

Jan 29th-

Bruce- Thank you everyone for being here, we have Andrea, Tom and Charlene here. Want to start by saying thank you, we've had lots of indoor events, and so many have volunteered. We have lots from girls wrestling her so thanks to the wrestling parents. Not surprised that many step up and make it a better experience. Going to talk about booster opportunities for next year, if everyone steps up and does a little it's much easier.

Mr McElcroy-We are halfway through the school year, the tough part is pretty much done, going into spring makes stuff much easier. Lots of athletes getting their college acceptance letters, what do we do here to acknowledge this.

AD Bleikamp- Athletes are getting their letters and if they're playing a sport we will have a signing night. For athletes who are not playing in college, I would like to acknowledge them as well, if we could get a list.

Was thinking about doing it on a Sunday night so more families can come. We have several athletes who are signing.

Mr. McElroy- Is there anything else you need?

Graduation is June 2nd.

Bruce- Any questions for Mr. McElroy?

Tom-is there a date for prom?

McElroy -Friday May 10th.

Bruce- Is it the same location?

Tom-how much time do the students need for volunteer hours etc?

McElroy -usually 2 weeks out, they give them quite a bit of time. If they're close by the end of April, they'll be fine.

AD Bleikamp-I have a lot, and in no particular order, we had a busy week ,but not as busy as last week. This week we have 4 senior nights, bowling is Thursday, girls Basketball is Wednesday. Saturday is the City Championship meet for swimming, it's at 1p at the Columbus Aquatic Center. We had a great Girls Wrestling meet, 167 girls competed. It was a great day with over 500 spectators, one of our largest events. Girls wrestling is doing great, they were invited to the state duels, which is a big deal. We had to cancel the boys big meet, but we're doing a meet, but a much smaller scale, will be done by 1-2p. Boys will help run the girls meet. To touch on volunteer hours, have them reach out to me and I can get them hours, they can help set up, tear down and they can follow me around. Send them my way! Girls

basketball has been one of the most improved programs. Our baseball cage is getting installed March 4th in the gym, gym will be closed for 3 days. Taking divider out for cage. Doing it one step at a time.

Tom- Is it really needed to have a divider? AD-nice to have for duel events, nice to have but its' not a must. Football staff, everyone is returning but Zach, but he will still volunteer, hiring a new DB coach.

Still in FB season, looking ahead, homecoming dates and theme dates are almost set. Spring is mostly planned. In addition to fall, for second scrimmage, we are doing a tailgate events, community based, trying to do freshman orientation that day. All sports , table fundraiser kick off for all sports. Coach Hightower is taking charge of this. We are very excited about this. Short term, Noah Knotsman is so close to 1000 points for basketball and hope it's a home game. He is at 103 points, what a great accomplishment, especially since he's a junior. Good job to Noah. Spring parents sports meeting is on February 15th at 630p in the auditorium.

Questions?

Bruce- Any news about OHSSA meetings and classifications> Vote is next week.

Coach Broski- softball and baseball will be D2, Hilliard Darby and Olentangy Berlin are also D2. There will be 7 divisions in softball and baseball.

Bruce-Do you think vote is going to carry?

Coach Broski- it really sounds like it. Effective next year. D1 is going to be big schools. South HS has 356 boys and St Xavier has 1300 boys, and they're in the same division. Softball and baseball D2. Same thing with soccer. We will probably follow football. Swimming might stay at D1. Principles vote on this.

Tricia- What about the concession stand outside window?

AD Bleikamp- It's still boarded up.

Tricia- The Boy Scouts might be able to do it, can we reach out.

AD Bleikamp-Thank you

Bruce-we are lucky as an organization , thank you to the coaches. You are the best!

Tom- Treasurer report, there are copies out there, you can also scan the QR code, as always doing well with 51K in checking and 42k in savings, each sport is in the report. This was run on Friday, doing great with concessions, thank you Andrea for lining it up for us. Sports have been doing great, appreciate that. You'll see on the back page, transactions are mostly concessions. Oh ,and thank you Tricia for purchasing everything. Each team will get \$100 for each shift they work in the concession stand. It really is a teamwork thing. Nice to give money back to sports that help us out. You can see where we're at in the budget. Senior banners are coming up, we will have senior awards that are coming up. Talking about that in a couple months. Been through a lot of expenses. We take care of coaching events as well and forward expenses. Other than that, that's what we got. Questions?

AD Bleikamp-team support. What can those funds be utilized for?

Tom- we can use that for anything really, it's a catchall, we can use it for camps, we could pull money for there.

AD Bleikamp- A couple teams have a specialty ask in terms of equipment, can we use for that?

Tom -yes. We can also use for meals, if it's something expensive, we would need to vote but just to make sure we're all in agreement, if it's over \$200.

AD Bleikamp- One is pitching machine for baseball, probably the most needed, is that money that needs to be spent every year?

Tom and Bruce-it should always be spent for teams. Tom -if we have not spent, can we use for camps, etc? A lot of teams could use the help.

Tom- If there are ideas, please bring them to us, spending money is what I like to do. Anything we can have for our kids. When we are out there doing booster drives, this is what it's for.

Bruce-we invested 18k back into the school and athletes. Motion Pratt yes, Tricia (2) yes

Open meeting to coaches-

Coach Broski- Everyone knows this is my 36th year teaching and 31st year coaching, but I am retiring from teaching. One thing I can guarantee is that the field will look good. Baseball team, open field work outs in the Fall, doing 3 per week since the weather was so nice. This year our strength coach is phenomenal. We work with softball, great having the boys and girls together, have seen some soccer kids, he will never turn anyone away. Baseball, have a good group of seniors, last year great year too. Junior class is low numbers but still really good. 9th and 10th grade we need some more players, we have everything you would need, all equipment, they only need to purchase bats. Last year we had 12 kids that have never played baseball. Our Drum major new and is playing baseball. Baseball will take anybody. Spring trip, we started doing trips in the 90's flying to Florida, kept it going, AD Bleikamp is really helping out. Going to TN this year. We are taking a charter bus, and the cost is outrageous. I think I got 14 quotes and started in June, staying in an Air BNB with the team found a great one. This is going to be a great memory, then I have to pay for charter bus hotel for 4 nights, each game is \$100 for umps and fees. In Clarksville, in 2015, they had TN Gatorade player of the year. Playing IN, and TN teams. Taking kids to Nashville for 3.5 hours, for dinner, then to Nashville AAA game, we are going to buy their tickets with our funds and we'll do one more garage sale in the spring. We make \$700-\$2000k..and that will be for groceries to take down. Any questions on baseball? Looking to get a pitching machine, first practice of year we rented a facility, Hack Attack is a new machine that can throw specific pitch. Anyone can operate it. (gave out info on Hack attack) 5 year warranty, can use tax exempt #. It's 120 lbs, can move pretty easily. Coaches have been throwing pitches, for batting practice. But we need faster pitching, so that's good for practice. We play 4 scrimmages against good schools, then we play city schools. If we have the machine it would really help. Machine could be a game changer. Can be used inside and outside, and real balls. Has wheels.

Bruce-safety wise, how are you going secure this? Can store inside during the off season. Need a secure spot for it.

Who is funding trip? Coach-we are

Do other coaches know they can come here and present ideas for fundraising? We go to coaches meeting, we go to all the meeting and we are very transparent. The girls wrestling being invited to the duel is a big deal, do they have everything they need? We did reach out to girls wrestling, got them new

track suits. Baseball, our philosophy, we fundraise, we don't ask for a lot of money, they buy everything needed. (scoreboard, cage, nets, stuff for field, PA system etc, we bought 2 sets of bleachers)

McElroy- where are you purchasing from? Amazon has one tax exempt and free shipping. So take a look there, same MSRP but free shipping..

Bruce- Thank you coach Brosky. (he left for the vote to buy the pitching machine)

Motion to pay for machine? Andrea motion to buy machine. This will come out of team support. Tricia second, everyone yes.

Coach Peck (softball) We have lots of new girls, field looks good...we have about 25 coming to open gyms.

AD-soccer, I bought 60 soccer balls last fall to split between boys and girls.

Bruce- Let's talk about booster opportunities, we need a president and VP, not just those though, there are small things everyone can do. I think what we need to do is look at the list, reach out and tell people about it to carry on. There are enough great people in this community that can carry on the tradition. We just want to see this continue to succeed. What we need to do is have honest real conversations .

Andrea- If you go to the website link, all the information is in there. You can design it anyway you want. I will speak for all of us, we're not moving and we can always consult. Happy to go through all the sign up genius's etc, Tricia has info on how to buy everything. Booster drive is a big one, shared event with WAPA.

Tom -we will be around, looking for good people to carry it forward.

Any other business? Tom- wanted to propose banners in gym of all the different Columbus schools, I like Beechcroft's set up. Team names with their colors. Showing all the different city schools, will get a quote from Robbie's Hobbies...Bruce, I can put the banner together, no logos but school names.

AD Bleikamp-put together design and I'll get it approved.

Tom- talking about where to place the banners, will get quotes.

AD Bleilkamp -great idea, something I've wanted in the gym, this can come out of boosters Capital expenses.

Motions for \$500 for CCS banners Andrea yes, Tricia yes..all in favor yes...

Andrea-applications for senior awards , I'll get dates.

15 applicants last year, 8 were chosen. Tom, International had their hall of fame game at their game, would love to see that.

AD Bleikamp - Glad you brought that up, but we were talking about bringing out athletes who have record in the programs, so we're in the works into doing this and revamping the hall of fame. Digital hall of fame, everything now is older and out dated and would love to invest my time in that this summer, will start in the Fall during football. Do one each season. Some teams have a better record of their stuff, teams can track better. 1st team, all district, criteria, etc. Would love to see this for our kids.

Motion to adjourn, Tom, Tricia second.

Have a good night!