

Sentinel Booster Club Meeting
April 9, 2018

Attendees: Kim Brown, Kathy Descharme, Marria Hegel, Carlett Hogan, Sindie Kennedy, Liana Messer, Dane Oliver and Carla Woehler

Guest: Dustin Delridge, Softball Coach

Minutes: Carla motioned to approve the March minutes. Marria seconded. All approved.

Introduction of Guest:

Dustin Delridge, Softball Coach - this is his second year as head coach. The softball team includes a good balance of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, with nine seniors and nine freshmen. The season started the 12th of March. They lost their first game to Butte. It was a close game. They won their second game. Everyone got to play. Because of the rain and snow, they did not travel to Billings and Great Falls. They have missed five games. The Kalispell and Glacier teams have not been outside once. Junior Varsity plays through the 11th of May. If Varsity makes it to state, they will play until the end of May. Two players will play collegiate ball: Amber Hickether, Clark College in Vancouver and Brooklyn Weisgram, University of Montana. The team made it to the state tournament last year. They will be disappointed if they do not make it to state again this year. Dustin expressed his appreciation for the Booster Club money. He believed softball parents have worked closet shifts.

Treasurer's Report - Liana Messer:

Liana did a comparison of last year versus this year. We paid \$7,000 on the trophy display case. We have not dipped into the starting account balance. We are on course to lose \$2,000 per year based on what we are paying out. Right now, about \$6,000 goes towards school activities. Business sponsorships have gone down. We have sufficient funds to offer two scholarships. We have funds to cover costs for Custodian Appreciation Day. We also have enough for honor cords. We just pay whatever Jan asks for (\$350). We will need to boost our business membership next year. This is something to work on over the summer. We can proceed with offering two scholarships at \$250 each.

We have \$12,445 available. We will pay \$500 in scholarship, \$365 in activity support, \$350 in honor cords and \$11 per month for the helium tank, plus the cost to refill the tank (we should be good through the summer). We will turn over to the next year with sufficient funding, similar to previous years.

We will have a football game at the Griz Stadium next year - September 14. It is considered a home game. This will help replenish the account.

Booster Closet Report - Marria Hegel and Carla Woehler

FIT never did work the closet. Sarah needs a reminder.

Spanish Club worked the closet. The money goes to the club. There is no rule against us supporting the club. It is up to the supervisor of the club.

A new club started, Computer Builders. They want \$250 for their program. They build computer programs. They can start in September and attend a meeting next year. We are at the end of the year and do not have a lot of closet opportunities.

Another club is Robotics. We have not seen them either. Dane will let the advisor know about Booster Club.

Closet Options:

June 5 - 8th grade promotion - the board decided to not do this due to lack of sales last year.

Softball - spirit wear could be sold at the concession stand. It could be announced by the announcer. Available dates include April 18th and 25th. Softball parents have already worked the closet. They just needed the coach to come, which was fulfilled tonight.

The Booster Club needs to make at least \$250 in sells to make it worth opening the closet.

Porter called Andrea wanting Sentinel swag for their 8th-grade promotion. Marria will get numbers from Andrea.

Dane emailed Sarah about working the closet for the Softball home games. We should reach out to the parents that run the concessions and let them know we have been asked to sell some Spartan gear at the game.

New and Ongoing Business:

Custodian Appreciation Day is April 20. We will scale it back a bit. Kathy checked into pricing for meat and cheese platters. The platters can cost around \$10. Kathy is happy to get it together. We want to offer treats for the morning shift and the afternoon shift. Lisa will make a big sign. We can include shirts out of the closet. We have a lot of T-shirts. Marria will bring them to Dane's office and instruct the custodians to pick out a shirt.

Track Shirts for the Divisional Meet. Marria could press shirts to order or she could screen them ahead of time. If there is power and cover, Marria could set up the press. There is power in the garage at the entrance to Dornblaser. Dane can get them in the garage. The track divisional is a big event. Each team has about 100 athletes. May 17-19. Noon to 5:30 on Friday and 10 to 3 on Saturday. Seven teams come. (Sindie committed to work Friday and Saturday, if available).

Graduation Honor Cords - Traditionally, the Booster Club has paid for honor cords (approximately \$350). No one in attendance objected to continuing paying for this.

Essay Contest - Kim wants to send an email blast to every Sentinel family. Dane is willing to do this. Kim will write up a blurb to send out. The essay contest needs to be wrapped up in early May. We ran it last year for a couple of weeks. There were only two entries. Only students whose parents are members of the Booster Club are eligible to apply. Last year, some parents joined the Booster club late in the year so their students could apply. Everyone on the board agreed this is not a problem.

Open Board Positions - Vice President, Treasurer, Co-Closet and Secretary

Bylaws indicate there are no term limits.

Board Officers:

- Lisa will serve as Closet Coordinator
- Kim will serve as President
- Sindie will serve as Secretary

Board positions open:

- Vice President - still needed. Carlett Hogan is interesting in taking on the VP job
- Treasurer - Amy Dupras has committed to serving this role
- Co-closet - still needed

Monique Tahbo might take on a role.

Julissa might do 50/50 (we could get by without the position, if necessary)

Lisa reported that Sari Hettick and Molly Stockdale want to support the sports their kids are doing. Sari would be a good liaison.

Carlett asked some questions: What does the VP do? Kathy explained, as VP, she helped where she could. She was responsible for buttons. She helped with the closet and 50/50 sells. She helped Kim when needed. Kathy was focusing on the buttons and then we decided we were losing money. The VP could now focus on business membership. Focusing on membership is most needed over the summer and into the early fall. After September, the VP could help with closet shifts, 50/50 sells, etc. Closet and 50/50 sells phase out after the basketball season. Kim suggested starting to work this summer and into the fall, with hitting up businesses and increasing membership. We would want the board to generate good ideas to elicit business memberships. We need to physically invite businesses. Carlett is interested in serving this role. We could vote new officers in next meeting.

Next month, we can swear in new board. We could go to Paradise Falls and welcome in the new and send off the retiring board members. We need to celebrate Marria.

Booster Club T-shirts - Marria will make them. We want the Spartan logo on the front and Booster Club on the front and back.

Parent Representation for Each Sport - Instead of expecting representative to come to meetings regularly, we could spotlight an activity or sport each month. Representatives could attend one meeting before the sport/activity starts or after it ends. For those activities that occur throughout the year, the parent representative could come anytime during the year. A parent representative could serve as the sport/activity liaison throughout the school year but attend only one meeting. We need to extend personal invitations. Sindie recommended the Remind app as a way to “text” members.

One ideas was to not collect individual dues and focus on business dues.

Dane Oliver’s Report:

Track - Missoula won the Glacier meet and qualified several athletes for the state meet. There is a track meet tomorrow at the stadium.

Tennis - the team has not had a tournament yet due to weather. There is a tournament tomorrow.

Softball - the team played two games.

Next Meeting: May 14 at 6:30 in the Sentinel Library