

November 27, 2023

Introductions

Andrea- Let's start with Mr. McElroy- Everything going smooth, basketball is underway and all paperwork is in and no hiccups so far.

Minutes are online from the October meeting if anyone has questions. Minutes are approved.

Tom is out sick, there are financials in the QR, balances for teams are on report. Teams can't accept money, they go through boosters, and we can collect and put money towards each sport. Booster drive was on November 4th, Tom sent the \$ in, we roughly made \$12,000, so \$6,000 for WAPA and \$6,000 for athletics. We have until the end of the month to collect. Last year we did 15k, so hoping to make more.

Coach Ray (wrestling), our fundraising, went live by last Friday (November 17th) we raised \$3,500 the first day and the total raised was about \$8,400. I will give you the check soon (per Andrea, give that to Tom K who is the treasurer) Any questions on financials?

Approve Brian Pratt, 2nd Terry

Andrea- Last meeting we came up with the idea that coaches will take over Winter concessions, all teams have filled up the slots, which is great. We've written out instructions, Boosters will open and close the concession stands and I will send out instructions.

Some teams didn't sign up at all, some signed up for more. That's great news, other business?

Terry -Fields are getting fixed up, had to bring an aerator, sprinkler was run over and there was a flood but we're getting it fixed. We will come up with a better schedule for seeding and guy will bring soil and left sod . We may request people to assist in getting the fields ready.

Hannah B-Hi everybody, my name is Hannah Bleikamp, AD updates, some exciting things are going on, New bowling jerseys came in , girls basketball got new uniforms as well. Winter sports are at a full go, Basketball games on Tuesday and Friday and we have wrestling on Saturday. Full go until Xmas break, other than that, we have some coach of the year nominations, boys and girls Volleyball, girls cross country and tennis .

Andrea -Team photos are Wednesday? Tricia- trying to get coaches to set up. Per Hannah, girls contact is Tony. Need to get team photos. Nothing from girls basketball yet. Had not heard anything from girls bowling either. Team photos might be on Wednesday but we're waiting to get confirmation from coaches.

English teacher here and photographer will do pics for free, will do photos for banners and teams.

Andrea- I have a senior , Bruce and Tricia have a senior, so we are looking for new president and VP for boosters next year. If anyone knows someone or would like to take this over, please let us know.

Coach Hightower- I have a couple of things, more ideas than anything. Last week before break in December we are going to do another donut sale, did well the last couple of years, talked to Hannah and Bruce, we have an idea of doing a tailgate before the FB season starts, we were at a game in Circleville.

and the whole community participated with this tailgate, got me to thinking, why can't we do that? I was thinking the 2nd scrimmage at home, get sponsors and do tailgate, booths from each sports team, Kona Ice maybe, games for kids, etc leading up to scrimmage. Also talked to Mr. Mitchell, we could also do a band concert. We could generate funds and help throughout the year, maybe do it during orientation. Maybe we can sit down and exchange ideas. Thinking of August 16th or 17th. Orientation is on the 16th, and scrimmage is in the evening.

Andrea, this is a great idea, will take a lot of logistics, we are happy to get it going. Anyone who wants to jump in and help and organize, great idea.

Coach Hightower- maybe we can talk to Homecoming group and see how they get it together. Can get a separate meeting for this to talk about it. Anyone who wants to be involved, let us know!

Other business? Hannah- shout out to Terry for getting the softball fields a facelift new sod, new infield. Whole better layout, football field is getting work and new sod, promoting better grass growth, working with me and Terry. We are also getting a new wrestling mat with big W on it. Working on batting cages as well, they will take out divider 3-5 days to complete. We are working on this, thought spring break but need to get it done earlier. Might be able to get it squeezed in.

Ryan Fischer-I have weight bench at home, bought it by mistake, can't return, do you have need in weight room for bench? When can I bring it? Whenever per Hannah.

2nd thing, wanted to talk to you about, boys soccer and new uniforms? I have some suggestions on brands. If they are getting new uniforms, I can bring samples. Hannah- boys soccer is first priority for new uniforms. You can start designing now but we won't order until summer. I would start by talking to coach Noah about uniforms, brands and designs, Etc. Talking about approval process for uniforms and districts.

What I would do is take the design that is given to me and will shop them with vendors we have. Ryan will email coach Noah.

3rd thing is related to process how kids from this district get recommended for higher awards. Wanted to ask about that. (district, state awards, etc) not a commitment to that thing at the district level, this is good for the recruiting process. Can they put on recruiting profile? Was wondering how they're recommended etc and the process.

Hannah- Coach Hightower and I have been talking about that, in regards of how it happens, it's controlled by coach, and it's put to a vote by city, district, etc. Coaches start the process, and voted on by other coaches.

Coach Hightower -we have coaches association, we meet monthly and they submit names, the way I did it this year, I submit all district, in order and stats and reason to be all district. Coaches look at it, and vote. All City is a little different. District all come together, then voted on. Performance, etc. You can contact the dispatch, they can have input as well.

Andrea- I have a question, do they put together a team? Like is there one QB, one RB etc?

Coach Hightower- it depends on the division. It's decided on by position, Might be one for QB 1st team, maybe 2-3 for second. Honorable mention might not be based on position. It all depends on division.

Bigger divisions have bigger “teams” Coaches have influence as far as city goes. Talk of how voting takes place and how they are picked. City league coaches aren’t showing up as much, I go to as many as I can. Just had meeting Sunday. Not a lot of city league coaches show up. Lots of good talent in city, aren’t getting the recognition they deserve. Problem is coaches aren’t going to the meetings. Recruiting night coming up, important for coaches to be there.

Anyone else? Questions, comments, ideas?

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