



**Boosters Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2018
GMHS Library**

In Attendance:

Karen Burr, Phil Desilets, Bart Cahill, Superintendent Carol Jacobs, Barbie Linares, Pam Lundquist, John Willis, Beth Willis, Kelley Coye, Suzanne Sutherland, Ryan Browner, Eric Guyer, Scott MacDonald, Lisa Cherwek, Lea Tabenkin

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

First business to be discussed was the by-laws that was distributed to all members for review. Pam was thoroughly impressed with the work that went into the development of the by-laws.

MOTION: Barbie (Ryan second) to approve the by-laws as presented. So voted (13-0). Motion carried. Lisa and Lea not included in the vote.

Shannon asked for any names that people had for the new organization. Barbie mentioned that in her research it is recommended to include the teams mascot in the name of the Boosters organization. The name Georgetown Royals Sports Boosters was recommended.

MOTION: Barbie (Karen second) to approve the name of the Boosters organization as Georgetown Royals Sports Boosters. So voted (15-0). Motion carried.

Shannon had a productive meeting with Desiree Edwards regarding fundraising suggestions. At the next meeting we will discuss further along with Shannon's sister, President of the Pentucket Booster's organization.

Beth Willis has volunteered to help with the Concession subcommittee. We are hoping to begin with the winter sports season. Shannon will move forward with the required paperwork for the state to acknowledge our organization. Pam and John volunteered for the Communications subcommittee. Still need volunteers for Fundraising subcommittee. Beth has also volunteered to assist.

Ryan confirmed that the concession and merchandise do not have to go through the school store. He spoke with Principal Richards as well as Business Department teacher Liz Marchetti. The merchandise can be ordered through Ryan.

Shannon mentioned that the organization is here to help with the Athletic Department needs and wants. We don't want to take, we want to help. Superintendent Jacobs does want to minimize the amount of small fundraisers that are currently being held. Her primary concern is the parents and the local businesses are being inundated with requests. Shannon and the rest of the committee agree that we need to streamline. Ryan confirmed that Principal Richards has established a google calendar of all fundraising activities within GMHS. This will prevent redundancy and manage fundraising more efficiently.

Business Manager Suzanne Sutherland and Superintendent Carol Jacobs presented to the committee a comprehensive overview of the Athletic budget. Suzanne explained that the Athletic budget is funded from three funding sources; operating budget, school choice revolving account and the athletic revolving account. The presentation provided the expenses of all sports. We discussed the school choice revolving account as being a difficult account to depend on. This account is funded by the students Georgetown allows in from other districts. This year the SC approved 15 school choice students but only filled 9 of the slots. Superintendent Jacobs explained that school choice isn't as stable as we would like to see. The operating budget funds the athletic budget \$33K. We have tried to increase that amount but have been consistently unable to due to the budget the town has approved. Superintendent Jacobs also mentioned that our coaches have not received an increase in the last three contracts. AD Ryan Browner did recently conduct a survey of local communities and the wages they provide their coaches. We are not the highest, nor the lowest. We tend to pay our sub varsity coaches more than other districts pay their sub varsity coaches putting them within \$500 (or so) of the Varsity coaches wage. We discussed our three tier user fee model. It is evident that the user fees do not cover the cost – or near the cost of the sport in most cases. Track consistently is a profitable sport and subsidizes other sports. Lea asked if our user fees are in line with other communities. Barbie mentioned a document that we would receive yearly from a gentleman on the South Shore that listed most Massachusetts districts fees. Georgetown consistently was one of the highest user fee models. Some communities still offer zero user fees or a yearly amount regardless of how many sports an athlete plays. We were reminded of the generosity of the parents of athletes, community organizations (GAA) and local businesses that have contributed to our district in numerous ways. Without these generous donations we would have less for our students/athletes since the budget couldn't cover the costs. The need for additional fundraising is a must but we need to be mindful in the way it is laid out. Some coaches do not fundraise at all while others are very successful at it. Varsity Baseball Coach Phil Desilets provided a document (included in these minutes) that detailed the fundraising that was done last year in his program. The money they received went towards field equipment, clothing, team equipment, weight room equipment and tournament fees.

Shannon mentioned our next two meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on December 4th and January 8th. We need more community involvement in the organization – get the word out. Both Shannon and Ryan were at the winter sports sign ups earlier and mentioned the new organization. We are hopeful that we will get volunteers from each sport to actively participate.

Pam will work on getting a logo for the new organization. She will reach out to the business department to involve the students to design. Principal Richards would like the G to be similar to the school's logo.

MOTION: Ryan (Barbie second) to end the meeting at 8:49 p.m. So voted 14-0 (Suzanne wasn't present) Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbie Linares, Secretary GSB

