

Sentinel Booster Club
Meeting Notes
March 12, 2018

Attendees: Kim Brown, Kathi Desharme, Marria Hegel, Sindie Kennedy, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson and Dane Oliver

Absent: Liana Messer and Carla Woehler

Guests: Jeremy Laporte (Wrestling), Jay Jagelski (Basketball) and Madison Lightfield, Spanish Club student

February Minutes:

Lisa motioned to approve the minutes. Marria seconded. All approved.

Introduction of Guests:

Jeremy Laporte, Wrestling - The team came in 6th place at the state tournament. There are a lot of young wrestlers on the team, some of which have never wrestled before. The Sentinel team beat Hellgate and Big Sky. As a result, they got the City Trophy back. It is a large trophy. There is a space for it in the trophy case. Wrestling parents have fulfilled their volunteer commitments.

Jay Jagelski, Boys Basketball - The team had a very successful regular season. The coaches and players did not have a lot of expectations coming in. It is a young team and not the biggest team in the state. There is some talent on the team. They won the division tournament; the first time in 29 years. At state, Sentinel played the two teams that they lost to during the regular season. They only lost by a combined total of 5 points to those teams. They played some good teams. The JV and Freshman teams were undefeated. The varsity was 15-3. They will lose six seniors. The seniors were multi-sport athletes. There were some JV who could have played varsity. Sam Beighle received Gatorade Player of the Year. This is the first time in a while that a Sentinel player received this honor. This was a huge accomplishment for Sam and for the program. Boys' Basketball parents have fulfilled their volunteer commitments.

Madison Lightfield, Spanish Club student - Members of the club are planning on a trip to Costa Rica this spring. This trip is offered every two years. While there they learn Spanish and experience the culture. Students do not have to be in the Spanish Club to go to Costa Rica. Spanish students are prioritized, but non-Spanish students can travel, if there is space. The students have to speak entirely in Spanish while there. It is a good opportunity for the AP students to practice, since they take their AP test a month after returning. The trip is 10 days, including travel. Twenty five students go just from Sentinel. To raise money for the trip, they do fundraising, to include selling Osprey tickets, holding bake sells and working concessions. Some students get part time jobs to help cover the

costs. Faculty include: Dan Lochridge, Sam Dixon and Angel Nordquist. The Spanish Club students have worked the spirit closet and have fulfilled their obligation to receive \$250.

Treasurer Report:

No report this month

Booster Closet:

There are no more closet dates scheduled. February was good for sales. We will pick one date for the softball parents to come in and get gear. Marria did not sell anything for the state basketball tournament. Lisa sold to about six people during her shift.

Lisa listed some potential closet dates:

- Track (Glacier on 4/3, Msla Quad on 4/10, divisions 5/17-19) – The Booster Club could make some divisional shirts for track. Marria explained she would need power to run the press and make shirts to order. She could instead make screen printed shirts and not make as many for the divisional tournament (May 17-19). The board decided to not sell spirit gear during any of the April dates and to just offer shirts during the division meet.
- Softball (opener 3/27 in Missoula) – The Booster Club could sell sweatshirts, t-shirts and chairs at the softball outdoor concession at the beginning of the season.
- Tennis (4/10 against Hellgate) – The Booster club does not typically open the closet during tennis matches
- 8th grade promotion (May) - It was decided to open the closet during the week of promotion for one day (Tuesday, June 5).

Meadow Hill and C.S. Porter called the Sentinel office and asked for free stuff. Meadow Hill typically pays but Porter does not. We give Meadow Hill more and nicer stuff because they pay. We give them a lot for the \$400 they pay. We try to provide enough so every 8th grade student gets something. We will give swag to Porter this year, but next year they will have to pay. Marria will put together swag for each school.

Winter Activities Report:

Boys and Girls Basketball - The final Winter Sports Season Poll has been posted to the Missoula Prep Sports Network website, the Missoula Boy/Girl MVP. Jordyn Schweyen (girls basketball) and Sam Beighle (boys basketball) were nominated to represent Sentinel in the poll. Fans can go to the website and vote on the boys and girls MVP until March 31st and the winner will receive a certificate honoring them for their efforts as one of Missoula's local sports heroes. Vote here: <http://mpsn406.com>.

Basketball - The next time Missoula could bid to get the basketball tournament in Missoula is 2020. We hosted the B tournaments in Missoula.

Wrestling - Dylan Goforth has been nominated to represent Sentinel in the first ever Missoula Prep Athlete of the Week for wrestling MVP. The winner will receive a certificate from Missoula Prep Sports Network. The poll will remain open until March 31st and all fans are welcome to vote on the poll. Vote here: <http://mpsn406.com>.

Swimming: Swimming is done. The girls won a trophy.

Spring Activities Report:

Softball - 30 students showed up to try out for softball. They may want to make buttons. Lisa contacted one of the moms and there is interest in doing it. Lisa will take it on. Lifetouch takes the photos. Lifetouch delivers the digital images late in the season, which is not the best timing for making buttons.

Track - 142 students showed up today for track

Tennis - 40 students went out for tennis.

Year-round Activities:

Band - Pep band performed at the State Basketball tournament. The Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival is this week. The Sentinel Jazz Band will perform during the festival. March 20 is the Band Concert.

Speech & Debate - no report

Dance - no report

New Business:

Football - The Purple & Gold Scrimmage is in the fall with a BBQ following. It is a huge sale day. Kim asked Marria to provide a summary of all of the big days for football activities.

Fundraising Opportunity: Host the track divisions and sell division t-shirts. The Booster Club Board decided to do this.

Custodian Appreciation Day, April 20 - Last year we provided breakfast and lunch, a banner and gave away shirts from the SBC closet. Since the Booster Club does not have a lot of funds, we could provide donuts, snacks and t-shirts. We could buy food at Costco.

Scholarship - It was decided to offer just one scholarship this year. In the past, we have awarded two \$250 scholarships. This is the third year we have done it. We always put a disclaimer in the application that this is based on the availability of funds. Discussion ensued about dropping one scholarship and reducing the amount for the other. The decision was tabled until next year.

Booster Club Officer positions:

Michelle McGovern was the president of the PTO at Porter. Marria will ask her to at least represent wrestling.

Marria will be available with questions. She can help with scheduling and orders. If desired, she can continue to make shirts. She thinks we are in good shape in terms of inventory. We are a bit low on hoodies. She suggested getting the closet ready in August and get the dates set up.

Lisa is willing to coordinate the closet if she can get someone to help. The closet is busy in the fall and then it fades off. Basketball moms did not know anything about booster club. Sharon Cole (son, Hayden) is phenomenal with taking care of the boys' basketball team.

We need a parent representative from each sport. We have not had participation from basketball parents for the past two years.

It was suggested that not enough people know what Booster Club does.

It was also suggested to offer a Meet and Greet for one of the early football games.

Kalispell has an amazing booster club. They raise in the neighborhood of \$30K to \$40K.

Booster Club board members need Sentinel Booster Club t-shirts to wear at events.

Suggested Booster Club Board Members for next year:

Amy Dupras - Lisa will ask

Monique Tahbo - Lisa will ask

Carlet Hogan - Lisa will ask

Molly Stockdale - Kim will ask

Michelle Emery - Marria will ask

Look at our mission and look at our vision. Contact Flathead Booster Club. Big Sky has a nice program. No one knew how Kalispell raised so much money. The Sentinel Booster Club makes its money on business sponsorships.

Kim felt the key times to hit up businesses for sponsorships are from June through the end of football season. We see some increased activity during the basketball season. We need to start earlier and get the board together in June to start planning for the fall. We could start getting businesses on board over the summer. Kathi asked if we could use Allegra Printing. Perhaps they would donate or offer a reduced rate.

Marria suggested just making programs. Sindie suggested getting a business to fund the printing. Do not reference MCPS on the programs. Sindie wondered if it is a FERPA violation. The rosters are printed by the school and shared publicly.

Mr. Oliver's Report - no report this month (Mr. Oliver had to leave early).