

## Severna Park Boosters Meeting: 12/11/13

**Present:** C. Avery (JV Baseball); M. Bachkosky (JV Softball); L. Brown (Booster President); S. Burke (V & JV Cheer & V Softball); D. Compere (Track); J. Derlink (G JV & V Soccer & B Lax); T. Glick (Booster Website); M. Hand (Track); J. Kaplan (GJV Basketball); K. Kline (Volleyball); N. McNealey (Booster VP); W. Mook (Athletic Director); M. Morrow (JV Football); C. Myers (Swimming); L. Pasquale (BV Soccer); Z. Reynolds (BJV Basketball); K. Schemmel (JV Field Hockey); H. Stein (G Lax); M. Storch (Booster Liaison & JV Field Hockey); D. Sullivan (G Basketball); K. Watkins (JV Wrestling); B. Wild (V Baseball); C. Wright (Concessions); K. Zurto (BJV Soccer)

**Welcome** -Meeting called to order by Vice President 7:10 pm; Leslie Brown, President, is en route – requested meeting getting started prior to her arrival.

**Secretary Report**- Minutes posted. A motion to accept minutes was made and seconded. Minutes accepted.

**President's Report** – Nina McNealey began meeting; Leslie Brown arrived and continued with remainder of report (beginning with conclusion of item 1):

1. Patches for Teams winning State Championships:

This is an action item follow up to discussion at Nov. meeting. Mr. Mook presented sample patch. Boosters pays about \$9 per state champ patch. Discussion ensued:

- Which players receive? – entire team (including Cross Country, for which there is only a Varsity team – no JV)
- Debate over expectation of the patch by athletes
- County & Regional champs – state issues certificates (patch *may* also include “county and/or region champs”)
- Continued debate over “value” of varsity letter (see later agenda item)
- Coaches unanimously in favor of continuing State Champ patch
- Majority in favor of continuing tradition and maintaining consistency

Motion for vote for Boosters to continue to fund State Champion patch for all team members of respective team. Motion seconded. Vote: passed with no opposition

2. Additional State Championship Awards/Distinctions:

- Bumper Stickers – school funds
- T-shirts are at team's discretion; team must fund and coordinate
- No Individual Champion patch/award (from school or Boosters)
- Presentation of Fall State Champion Team banners (bumper stickers & patches) will be done at a home basketball game – TBD **(AI)**

3. Creation of Boosters/School Spirit Committee

Follow up to discussion at Nov. meeting - most agree something is needed to better celebrate team success and athletics in general, to unify school and support the teams in their efforts (especially for things like County, Regional & State meets/games). No volunteers to chair/coordinate. Discussion:

- Cheerleader involvement – what is policy for them to attend events (beyond football, basketball);
- SGA – can/should they play a role; many feel a staff member needs to be involved;
- Senior Banners – sample was shown. H. Stein has company contact info – will send to T. Glick to post on website for teams to pursue as they see fit. Parents or teams would need to fund on their own. **(AI)**
- Suggestion: Boosters website include a repository of ideas and source list for items (i.e. spirit wear). **(AI)**

4. Decision on placing athletic awards in envelope for presentation at team dinner vs. athletes picking them up from Athletic Director's office after team banquet. Motion to take vote to make this procedural change so that coaches will receive the Varsity letters and awards to distribute directly to athletes at end-of-season team banquets. Motion seconded. Unanimous vote – no opposition.  
Leslie Brown to work with Mr. Mook to define process. Teams may need to provide volunteers to help organize materials prior to banquets. **(AI)**

**Vice President's Report - Nina McNealy** introduced topics:

1. Concessions – Cindy Wright reported:

- Indoor location too small to accommodate even a small oven; no storage – not worth pursuing any further.
- Winter Concession Schedule issued. Volunteers for basketball games need to stay through half-time.
- Tara Glick will post schedule on website. **(AI)**
- Zandra Reynolds, Sharon Burke and Donna Sullivan have all volunteered to be stand managers. Could use a few more.

2. Mulch Sale – no report

**Treasurer's Report – Catherine Myers** unable to attend; Leslie Brown provided report.

- Waiting for financial report from the accountant and then it will be posted on website.
- Catherine Myers created breakdown of team deposits and expenses which were sent to the team mom and the coach. Will also go to the team Booster Rep.
- Treasurer requested a vote to establish policy as follows: As of January 1, 2014, all receipts for team expenses must be submitted no later than 30 days after the team banquet – or for general Booster expenses, no later than 30 days of that event (i.e. the Booster Bash). Motion was made to vote on above policy; seconded. Vote passed; no opposition.

- Considering adding a co-Treasurer position or dividing the role in some way due to extent of check writing required.
- Any funds being deposited in the school account must be deposited (give to office) right away!
- Sales tax needs to be charged (to parents/athletes), for spirit wear and other such items; especially when using the school account. When school pays an invoice, they cannot make up for the sales tax if it was not collected from the athletes.
- Team fundraising dollars should be deposited into the school account; all other (collected) funds should go in Booster account. Always denote respective team in the memo line.
- Team account balance report was distributed. Baseball is incorrect – off by \$2500; should be \$2525.75.

**Membership Report** - Becky Hogan unable to attend. Leslie Brown provided the membership report:

- Becky having email issues. Apologizes for not being able to respond to anyone who may have sent her an email. Please be patient and await updates in January.
- Just received winter team rosters from Mr. Mook this week. Will then be able to provide team reps with info regarding respective team membership status.

**Booster Representative Liaison Report** – Mary Storch present; nothing to report. Question posed: what happens when there is a vacancy for team’s Booster Rep? . Policy: Booster President will notify coach. Boys Varsity Basketball needs a rep. **(AI)**

**Website Report** – Tara Glick reported on status:

- Financials are all posted

**Athletic Director’s Report** - Mr. Mook reported:

1. General Update:

- Congratulations to FH, Boys’ Soccer, Boys’ Cross Country – all State Champs; additionally, senior Ryan Forsyth individual State Champ in CC.
- 410-544-5302 Falcons Sports Line with updates/status
- Digitalsports.com – all schedules available

2. Construction/Scheduling Update:

- March 1 – construction begins – Bermuda fields will be shut down (4 practice fields). This spring:
  - No buses to Kinder – only boys lax will practice there; all else remains at SPHS this spring.
  - This year, lax games will be on the turf; tennis here; JV sports in back. Need to be mindful of fact that Severn also uses Kinder in the spring. V & JV softball will continue to practice together.
  - By April 2014, 2 turf fields will be installed at Kinder.
  - Also looking to increase number of Bermuda fields at Kinder.

- Fall Schedule:
  - Football games at Old Mill; there will be games scheduled on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. All other sport's games will be at Kinder
  - Soccer - 3:30 start times – games simultaneous (V & JV) in order to complete everything on time.
  - FH – 4pm start; V & JV simultaneous
  - Practices:
    - 5 buses to Kinder (there & back) – at least 3 will stay at Kinder entire time (storage and in case of emergency);
    - All Kinder practices must end by 5:15 – we must be gone by 5:30, as Parks & Rec takes over at that time.
    - Will rely on students (seniors) driving other students to/from Kinder.
    - Question: enough parking at Kinder? Answer: think so
    - 5 field for practice at Kinder as follows (in Fall): 2:30-4:30 and 3 – 5
    - Football will always have turf for practice, per agreement with Parks & Rec (so they don't ruin grass); all others split use of the other turf field, including for games.
    - Cross Country will continue to use Benfield Rd. w/start & end at SPHS.
    - Unified Tennis – not sure where they will go yet.
  - Spring 2015, all lax games will start at 3:30.
  - Homecoming will be at Old Mill on a Friday night. Just so happens, Senior Night is SPHS last game against Old Mill (may be their senior night too; or they may do at their last home game, since we are the home team against them).
- Error in new school design: track is to be changed to an 8 lane field but as a result, the width of the inner field is now 15' too short. Architect working on revision.

3. New Lights in the Gym – request by Mr. Kaplan, who presented and submitted written report (distributed and attached). Mr. Kaplan observed this need based upon his daughter's experience on the basketball team.

- Submitted report to Board of Ed.
- Safety issue – gym, with its current lighting, not meeting the minimum standard.
- Request/Proposal for 24 light bulbs.
- Last install was about 5 years ago.
- Mr. Mook noted that Board of Ed probably will not provide any funding due to construction plan/funding. All noted that means this season, and 2 more, with inadequate lighting.
- Motion was made to approve \$1,000 expenditure to purchase and install the light bulbs. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Mr. Kaplan will purchase. Mr. Mook to follow up with BoE regarding the installation of the bulbs once Boosters funds/purchases. **(AI)**

#### 4. Questions/Discussion:

- Coach Joyce what will happen to existing field house. Uncertain. Cathy Vitale may be involved in selling it. Some equipment, such as TVs and sound-system, will be re-used. BoE is looking at what can be salvaged. As is, it cannot be moved for use at new school.
- Suggestion that athletes be given priority parking, possibly even juniors, since there will be fewer student parking spaces and student athletes will be relied upon to help drive other student athletes to/from Kinder.

**Administration Report** – Mr. Smith had nothing to report.

#### **New Business**

##### 1. Sprigging the fields -

###### Background:

Per the agenda, in President's Report, request has been made to have Boosters fund "sprigging" 3 fields at Kinder. Principal Bathras asked Mr. Mook to make the request to Boosters. Cost and timing to be determined; \$12,000 - \$20,000 is the initial estimate. Fields will be used by SPHS athletes for the next 3+ years. Kinder adding turf fields by end of April 2014 to better accommodate SPHS. Hope that "sprigging" maintains fields better and will reduce injury to SPHS athletes. Also, good way for SPHS to give back to community. Suggestion that the spring mulch fundraiser be dedicated to this, giving parents a specific reason/goal as to why the money is being raised (via the mulch fundraiser).

###### Questions/Discussion:

- How does Boosters protect investment, if we fund this?
- What is the maintenance of the fields, following the sprigging?
  - Green Hornets will maintain; have no specifics as to how.
- Who is funding the turf fields that Kinder is adding?
  - State and Green Hornets.
- Sprigging - \$7500 for 4 fields every year at SPHS and this is split between Boosters & Green Hornets.
- Will sprigging at Kinder be an annual fee (for Boosters)?
- In general, consensus is that it's a good idea, for good will and our athletes should benefit, but we need to protect and plan the investment.
- Mr. Mook added that as a gesture of good will to community and Green Hornets, Athletic Department donating the soccer goals (to Green Hornets).

Need to know the following to make a decision: **(AI)**

Will Boosters need to fund annual sprigging at Kinder for 3 years?

Annual maintenance cost?

What is maintenance plan?

Booster responsibility to maintenance cost?

##### 2. Open Questions/Discussion –

K. Kline (VB) asked for t-shirt vendor recommendations. H. Stein will provide. **(AI)**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Next meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 7pm in the Media Center.

**Action Items Recap – from December 11, 2013**

<b>WHO</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>MISC.</b>
Hope Stein	Send senior banner vendor/contact info to Tara Glick to be posted on website		
Tara Glick	Create tab on website for helpful info for teams (vendors/points of contact & best practices)		
ALL	Send contacts/vendors & suggestions to Tara Glick to be included on website for team reps	ON-GOING	
Leslie Brown/Wayne Mook	Establish process for Varsity Letters & awards to be distributed to coaches prior to end of season team banquets		
Tara Glick	Post winter concessions schedule		
Leslie Brown	Notify BV BB of need for new Booster Rep		
John Kaplan	Purchase lights for gym		
Wayne Mook	Contact BoE re: installation of lights on gym		
Wayne Mook	Obtain answers to questions re: sprigging – see minutes for 4 questions – so motion/vote can occur re: Booster funding of sprigging.		
Hope Stein	Provide T-Shirt Vendor Contacts to Kathy Kline		