

**Sentinel Booster Club
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018**

Attendees: Kim Brown, Andy Commons, Amy Dupras, Carlett Hogan, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Sindie Kennedy, Dane Oliver and Carla Woehler

Guests: Molly Stockdale (Robotics), Karen Deden (Girls' Basketball), Ron Beck (Wrestling)

Meeting Minutes: Kim motioned to approve the minutes. Lisa seconded. All approved.

Welcome Special Guests:

Molly Stockdale - Robotics

The robotics team is raising funds for the competition in Calgary, Alberta, April 3 -7, 2019. They are making metal art (e.g., Welcome signs, key hooks, etc.) to sale at craft fairs to raise the needed funds. There is a business team that prepares a business plan. They use the plasma tool and welder in the metal shop to create their metal art. The exposure to these tools is helping them develop their skills. They are in the shop as long as they can be in there. They did a We Fund for You campaign. Right now, they have a sponsorship from ATG. They try to raise \$30,000 every year. They get \$11,000 from the district. The students raise the rest. They get funding from the other schools. The Big Sky coffee cart has helped with funding. Hellgate's Knights of the Round Table Booster Club has helped. The Sentinel Booster Club could put information on their Facebook page. The Robotics Club has a Facebook page. The students made \$1,000 at the MADE Fair craft fair.

The competition theme in Calgary this year is space. The team will get their assignment on January 5 to build a mechanical robot. They have a short window (six weeks) to build their robots. This is not the same thing as Lego League. Once built, they wrap the robot in plastic and wait for the competition. They can continue to work on the programming, but they cannot work on the robot. They may have to make changes on the fly. Every team across the country has the same amount of time to complete their robot. They are in build season right now.

Last year they did extremely well at the competition. They were one match away from going to the national competition. Each team comes to the competition with the robots they designed and built. They are joined by two other teams and they decide the strengths of the robots. They have to accomplish as many tasks as possible within the time limit. Sentinel's one robot did extremely well and kept getting picked to collaborate with other teams. They won the Spirit Award.

There are approximately 30 students. Thirty-four students went to Calgary last year. The fall is difficult, because some students have other activities. There is a core of 18 to 22 student that show up every Monday. This is a team from all high schools, but they work in the Sentinel shop. The head mentor is Nathan Bronec. He is a graduate of Hellgate and now mentors the team, with his dad.

They work with an engineer. Fred Tye, who is a physician, also mentors the students. Molly is the fundraising mentor.

Karen Deden – Girls' Basketball

The team is doing well. The athletes in the program are very young. There are only two seniors and five juniors on the team. The majority of the team is made up of sophomores. Last year's team had a lot of seniors. There is a lot of energy with the team this year. There are some up and coming Freshman who are spark plugs off their bench. There is some immaturity; they have some learning to do. Coach Deden is hoping Shelby will get back. She is recovering from surgery from volleyball. We will have the closet open this Friday. She has 32 players - four teams. She is excited about the season. The state tournament is the first week of March in Butte. Divisionals is the week before. There is a cross-town game on January 19. Jammin' for the Goat is on this day. The boys and girls are playing this day at Sentinel. They are playing Great Falls on Friday.

Coach Deden explained she has about 25 parents who could be involved. The Booster Club needs two parents to work two shifts at the closet. It can be anytime. The schedule is on the Booster Club website. Parent representatives also need to come to the Booster Club meetings. Ideally, each group would have parent representation at the monthly meetings. The girls' basketball trophy case needs to be updated. They can put their poster in there when it is printed. Coach Deden stated there is some interest from parents. She is using a Remind app and will send Booster Club information to all parents.

Ron Beck - Wrestling

The wrestling team is made up of a mix of experienced and novice wrestlers. The varsity team includes five experienced wrestlers. The other seven are new to varsity. There are 42 to 45 athletes on the team, which is a bit more than average. It is typical to have over 30 wrestlers on the team. They recently traveled to Butte for a dual tournament where the team was 3 and 2. The varsity team travels to Coeur d'Alene for a tournament. The JV team travels to Corvallis for a tournament. They travel every other week. They have three stipends that split four ways. Two adults travel with the young wrestlers and Jeremy and Ron travel with the varsity team. The wrestlers spend most of their time in tournaments or matches - every weekend. The invitational tournament is at Sentinel during the second week of January. The Booster Club should sell merchandise at that event. There is no other captive event with a packed gym. People are there all day. During the finals, it is the best time to sell 50/50 tickets. The parents have to host the hospitality room. They have to feed coaches. The gate makes money - it goes to the athletics department. They get sponsorships for weigh ins. JV matches for this sport are not part of the competition. Wrestlers are matched based on ability and weight. The varsity competition is a dual meet competition. The Booster Club has not opened the closet for wrestling matches. The board members wondered if it would be a good strategy. Marria never opened the closet for these matches. This could be an opportunity for wrestling parents to get in their closet shifts.

Treasurer's Report – Amy Dupras:

Amy added Buzz Points and Amazon Smile to the financial report. Amazon-Smile checks are received quarterly. Amy did not originally budget in anything for Amazon Smiles. Spirit sales for this month are from the craft fair. The report just includes November sales. Amy feels there is sufficient funding to support purchasing trophy cases for the activities. We could purchase a total of five cases. There was a suggestion to purchase three this year and two next year. Amy feels we should just get all of the cases since Mr. Fuller is leaving after this year. Amy suggested having the construction crew add the cases. Molly asked if the cases should be in the science wing. Amy suggested the cases be in the school foyer at the entry. This would be important for robotics. They are going to lose a lot with construction. The kids would feel great getting represented. Cheerleading and Dance can letter. They all deserve the recognition. The amount is \$300 per case. We need final approval from Mr. Fuller. Then, we can vote on moving forward. Lisa wondered how much it would cost to get bigger cases. Kim will look at financial records for the big trophy cases purchased for athletics. Amy looked at Amazon to find cases. We would like to find out if Dane's contact could get us some cases. We will hold off voting until we have more information.

Booster Closet – Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson:

The closet calendar schedule is available on the Booster Club website for boys' and girls' basketball. There were no extra-curricular events to add. This Friday night, the closet will be open for girls' basketball. This could be our December closet opening. We will be offering basketball shirts. They will be on the website. Lisa has been working with Lisa Anderson who is the student government advisor. The students are determining the themes for the games. They are supposed to let Lisa know if they have themes. Lisa can give them theme-related merchandise. We did make \$400 at the craft fair.

Winter Sports Report – All:

Swimming - The girls are good. Hellgate has been doing good. Sentinel is great.

Girls' Basketball – see above.

Boys' Basketball – no report this month.

Wrestling – see above.

Year-round Activity Report – All:

Band - There was a concert last week. They are fundraising like crazy for their trip to Carnegie Hall in March.

Cheerleading – no report this month.

Choir – no report this month.

Computer Science - Molly wants to represent both Computer Science and Robotics. Dan Landy is the faculty advisor for Computer Science. The students review a map of a network and figure out where there is vulnerability. They compete nationally. It is all done online.

Orchestra - There is a concert at Hellgate on Monday because of the construction at Sentinel.

Dance – no report this month.

Drama - Andy saw It's a Wonderful Life. Amy and Andy thought it was great. It was hard to hear. They out-sold Sentinel's capacity. The district needs to address the performing arts space. There is not enough space.

Robotics – see above.

Speech & Debate - Sentinel took 4th place at the recent match. There were more schools participating than usual. To place 4th was great. A lot of kids advanced to the semi-finals.

New and Ongoing Business:

Fundraiser: Five on Black will offer a fundraising night December 11 from 3 to 8 PM at both locations. Patrons have to tell the cashier they are there for the Booster Club fundraiser.

Trophy Cases – need to be updated by each sport. Parent representatives are needed.

Crosstown Basketball Sentinel vs. Hellgate Spirit Game – January 19

Theme this year: Jammin' for the Goat. Molly and Sindie will sell 50/50 tickets. This will be the first annual cross-town Spirit War competition between Sentinel and Hellgate. The trophy is a golden goat. This is a student run event. The Booster Club will make t-shirts. Students have to stay for the entire game. A Sentinel student is doing the artwork for the t-shirt. Lisa has to figure out how to do the t-shirts. The Hellgate Booster Club gets the presses. They want the t-shirts by January 7. The group has been meeting often. They are meeting again December 20.

Business Sponsor Banner - The business sponsorship banner is being printed. It will be displayed above the Booster Club closet.

Vote for new trophy cases purchase – tabled until next month.

Activities supported by SBC:

- Band/Orchestra
- Speech/Debate
- Cheerleading/Dance
- Choir/Drama
- Robotics

Amy will work with Beth to coordinate a meeting about the activity trophy cases. Each case is two sided. We could do an activity per side. Mr. Fuller asked if they are going to look like the existing trophy cases. The foyer is where it was suggested. It would be more co-curricular to include fine arts. We want it to look like the existing cases. Amy has been waiting for permission. Computer Science and Robotics could share a space. This will be part of the discussion. DECA is the other big club. We need to determine the criteria. We have to draw the line. Band, Orchestra, Choir. Does drama want to participate? Molly said the perception is that trophy cases are only for sports teams. Molly did not realize there is emphasis on academic programs. Sentinel DECA is the top in the entire state. DECA students compete nationally every year. If we add DECA and Computer Science trophy cases, all of the clubs will be covered. Dane did not know how we could have a dance/cheerleading trophy case; there is not any competition. It was explained that the cases are more for recognition. They may not include trophies. The board wants to focus on inclusivity. Dane offered to connect the board to his connection who helped with the existing trophy cases.

Dane Oliver's Report

Dane recommended doing a raffle at the Rocky Mountain Classic Wrestling Tournament in January at Sentinel. There is a big following. The finals include the top two wrestlers from each weight class. Thirty-two schools participate. There could be 300 people in attendance.

Winter sports are going well.

Speech and Debate participants are performing well. Sentinel is competing with the three top schools: Bozeman, Flathead, Glacier. Sentinel is the top in the second tier. We are maximizing our potential. Cade Kettle did very well. Andy's daughter was in the finals and came in 7th. They are in Helena this weekend.

Lisa asked if we could sell food at the wrestling tournament. Dane suggested a raffle. We do not want to compete with the concessions (band will have concessions this year).

Dane asked for a reminder email to ask parents to take on updating the trophy case. We should identify the cases that need to be updated and let Dane know.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2019, 6:30 PM in the Sentinel Library