

## **Sentinel Booster Club Meeting**

### **May 14, 2018**

**Attendees:** Kim Brown, Kathi Descharme, Amy Dupras, Marria Hegel, Carlett Hogan, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Sindie Kennedy and Liana Messer

**Guests:** Cassidy Brooks and Meredith Britt (Speech & Debate Coaches) and Erin Keffler (Volleyball Coach)

#### **Introduction of Guests:**

Erin Keffler - The Sentinel volleyball team has had a lot of success over the last few years. We graduated 11 seniors, which opens a lot of opportunity for upcoming athletes. We are losing a couple of freshman coaches. Coach Umbaugh is going to switch to coaching track. We already have interested applicants. We are back-to-back state champions; the year before that, Sentinel took second. Some players were injured, which gave other players a chance to play. Elsa Godwin had a deep bone bruise, so she sat out a lot this year. She was able to play at the state tournament. She is going on to play with the Griz. Nine athletes have signed to play collegiate sports and not just volleyball. There are so many good players in the program. It is great to have so many coming up. Thirty plus students signed up at the 8th grade showcase. They have two freshman teams that allow students to develop their game. The team-building and other activities help to build the team, so it is not just about volleyball. The volleyball program has fulfilled their closet responsibility. They will receive \$250.

Cassidy Brooks and Meredith Britt - Speech and Debate. The program runs from November to the middle of February. They had 70 students this year with only seven graduating. Sentinel has a student who will be going to the Legislative competition. One student is going to Yale and one is going to George Washington University. They had to cut some students because there was not enough space on the bus. They base their cuts on attendance, attitude, work ethic, etc. It is hard to tell how students will perform until they participate in a couple of meets. Sentinel is at an in-between stage. Other schools have enough students to form two teams (varsity and JV). Sentinel is not quite there. It is a growing program. They came in at 4th and 5th place throughout the season. Bozeman, Flathead and Glacier hang out at 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Sentinel took 5th place at state. Everyone earns team points. Big Sky won 4th place. There are some amazing freshmen and sophomores coming up. Five students qualified for the National Tournament in June in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The coaches from Big Sky and Hellgate are moving on and not going to nationals June 17 to 22. Sentinel will be taking on the Big Sky and Hellgate students. Students will participate in two days of competition and beyond that it depends on their performance. Sentinel is limited to 44 students. They took 38 students. They have been working hard on fundraising and have more fundraising events planned. They will be helping at the divisional track meet. They also have a community fundraiser at Five Guys on June 7. They have completed their closet and reporting requirements.

**Board Minutes:**

Liana moved to approve the minutes. Marria seconded. All were in favor.

**Custodian Appreciation Day:**

The custodians were excited. They appreciated the sign on the door. They appreciated the food and donuts.

Kim thought we should try to do something to acknowledge the administrative staff in the front office. Sindie suggested doing something for Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day next year (late April). We could do a coffee gift card (e.g., Drum Coffee) for this year.

We have been offered to take over the coffee cart in Sentinel. We could potentially purchase the coffee cart.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Liana suggested doing a fundraiser once per month. With the HuHot Fundraiser, Lisa applied weeks ago. She did not hear anything until the day before. She advertised on Facebook and asked for a morning announcement. HuHot gave us 20% of their sales for that day. We earned over \$700. The Five Guys fundraiser earned approximately \$500.

Liana shared a budget - we have about \$12,000 available.

The board reviewed the status of the programs in terms of fulfilling their responsibilities. The Girls Basketball coach has not attended a Booster Club meeting. Cheerleading did not work the closet. FIT did not work the closet and cannot do it this weekend. Golf has not worked a closet. Lisa worked two shifts for Orchestra. The Boys Soccer coach did not attend a Booster Club meeting. Track will be covered after the divisional meet.

The Softball team will receive money for the state tournament. We are waiting on numbers of participants.

Kim explained how this process works. We pay \$250 when a parent works two closet shifts and the coach or program coordinator comes to an SBC meeting. We also give the teams \$5 per student traveling to state tournaments.

Liana explained some of the recent revenue and expenses:

- Meadow Hill paid \$300
- Received a late membership fee from a freshman family
- HuHot paid \$700+
- Payment for honor cords
- Kathi has some receipts to submit for reimbursement

- The helium tank is full so will only have the rental fee

Anticipated expenses: Payout for Volleyball, Speech & Debate and Orchestra, plus the students going to state. We will have about \$2,400 going out. Norco is \$30 per month (rental fee for helium tank). Closet supplies for getting ready for the next year will cost around \$5,000. This will result in approximately \$3,500 in the account.

The account was down by \$1,750 in business expenses this year. Membership was the highest last year. Sales in August/September can be around \$6,000.

We could have income around \$13,000 at the beginning of the year.

Sindie asked why we are paying for the helium tank. Various activities in the school use it. We thought we should put a sign on the tank, so people know it is paid for by the booster club.

Marria will help Lisa with the closet.

### **Booster Closet:**

*Middle School Donations:* Marria prepared spirit gear for Meadow Hill's and C.S. Porter's promotions. Meadow Hill paid \$300 for their items; C.S. Porter cannot afford to pay for their items. Marria thinks the Board should write a letter to C.S. Porter and let them know we cannot give away items when Meadow Hill pays.

*Divisional Track Meet:* Marris will make shirts for the Booster Club board. Universal will be providing t-shirts. They are not good quality t-shirts. Marria will order the transfers. Universal will take back the shirts we do not sell. There will 250 transfers and around 600 shirts. Universal will give us an invoice with a 15-day net. We can take credit card payments. Kim will draft an email for Dane to send to the other participating teams, letting them know about the t-shirt sell. The below pricing will be included in the email. The garage is under the bleachers.

Shirts for selling shirts

Friday Shift: 2 -7 (Marria, Carlett, Kathi and Lisa)

Saturday 10:30 to 3:00 (Sindie, Kathi, Liana, Kim) - Carlett can teach the Saturday crew how to use the press. Everyone needs to be there by 10AM.

T-shirts - \$15

Long-sleeve - \$20

Crew - \$25

Sweatshirt - \$30

### **Old and New Business:**

*Booster Club Scholarship:* Kim kicked off the Sentinel Spartan Scholarship today. This will be our third year offering the scholarship. The first two years we had two entries per year. This year, we will put up some signs, will use the Facebook page and the website. Jan, Andrea and Paula will review applications and decide on two recipients.

*Griz Stadium Football Game:* September 14 is the first football game. (The first Booster Club meeting is September 10.)

The football banquet is held after the first scrimmage (before school starts). It is the biggest sale night for SBC. The parent sports meeting is held before the scrimmage. Carlett will keep in touch with Misty, who is taking over for football parents. The football team has two games before school starts.

*BCC election:* Kim will stay on as president. Sindie will stay on as secretary. Lisa will stay on and run the closet.

- Carlett has agreed to come on as Vice President
- Monique Tahbo has agreed to come on as co-closet coordinator
- Amy Dupras agreed to come on as treasurer

The Booster Club has existed since 1972. Liana uses Google sheets and does all of the bookkeeping in QuickBooks. Liana will export her QuickBooks records into Excel.

The SBC will meet during the summer and will meet in early August. The board needs to work on increasing business memberships.

Each board member needs to come up with 5 to 10 businesses to recruit as business members. Carlett will spearhead this.

The Booster Club board is busiest during football season. Activity will ramp up again during the holidays. Then it fades off. The SBC works the closet during the football season.

Treasurer position role: Check the mailbox every week and make weekly deposits. It will be busy during the fall for the treasurer. She will need to enter email addresses into the database and process membership forms.

Liana moved to approve all board nominees. Marria seconded. All approved.

Kim will schedule a meeting for next month.

*Coffee Cart:* Parents have worked the cart in the past. We want to know where the cart will be and if there is support from the administration to continue the operation.

**Mr. Oliver's Report via Conference Call:**

*Coffee Cart Discussion (continued):* Ms. Dunneman is interested in buying the cart. She looked at it as an opportunity for fundraising. We could consider a co-ownership. Dane does not have details. It is a non-profit. The money goes back to the school. Dane heard it is sold for \$4,000. The workers are parent volunteers. The only expense is the cost of running the cart. Dane feels it is profitable. The board asked if there is a list of costs and revenue. Dane has not approached Ms. Dunneman about the cart. He wanted to get the board's thoughts first before approaching her. It could be as big as the booster closet. Someone would have to coordinate the cart. It is late in the game. He could talk with Ms. Dunneman. He thinks the cart will stay where it is. Dane has not approached a student group. Can students work the cart? Dane did not know. The parents are still going to volunteer and run it. It is a big job. The workers are there. The Booster Club would manage the cart. Lisa suggested we could take on the cart but did not feel like we should co-own the cart because we would end up doing all of the work. Kim felt we need more information. Lisa is a parent volunteer at the cart and will ask one of the owners, Jamie, for further information.

Dane will send an email to the other ADs that will be participating in the divisional track meet.

Dane confirmed SBC members can wear Sentinel t-shirts at the divisional track meet.

Football parent night: Tuesday, August 7.

Purple Gold Spartan Scrimmage is August 17.

The football team plays at home the next Friday night.

We can mail Booster Club Membership Forms in the summer mailing again.

Liana will grab Drum Coffee coffee cards for the administrative assistants.

*Meeting adjourned.*

*Next meeting: September 10, 2018*