



**Boosters Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2018  
Guidance Conference Room @ GMHS**

**In Attendance:**

**Shannon Dow, Kelley Coye, Superintendent Carol Jacobs, Jason Young, Eric Guyer, Barbie Linares, Ryan Browner, Susan Skahan, Karen Burr, Lisa Cherwek**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 p.m.

**MOTION:** Barbie (Ryan second) to approve meeting minutes from the October 2, 2018 meeting. So voted (9-0) Motion carried. (Lisa not at the meeting when vote taken.)

Shannon said John Willis and several others are interested in the Boosters organization. The members agree that parents of younger student athletes would be a positive!

Shannon researched other Booster organizations by- laws, more specifically Pentucket Boosters. Superintendent Jacobs asked if she looked at the Georgetown All Sports Boosters by- laws. Shannon said no one could locate. Carol Esposito also tried to locate but no luck. Shannon mentioned the tremendous amount of work and dedication Carol is doing for the organization. We are all appreciative for her efforts!

We went through the first revision of the by-laws. Shannon confirmed that she will be the President, Kelley Coye will be the Treasurer and Barbie Linares will be the Secretary. We are still in need of a Vice President and a subcommittee for Communications.

An annual meeting will occur at the beginning of the school year in September. We are still searching for a name for the organization. We cannot keep the name of Georgetown All Sports Boosters. We thought of a few: Royals Sports Club, Royals All Sports Club, Georgetown All Sports, Georgetown Sports Booster, Friends of Georgetown Sports, Friends of Georgetown Athletics. We believe that 'all sports' needs to be in the name. Barbie will send out an e mail to the group advising them to think of names so we can vote at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The following are changes that need to be made to the by-laws.

## II. Organization Overview:

- a. Will read: The Georgetown Sports Boosters is a volunteer, non profit 501 © 3 organization consisting of parents of current student athletes in Georgetown public schools, community members with no student athletes and alumni.
- b. Will read: Through fundraising events the GSB provides funding for facility upgrades and improvements at the GMHS as well as supplies and athletic equipment for our student athletes when budgetary funding is unavailable.

## V. Membership

- a. Will read: A GSB member is defined as any parent of a student athlete in Georgetown public school, community members with no student athletes and alumni.
- b. Will read: Community members with no student athletes are welcome to be members but they shall have no voting power on matters of fundraising and/or gift proposals.
- c. No changes.
- d. Line 1 will read: A designated sports representative/team liaison from each sport is welcome to attend GSB monthly meetings.

**VI. Meetings:**

- a. Will read: Regular meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month from September – June unless otherwise noted, in which case the meeting will be the second Tuesday.
- b. Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and the notice will be sent to all GSB members via e mail at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- c. No changes.
- d. Will read: Members will be notified by the secretary at least two days prior to the special meeting.
- e. No changes.
- f. Will read: A quorum is required to conduct association business. A quorum is constituted by a minimum of 7 members.

**VIII. Term of Office:**

- a. Each office will have a term not to exceed 5 consecutive years.

**IX. Election of Officers:**

- a. Will read: Will be conducted on an as needed basis.

Further discussion is as follows:

Ryan believes that GSB shouldn't be supplying new uniforms. Individual sports can fundraise in order to get new uniforms. Superintendent Jacobs feels strongly that coaches shouldn't fundraiser for uniforms if the uniforms still have life in them, i.e. if coaches just don't like the uniform.

The GSB will have a calendar with all fundraising going on within the athletic department and GSB so no duplications. Discussion focused around the different sports that hold successful fundraisers whereas other sports that choose no fundraising. Ryan feels if we tell coaches they can't individually fundraise it will not go over well. Some sports have very successful fundraisers and the coaches wouldn't want these to stop. Barbie and Karen believe that the fundraisers are hitting the same people and the raffle items donated are also hitting the same businesses. It is difficult for the parents to continue with the fundraising when you have more than one student athlete. We also have to be cognizant that other groups in town are also fundraising for their own financial purposes, i.e. PTA, GEF.

Ryan confirmed that the coaches aren't fundraising through the schools. The Superintendent believes that this needs to be streamlined and the district needs to be involved. Since the fundraising efforts benefit the students within the district we need to have uniformity. Autonomy is no longer an option. Karen asked how requests for funding would occur. Ryan as AD would handle request through district or it would go to GSB for approval.

In years past, different sports teams and school organizations have sold Georgetown merchandise. With the school store being part of our business curriculum this practice has changed. We discussed this in detail because we believe it's a good money maker for GSB. Ryan has had discussions with Business Teacher Liz Marchetti. More discussion needs to occur. Superintendent Jacobs spoke with Principal Richards and he assured her that the store would be open more throughout the day as well as to the public. It may be possible to come to an agreement that the store sells certain items while GSB sells certain items. We will continue to follow up on this. Kelley believes sport specific clothing and merchandise is a bigger draw than just Georgetown. We also have to see to a uniform G that represents our district.

We talked about the representative/liaison from each sport be allowed to vote. We need further information regarding other Booster's process.

Shannon will contact Pentucket AD Dan Thornton regarding the following:

- Should we invite Co op's into GSB?
- How many voting members does Pentucket have?
- Do you have a term limit for officers?
- Do subcommittee members vote?
- Should team liaison be able to vote?

**MOTION:** Karen (Kelley second) to appoint Lisa Cherwek as Vice President of GSB. So voted (10-1). Motion carried.

Karen brought up a fundraiser that other districts are doing. The logo fundraiser involved a temporary painting of the school's logo painted on driveway or property for a fee. Cost is minimal and it's been successful. We will discuss other fundraising options as well as having a fundraiser presenter attend our next meeting, November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss opportunities.

**MOTION:** Barbie (Ryan second) to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m. So voted (10-1). Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbie Linares, Secretary GSB