

DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

8/21/2023

IN PERSON MEETING

Board Members: President; **Bob Klumpp**, Co-Vice President; **Erica Ries**, Co-Vice President; **Melissa Gilligan**, Treasurer; **Rene Weber**, Secretary; **Jenny Girouard**, Concessions; **Melissa Gilligan**, Student Athlete Representatives: Kaitlyn Zimmers, Preston Simon, Carter Sims

➤ Opening Comments and Introductions from President Bob Klumpp

Theme: Back to School

- "I've always loved the first day of school better than the last day of school. Firsts are the best because they are beginnings." ~ Jenny Han
- "One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." ~ Malala Yousafzai
- "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." ~ Albert Einstein

➤ PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Motion to Approve – Darryl Frye
- Second to Approve – Chris Otten

➤ TREASURER REPORT, Rene Weber, Treasurer

- Accounts: General \$41,054.26 / \$150,960.60 Teams

➤ ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE, Steve Glesenkamp, Athletic Director

- Thank the booster officers who meet every month, welcome to this year's student representatives, and the Parent Representatives – we couldn't do this without you.
- Some updates with the athletic facilities:
 - Exterior bathrooms have been painted
 - Visiting press box has had the windows replaced
 - Stadium scoreboard enhancements are being made
 - Installation of scoreboard in the pit (aux gym), we are in line for installation.
 - Ethernet at stadium and main gym, we are in line for installation.
 - In late August, drainage in baseball field will be improved
 - Hayes gym floor resurfaced
 - Power washed tennis courts
 - Purchasing new horseshoe stencils for senior horseshoes
 - Looking for a vendor for fence repair.
 - Wire upgrade in main gym for PA system
 - Purchased Gipper for social media, one post will go to all social media platforms.
 - Weight room update, Travis will be leaving, searching for replacement.
 - OCC increased admission price to 8.00. Starting October 3rd, all schools will be required to accept cash payment. Most schools will not accept cash until this date, if they are credit card only.
 - We are working through a new bus system
 - Have moved away from Arbiter to Dragonfly for contracts, officials, scheduling contests with schools.
 - Sold a record of \$37,000 in season passes so far this year.
- Questions/comments:
 - Karen Watkins: Thank you for allowing the Hunger Games at the Hayes vs. BV game, we would love to make this an annual event and grow the event.
 - Bob Klumpp: One add, if there are needs and requests that come up from the Athletic department, remember that anything over 5k we will come to the parent representative meeting for a vote.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **CONCESSION:** (Rene Weber/Melissa Gilligan)
 - Now have 6 Squares to process electronic payments at concessions.
 - Some teams are still struggling to get volunteers for concession assignments. Please stay in communication with Melissa and Rene as to your status. For big events (varsity football, boys basketball, wrestling

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tournaments) we need to have adults working at these events due to the volume of concession visitors and with the new electronic payments being accepted. If at a last resort students athletes are to work, they should be upperclassmen only.

- Di Ashworth: Soccer has been utilizing Sign-Up Genius for concession volunteers, we also include alternates, in the event someone cannot work. It has worked well for us. Swim & Dive also uses it for concession volunteers, and it works well.
- Jr Pacer Football games – we will need some volunteers for these games held on Sunday's from 10 am to 7 pm. There will be games on the following dates: September 17, October 1, October 8, and possibly playoffs TBD. We will be communicating with the coach and creating a Sign-Up Genius for volunteer shifts.
 - Karen Wadkins: If you send me the Sign-Up Genius, I can post on the Dempsey Parent Facebook page.
- **FUNDRAISING:** (Erica Ries)
 - Payne's Fundraiser – Tuesday, August 22nd - Football, September will be benefiting Girls Soccer
 - Bob Klumpp: As an Executive Board we decided we would not be holding the Indian River Fruit fundraiser this year.

➤ TEAM REPORTS

- **BASEBALL UPDATE:** (Chris Otten)
 - Our golf outing was a success, raising 10,000 dollars.
 - We have ordered black jerseys for the season
 - Looking into planning a varsity spring break trip to South Carolina
 - Orange and Black World series to be played Wednesday's in late September through October
 - Lifting three days a week and on field 3-4 days a week throughout fall.
 - Dempsey athletes come on Mondays in September- early October.
- **BASKETBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Bobbi Burris)
 - No update.
- **BASKETBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Aimee Byers) emailed
 - Excited to get back into the weight room this week and finally back into the gym starting in September.
 - We are really pleased with the participation and improvement shown over the summer months.
 - We had a great volunteer experience at Common Ground Free Store in July.
- **BOWLING UPDATE:** (_____)
 - No update.
- **CHEERLEADING UPDATE:** (Jodee Wagner)
 - No update.
- **CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE:** (Rebecca Berghauer)
 - Kickoff to the season we held a team/parent breakfast
 - On August 11th, we held time trials and our senior recognition that night. This was the first year we opened the time trial to the community, with youth and adult races. Dempsey middle school cross country ran as well as our high school team. Ended the evening with elite runners: Emily Richards, Jake Edwards, and Ian McVey. Thank you to the concessions team for opening up this night for attendees.
 - We have 35 girls and 29 boys on the team this season.
 - We had a great camp at Lakeside and great practices so far.
 - The team is traveling to Pickerington this Saturday for our first race of the season.
- **DEMPSEY UPDATE:** (Karen Wadkins/Amy Madden) emailed
 - We have 222 athletes participating in fall athletics.

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- Fall contests are off and running with home contests beginning this week.
- Thanks to Jeff Krouse in the facilities for securing a lift to get our outdoor scoreboard painted.
- New signage in the building and stadium to help direct traffic.
- Dempsey is hosting the Central Ohio Middle School golf championship for the boys and girls golf teams at Oakhaven on Saturday, October 7th – Thanks to coach Kendal Montgomery for organizing.
- Gipper has been an awesome addition for social media – thanks Steve!

- **FOOTBALL UPDATE:** (Erica Ries)
 - Football game on Friday, or first win 59-28.
 - This Friday is against Marion Franklin at home. Youth night – wear jersey to get in free. Meet at the victory bell before the game.
 - Next home game against Mt. Vernon is our Military Night – active duty and veterans get in free, we will have a tent set up for free refreshments for our military members.
 - Week 4 is our homecoming game.

- **GOLF (BOYS):** (Nick Steffanni)
 - August 1st we had 14 tryout – currently have 10 on the team.
 - Lots of tournaments before school starts to limit the amount of time student athletes are out of class.
 - We have 4 OCC tournaments, we finished 2nd and 3rd in the first two.
 - We are having continued success.
 - Aside from the tournaments we also have matches planned in our season.

- **GOLF (GIRLS):** (Tom Bixler) emailed
 - Girls golf season is off to an exciting start! Tryouts on August 1st & 2nd, first invite on Friday, August 4th at Panter Invite at Blacklick golf club.
 - The team competed in Gahanna Lincoln Lion Tournament at the Links at Echo Springs. Dual matches against Bishop Watterson and Marysville and the Marion Pleasant tournament at Marion Country Club.
 - The first round of OCC tournament at Westchester Golf Club was postponed until September 18th, due to heavy rains. The group finished the week with a dual match against Hilliard Bradley at Thornapple Golf Course.
 - This year's team is still young in varsity experience but has talent and a positive attitude. Our varsity team includes lone senior Lainie Rafey, juniors Anna Thompson and Lily Keibler, and sophomore Ava Stake, Maddie Jenkins and Maggie Bixler.
 - The JV team includes Adi Graham, Junior Megan Carpenter, and sophomore Brianna Lesley. New freshmen to the team include Sophia Edick and Neveah Hess.
 - Coaches are Nick Kitts, varsity and Mark Thomas, JV. The ladies are looking for steady improvement as the year progresses.

- **GYMNASTICS UPDATE:** (Jackie Zimmers)
 - Middle school has started practicing.
 - High school will be getting new leotards for the season.

- **LACROSSE (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Sarah Nieman) emailed
 - No update.

- **LACROSSE (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Steph Wheeler)
 - No update currently.

- **SOCCER (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Di Ashworth)
 - We had a good turnout for our alumni game, 25-30 alum allowed us to play 11 vs 11.
 - Finished senior horseshoes and senior banners
 - We've had two home games.

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- Currently have a Dipped Donut fundraiser going on.
- Selling raffle tickets at our games for a Yeti Cooler, \$100 gaming voucher, and cash prizes Sept-Oct.
- September 30th will be our Senior Night.

- **SOCCER (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Dudley) emailed
 - Varsity has started the season 1-1-0 and JV 1-0-0
 - This week girls have a home match tomorrow (8/22) with the theme of white out for anyone who wants to attend and support!
 - Thursday (8/24) they will travel to Bishop Hartley for their away match
 - Currently in the middle of our annual Dipped Donut fundraiser.
 - We are always looking for ball kids to help our during the varsity games if anyone might be interested.

- **SOFTBALL UPDATE:** (Renee Stahl)
 - We had a great turnout for youth camp this summer.
 - Still planning a Florida trip for March
 - Selling OSU squares at football games
 - Off season conditioning 3 days a week starting in September
 - Hoping for a great OCC run this year.

- **SWIM/DIVE UPDATE:** (Allison Saksa)
 - Concessions went really well!
 - Swim & Dive has cleanup for the football stadium Saturday mornings after the home games. We had 24 volunteers, and they were done in an hour. We hope this turnout happens for the remaining cleanups for the football season.
 - Lifting twice a week.
 - Pacer Fest – thank you to concessions for being open for this event. We are looking forward to the Winter Pacer Fest.

- **TENNIS (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Jennifer Button)
 - No Update.

- **TENNIS (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Isabel Vogel, Tara Gist) emailed
 - Recent court cleaning.
 - Another good group of players again this year.
 - The support of our parents, school staff, and athletic boosters, the Pacers Girls team is off to a fine start (5-1) to what looks like a great season.

- **TRACK & FIELD (BOYS & GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Craig Schomer & Juliana Riggs)
 - Track team is conditioning off season. Meeting at Dempsey track from 4:30 -5:00 and lifting T & TH from 4:30-5:00.
 - Pacer Invite is scheduled for March 23, 2024.

- **VOLLEYBALL (BOYS) UPDATE:** (_____)
 - No update.

- **VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS) UPDATE:** (Lisa Davis) emailed
 - Season opener on Wednesday, August 23.
Volley for the Cure is next Thursday, August 31st, we would love if everyone came and supported a great cause.

- **WRESTLING (BOYS) UPDATE:** (Darryl Frye)
 - Off season lifting M, T, Th 7-8 and Open Mats T & Th
 - Gipper is great to tie posts to Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter

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➤ **STUDENT ATHLETE UPDATES:**

- Preston: Athletic Booster bulletin board is updated, pictures added. Would like to add an order form for Brick Orders.
- Kaitlyn: no updates. Provided gymnastics update.
- Carter: I'll add that basketball is lifting and working on skills work. Tennis – supporting the girls team and open courts. I'd like to improve communications about the Athletic boosters. As an editor of the Talisman we have the opportunity to purchase advertising space or mention on the podcast.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Visitor Concession Stands – No updates.
- Piloting Square usage of QR code for teams- still testing. Cheer and Boys Soccer have QR codes for their teams to use for fundraising, working out well.
- Concession Stand Clean up – student volunteers – completed on July 30th

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Athletic Booster Parent Rep T-shirts – we've designed an Athletic Booster T-shirt for our parent reps, student reps, and Board. We will be sending a Google doc survey for t-shirt sizes. Wear these at events, volunteering while in concessions, etc.
- Concession Volunteers – we know this is an area that is sometimes difficult to recruit volunteers. The Athletic Boosters would like to hold a monthly drawing for a \$50 gift card. Anyone who volunteers in the month of August will be entered into the drawing. This will continue for each month we have concessions for the 2023-24 school year. At the end of the school year, all the volunteers will be entered into a drawing for a family athletic pass for the 2024-25 season. We hope this will increase participation and get some new faces behind the counters at concessions. Gift cards can be given to the student athlete of the parent volunteer or value can be donated to the team.
- Student Athlete per sport donation.
 - Motion: Bob proposes a Motion to increase the amount to \$20.00 per student athlete per sport for the 2024-25 school year. Estimated: \$18,000 for the 2024-25 school year.
 - Second: Nick Stefanni Yay: all eligible voting members Nay: zero

➤ **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Di Ashworth: Can senior banners be put up and not taken down? Steve responded that they can remain up around the stadium, but may not remain in the stands as it causes interference (viewing) during football games.
 - Also, can we publicize our fundraisers at football games? Steve responded yes. Melissa also mentioned this can be added to the Athletic Boosters Facebook page.

➤ **NEXT MEETING:**

- Monday, September 18th – in person at 7pm in Hayes LMC – email updates to JennyGirouard@outlook.com, if unable to attend.

➤ **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Bob Klumpp **second:** Rene Weber **Time:** 8:13 pm

27 sports, 1 team GO PACERS! #PacerNation #PacerProud #PacerStrong

Ways to Support Hayes Athletic Boosters:

Kroger Community Rewards: DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS **AMAZON SMILE:** DELAWARE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Local Restaurant Fundraisers: Payne's Pizza & More, City BBQ **Visit Hayes Concession Stands**

Hayes Engraved Bricks – [Athletic Department Information / Delaware Athletic Boosters \(dcs.k12.oh.us\)](https://www.dcs.k12.oh.us)

Great for graduating seniors, alumni, retirements, or to honor a loved one.