

## **Sentinel Booster Club Meeting**

### **February 12, 2019**

**Attendees:** Gina Blahnik-Elliott, Kim Brown, Amy Dupras, Carlett Hogan, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Sindie Kennedy, Julie McLennen and Dane Oliver

**December Minutes** - Amy made a motion to approve the minutes, to incorporate corrections made by Lisa. Gina seconded the motion. All were in favor. So moved, with corrections.

**Guests:** Helen Houlihan, Morgan Zimmer (Swimming) and Katie Cassidy (Drama)

#### **Swimming - Helen Houlihan and Morgan Zimmer**

Overall, there are 39 swimmers on the Sentinel team: 24 boys; 15 girls. This is the most boys the team has had in ten years. The boys had a great season. They were typically in the top three at every meet. They ended the season at 7th place at state. There were enough boys to hold relays. In the past, there were not enough boys to do relays. The girls placed third for the second year in a row.

Because they had higher numbers, the relays outperformed anyone's expectations. Every single swimmer, hands-down, performed better than anticipated. Morgan has seen a lot of growth. The whole team was sick the whole year. They still outperformed the coaches' expectations. Most of the swimmer, 95% had their personal best swim at the state swim meet. This speaks to how they took to training and followed through. The team will lose 13 seniors this year. Out of the swimmers that scored at the state swim meet, the team is only losing about five. There will still be a lot of strong swimmers to carry on. There should be a good group of freshmen coming in. The freshmen and sophomore who joined the team this year are interested in continuing with swimming. The retention comes from those who are in swim club. A lot of swimmers find out how hard swimming is with early and late-night practices. And it is during the winter, including the holidays. The holidays can interrupt their participation in meets. Missing a week in swimming is huge. They had a great crew of JV swimmers this year. Half of the JV team got to go to the state swim meet. It was in Bozeman last weekend. There are five schools that practice together and compete separately. Eighty swimmers went to Bozeman from Missoula County Public Schools.

The swim parents have closet shifts to cover. Helen sent notifications to parents, but has not heard back. She will follow-up. Dane asked if any records were broke. Helen was not sure. He reminded Helen that those records will go in the trophy case. The trophy case looks good; the record board just needs to be updated. Helen is retiring. This is her last year.

#### **Drama - Katie Cassidy**

It has been a crazy year for the drama department. They started the year with the theater being under construction. They put on a show, It's a Wonderful Life. The students rehearsed at Sentinel and performed the play at Hellgate. That was challenging. In Katie's tenure, this show was the most

well-attended. They had a huge, receptive audiences. It was also the largest cast, with about 30 students on stage. During the first weekend in February, the drama team went to the state theater festival at the University of Montana. There were workshops. They performed a play. They received good feedback from the adjudicators. Stephanie Clement received a scholarship to the university for drama. The drama club participated in spring auditions for the spring musical, How to Succeed in Business without even Trying. It will be performed in the Sentinel theater in May. The theater has new curtains and a new lighting system. The club performs a musical every other year. It is co-directed with Jessica Franks, the choir teacher. The students have been great in rolling with any roadblock that comes along. Katie has some students who swim and participate in drama. Katie has been here for 13 years. The participation in drama comes in waves.

It was suggested that the Booster Club share information on the SBC webpage. Press releases are issued but do not always get picked up by local media.

Drama does not have a state competition. Drama will receive \$250 for their program.

### **Treasurer's Report - Amy Dupras**

Amy provided a report that covered the past two months.

The Golden Goat activity resulted in good sales.

Buzz Points income was good.

Amy has not seen any money from Amazon Smile. Those funds likely come quarterly.

Amy forgot to update checking, but it is slightly higher than the report indicates.

### **Booster Club Closet:**

Sindie explained that opening the closet during the incoming freshman meeting allowed for great exposure for the Booster Club. Several parents inquired about Booster Club and asked how they could get involved. Sindie did not feel the sales were that great, but we did sell \$245 worth of merchandise.

Gina worked the closet and had some sales. She was wondering if she needed to keep track of items sold. Lisa indicated we have not been doing that. Gina heard from parents that they wanted band window decals.

Kim shared her list of payouts done so far: Band, football, robotics, orchestra, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, x-country, plus drama.

Kim had an idea for getting more parent involvement. Could we give parents a discount to motivate them to work a shift? A decision was not made as to whether to do this.

March 4 - Spring Sports Parent Meeting. The closet could be opened. Softball parents could work two closet shifts. Sindie asked about tennis. Dane indicated a tennis coach was hired this week. Sindie asked if the coach could come to a booster club meeting. Dane offered to extend an invitation. Lacrosse is not a sanctioned sport so we cannot include them. Track has the city meet Thursday, May 12. This will not be as good as the divisional meet last year. Sentinel is hosting the city meet this year.

Next year is divisional basketball. Dane anticipates Sentinel will host for boys and girls. Dane would like to host it at Sentinel, but it might end up at Big Sky.

There are a couple of closet shifts left for basketball. Gina committed to working a shift.

### **Sports Updates:**

***Girls/Boys Basketball*** - Boys are in second place. They have only lost to Hellgate. Girls are struggling a bit this year. They have been dominant for the past few years. Hellgate has some freshman this year that are pretty good.

***Wrestling*** - the team did not wrestle very well last weekend. There were about 18 wrestlers that went to state from Sentinel.

Winter sports is wrapping up. If the girls do not play better, they will not go to state. The boys still have to get through divisionals in March in Kalispell. The state tournament is in Butte. Pep band will travel with the basketball team this year.

***Dance*** - they are waiting to see if they will go to the state basketball tournament. They are ready to go if needed.

### **Year-round Activities:**

***Band*** - the students are preparing for the AA performance in Bozeman. Wind Ensemble is playing at Carnegie over spring break. Sindie shared that the Sentinel Jazz Band performed at the annual jazz concert at Hellgate High School. Performances were given by Sentinel, Hellgate, Big Sky, Washington Middle School and All-city Jazz bands.

***Speech and Debate*** – The team went to state and did very well. Members of the team qualified for the National Forensic League; it is not a sanctioned event. They qualified 8 to nationals. It is a lot more work for Cassidy and Meredith. Speech and Debate has blown up. We have great coaches here.

### **Battle for the Golden Goat Event**

All of the Golden Goat shirts were sold. We bought 100. The winning team receives the goat trophy. It was amazing. Hellgate won the competition across the board, except for dance. Dance did very well. The pep band was very good. That was a tough week. It was lock down week. Lisa Anderson felt doing Spirit Week that week did not work. The students were not into it during the week leading up to the event. Next year, they will just focus on the event (instead of also incorporating Spirit Week). Amy stated the event was very well attended. Gina reported there were some boys that were misbehaving. Dane reported the bleachers were broken.

The Booster Club made \$173 in 50/50 sales at the Golden Goat event and \$110 at the wrestling tournament. Next year, the plan is to hold the Battle of the Golden Goat at the Adam's Center. Sentinel hosted it this year. Hellgate will host next year. When events are at the Adam's Center, the district pays for it and we lose concession sales. We will still make money at the gate. Sentinel will split the expenses with Hellgate. We could split the 50/50 profits with Hellgate. Lisa gave some raffle prizes from the closet. Next year, we can try to do something bigger. Carlett said if we go to Costco six weeks before, we could get a donation. Kim suggested getting a business sponsor to sponsor the event next year.

The business banner has been hung of the Booster Club Closet door.

### **Five on Black Fundraiser:**

It was not huge: \$116.75. Last year we did not do any 50/50s and did only one restaurant fundraiser. Andrea Schlueter announces the fundraisers during morning announcements. We are also using the Remind app. It was suggested to ask Missy to share these events on the Touchdown Club Page, since the football families are good at supporting Booster Club. The next restaurant fundraiser is at Mod Pizza.

### **Trophy Case Follow-up:**

We need parent volunteers. We need to let Dane know which cases need to be updated. Dane needs direction. Carlett said the track trophy case will get done. The softball case no longer has a lock. Dane is meeting with Mr. Fuller and the architect to discuss the new trophy cases. He does not have the design yet. He needs to figure out where to put them. It might be in the new common area. Lisa asked if the Booster Club could have the old track trophy case and if we could get more of those cases for the other activities.

### **Graduation Gowns:**

A parent asked if we were interested in having graduation gowns donated to us (to re-sell). Graduation is coming up. Sindie suggested we offer this opportunity to the FIT coordinator. The gowns could become part of the clothing closet. Everyone thought this was a good direction. Kim asked about the honor cords. The office staff will give us a dollar amount and we will pay for it. There is a budget item for honor cords.

**Dane Oliver Update:**

MCPS will be getting a new superintendent and Sentinel will get a new principal. Applicants are being screened right now.

Next month we will talk about Booster Club scholarships.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2019, 6:30 PM