



Boosters Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2018
Guidance Conference Room @ GMHS

In Attendance: Beth Willis, George Dow, Karen Burr, Phil Desilets, Superintendent Carol Jacobs, Mike Gilstein, Kelley Coye, Shannon Dow, Athletic Director Ryan Browner, Pam Lundquist, Susan Skahan, Barbie Linares, Jason Young, Lea Tabenkin

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with introductions from everyone in attendance. Athletic Director Ryan Browner advised the group of 'wish list' items that the athletic department would like to see. Many in attendance are aware of the need for additional seating at the turf field. Ryan believes that would be a capital expense due to the cost. He mentioned a blue tooth speaker system that would enhance the sound during games. Currently we have a portable system which isn't ideal and unreliable. Superintendent Jacobs asked what something like that would cost but Ryan hadn't investigated yet. He also mentioned a movable broadcast tower. Currently we have a tower that consists of metals poles and plywood. It doesn't protect against the different elements of the weather. This is mainly for the broadcaster to occupy for home football games. Both Ryan and Mike Anderson have reached out to many local businesses to purchase signage that surround the turf field. We have several but would love to see many more. This is an ongoing fundraiser that they will both continue to work on.

The athletic budget needs to be transparent to the committee in order for everyone to understand what the district is working with. At the November 7th meeting, Superintendent Jacobs and Ryan will provide an overview of the athletic budget. Basketball is currently the most expensive sport to offer while cross country is the cheapest yet the user fee is still \$375 per athlete. The SC consistently tries to research other ways to invigorate the athletic budget so user fees aren't increased. We currently have one of the highest user fees in our area. Many believe that the district should be financially responsible for providing the appropriate uniforms because the user fees are high. Once the budget is reviewed it will be apparent that the district has no sustainable way of infusing more money into the Athletic budget.

Mike Gilstein mentioned the possibility of GAA being involved with fundraising in return for middle/high school students volunteering with their sports programs. The students could receive community service hours if they are in high school. The coach's at GAA level are always looking for assistance and would welcome the support. It's a good way to bridge our community as well.

Shannon asked the committee for input as to how they would like to see the new Boosters organization run. She explained that the former All Sports Boosters organization would no longer be in effect. A new name would be implemented and it would be a 501c3. Discussion centered around 1-3 yearly events needed to fund the 'wants' of the athletic department. We have to try and think out of the box with events that haven't been done before. Shannon mentioned an adult bingo night which has been a success in other districts. A road race is something to look into especially with the Mike Donohoe 5K no

longer a yearly event. We have to be cognizant of the GFD though because they did sponsor a road race this year. Flatbread's also sponsors an annual 5K so further research would need to occur. We discussed the possibility of having concessions at more sporting events. Currently football and basketball have concessions and the funds raised go towards the individual sports. Gate fees go to the overall athletic department's budget.

The majority agree that fundraising is at its all time high with both parents and local businesses feeling the pressure. We are a small community and tend to hit the same people. The needs are big for some sports though and the coach's feel that in order to fulfill their needs fundraising separately is a must. Phil mentioned the need at the baseball for fundraising and he is aware of the pressure it puts on the players and families. He is mindful and only fundraises for needs. He as well as other coaches are concerned that Booster's will prevent them from fundraising on their own. This is something the committee would need to look into further and set guidelines that will be implemented across the athletic department.

Shannon presented the job descriptions for the four open seats on the Booster's executive board. These seats are President, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Director. The committee reviewed them and felt that the roles were represented well. There will be further need to set up subcommittees to look into fundraising, concessions and media developer.

MOTION: Karen Burr (Superintendent Jacobs second) to nominate Shannon Dow as President of the new Booster's organization. So voted (14-0). Motion carried.

MOTION: Barbie Linares (Mike Gilstein second) to nominate Kelley Coye as Treasurer of the new Booster's organization. So voted (14-0). Motion carried.

MOTION: Lea Tabenkin (Pam Lundquist second) to nominate Barbie Linares as Secretary of the new Booster's organization. So voted (14-0). Motion carried.

At this time we do not have any interested parties for the Communications Director but people in the room are interested in being on a subcommittee for this position. Discussion began with the possibility of establishing a Vice President rather than Communications Director. More thought on that at the next meeting. We need to discuss whether GAA should have a role on the board as well. Both George and Pam have expressed interest for the communications subcommittee and Beth will assist Shannon with the establishment of by-laws.

Next meeting scheduled for October 17th at 7:00 p.m. location to be determined by Ryan. This meeting will focus on the establishment of the by-laws. Another meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th. A formal agenda will be presented as the date approaches.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbie Linares

