

Sentinel Booster Club Meeting

September 9, 2019

Attendees: Ann Bates, Rachel Danielson, Gina Blahnik-Elliott, Amy Dupras, Sindie Kennedy, Michelle Machek, Dawn Podolske, Trish Opitz, Coryll Rupert, Randy Rupert and Carla Woehler

Guests: Rachel Danielson (Dance), Ryan Davis (Orchestra) and Craig Matosich (Golf)

Welcome and Introductions

Amy described the Mission and Purpose of the Sentinel Booster Club is to raise money to return to the school and students. The SBC asks that activity leaders and coaches report at booster club meetings and that parent volunteers work two Spirit Store shifts (50/50 sales during sporting events counts as a shift). Once the requirements have been met, the activity or sport will receive \$250. The activity or sport will receive \$5 per student if the team travels to a state tournament. The SBC also offers scholarships for seniors.

Rachel Danielson - Dance

The team includes 20 girls this year. The dancers participated in a week-long summer practice during the week before school started. The team practices three hours per day. They have performed during a school assembly and a football game. They are working with the band and cheerleaders to prepare for a homecoming performance. Everything is going well.

Ryan Davis - Orchestra

The year is getting off to a great start. This is the biggest advanced orchestra, to date, to include 58 students. This is also the biggest freshman class Ryan has ever had. This year is a travel year. They are thinking about a Washington DC exchange; they travel every two years. He is excited about the program. They just moved into a new room across from the theatre. It is beautiful and sounds great.

Craig Matosich - Golf

Their season is halfway over. It is fast and furious. They need girls to join the team. They only have five girls and only one is ready to play varsity. The boys' team is doing very well. As a team, they have placed 2nd, 3rd and 5th. The team has an individual champion. Craig had to cut 12 boys this year. They are playing Butte/Anaconda this week. The state tournament is in Great Falls. Golf is a fall sport only.

Boys' Locker Room Renovation

Randy Rupert described the need to renovate the boys' locker room. He shared pictures of the current locker room, illustrating a dilapidated, poorly maintained space. It has needed updating for a very long time. There are two toilets and two urinals for 100 boys. Randy explained he is trying to raise funds to renovate the locker room. He and Coryll will underwrite the project but hope to raise funds to reimburse their contribution. The budget for the renovated locker room is around \$28,000.

He explained the window for construction before the football season has closed. Construction will start in December. The district is contributing around \$3,000 towards adding privacy dividers to the women's showers. The boys' showers will have privacy dividers. Everything has been approved. The toilet and urinals also need to be replaced. The district will take care of that. The district will paint the locker room. There will be some minor upgrades to the coaches' area. The lockers need to be updated. Randy is hoping to get the old Griz lockers when they become available through an auction. They will need to be repainted. Randy welcomes donated materials and/or labor. Visiting teams get the new locker room by the auxiliary gym.

Randy will be distributing a letter and will spread the word via social media. SBC will help with fundraising and will track revenue and expenses in a separate account called Purple Rush.

May Minutes

Randy motioned to approve the minutes. Dawn Podolske seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Carla made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Michelle seconded. All approved.

Booster Club Spirit Store

Carla offered to help Monique with the store. Michelle offered to help with the store.

The Spirit Store will be open at all home games and school functions. Store openings will be announced on Facebook and Instagram. The booster club does its best sales during home games and the functions where a lot of people attend. Parents can email the booster club at sentinelhighbooster@gmail.com to request access to the store. The store will be open during the Open House.

A link to Signup Genius is on the website so volunteers can sign up for Spirit Store and 50/50 sales shifts.

The booster club purchased a heat press. We plan to create our own transfers. We want to be able to make shirts to order.

We need volunteers to work in the store during the upcoming volleyball game.

Fall Activity Report

Cross Country had its first meet at the equestrian park. All three Missoula high schools and Glacier participated. The district operated the meet differently by having the classes (freshman, sophomore, etc.) run separately instead of having girls and boys run separately. Sentinel lost some good runners last year but added three sophomores who are top in the state. Sentinel added some great freshman too.

Football – the freshman played Loyola tonight. They got beat. There were juniors on Loyola's team. The freshman beat Hellgate. They will play whoever the varsity play. Freshman games will occur on Thursdays. The JV and varsity teams will play on Fridays. JV beat Great Falls. They played Salmon, ID. It was Salmon's varsity team. Varsity is 2-0. The varsity team played Great Falls and Senior at home. They are off to a good start. The format is different this year. This is the first year that all Sentinel games are conference games. Now all the games count. They are going on the road to play Flathead and Capital.

Girls Soccer - the team is 0-0-2. They tied last Thursday. They play Butte tomorrow and Hellgate later.

Boys Soccer - they lost to Capital.

Volleyball - the team is 2-0 in their conference.

Year-round Activity Report

Band - they are getting ready to march for Sentinel's homecoming and in the UM homecoming parade. The jazz band is hoping to travel this year. There are a lot of students in all the bands.

Cheerleading - there are 14 members on the team, four of which are freshman and six are sophomores. They have rotating groups. We may not see every cheerleader at volleyball games but will see all of them at football games. The team is looking for more service opportunities. The team will be helping with walk-a-thons at Russell and Chief Charlo. It was suggested they could help with clean-up at the Griz stadium. The cheer coach is Braelyn - she is also doing student teaching. A lot of moms are trying to help. The student section was great.

Dance - Rachel covered most everything. The team is officially sanctioned. Their performance during half-time at the football game was great.

Robotics - no report - Randy's firm fiscally supports robotics. He will make sure it is well supported.

Speech and Debate - the first practice is October 1. Nothing has been updated on the website yet. The school is adding a coach. They went from two to four coaches due to the increased student participation.

Drama -The first all-school show tryouts will be the 23rd and 24th of September. It is a six-person cast. It is a small, intense show (Amy couldn't remember the title).

Business/Family Memberships

We have 16 business sponsors, with more coming in.

Family membership is up this year.

The booster club needs people to help with selling 50/50 tickets at football games. It counts as a store shift.

We are looking for Spatners which are parent representatives for each sport and activity. A Spartner coordinates participation, makes sure the trophy cases are updated, etc. We want to be able to connect to a parent representative.

Social Media

The booster club has a presence on Facebook and Instagram. We have Snapchat but do not use it.

Fundraising

BuzzPoints - a program offered through Clearwater Credit Union where members can allocate funds to their organization of choice.

AmazonSmiles is another fundraising tool for SBC.

Noodles & Company Booster Club night Monday, September 16 - we will get 30% of the sales.

Dane Oliver, Athletic Director Update

AA conference games are now being broadcast on the NFHS Network. There were 153 live views of the volleyball game. Football had 908 live views. Dane will send an email school-wide to share more information about this service. This is great for family members who cannot travel to games. Sentinel is getting a cut of the proceeds based on who registers through Sentinel. This is a way for the Athletic Department to generate revenue. Sentinel can take all proceeds for our own advertisements. The games can only be viewed on computers. Sentinel gets a cut for the live views. NFHS offers live view and video on demand. If a user logs in through Sentinel, they choose a home school. Users can watch anywhere from across the U.S. This service is only available for the AA schools. Sentinel is the producer and we patch radio into it. It is not just football. Any event in the main gym can be broadcasted. The booster club should share this info when the store is open. The broadcast uses an automated camera that follows the ball. The service could not be used in the theatre for band/orchestra and drama performances. The booster club can collaborate with Dane on getting advertisers and spreading the word. It is not just for varsity games.

Dawn Podolske is willing to be the boys' soccer Spartner. Dawn would also be willing to do a fundraiser during prom from her business (The Flower Bed).

Next Meeting: October 7, 2019

