Liz T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, and with a majority of "yes" votes, the expense was approved on 2-18-22.*
- b. *Bre T. made a motion to allot \$200 to cover the cost of pizza for the Chess team after their State competition. Kristy M. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the expense was approved.*
- c. *Bre T. made a motion to allot \$30 for the purchase of a Masterlock wall mount lock box for the Concessions filing cabinet located in the office. Annalee H.. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the expense was approved.*
- d. *Kristy M. made a motion to allot \$139.65 to cover the cost of printing books for Christine Hill's instructional program class. 7 students in class, cost is \$19.95/student. Bre T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor and the expense was approved.*

## **9. Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Our next virtual mtg. is Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 12:45 p.m. via Google Meet.\*\*