

**Sentinel Booster Club Meeting**  
**March 13, 2017**

Attendees: Anne Breum, Kim Brown, Jennifer Carlson, Rachel Danielson, Kathy Descharme, Deborah Gass, Sindie Kennedy, Liana Messer, Cathleen Warren and Carla Woehler.

Minutes: Kim motioned to pass the February minutes. Liana seconded. All were in favor.

**Rachel Danielson - Dance Team**

Dance is a year round activity except during spring season. They wrapped up their seasons at the state basketball tournament. The season went well. Practices are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. The performances are typically in the evenings. They perform with the band in the UM Homecoming Parade. They perform at assemblies and during half-time at football games. They performed for the Buddy Walk, an event to raise awareness about down syndrome. They performed during some UM half-time shows (Lady Griz basketball and volleyball games). They started with 19 girls but now have 16 due to some injuries.

Kim informed Rachel that the Booster Club can pay a stipend for going to state. They have their closet hours in. They qualify for the \$250 stipend for coming to the meeting and Deb has worked the closet. They will also get \$5 per student, in addition to the \$250. Liana can cut a check tonight.

Rachel shared an idea from Spokane, WA. They did something with their rival school called Rubber Chicken. It was basically a holiday at the school. They held it at the Spokane Arena. It was a basketball game - a spirit war between the two high schools. The goal was to get the rubber chicken. The team crowd that screamed the loudest received the chicken. Supposedly, decibels were measured to determine a winner. The loudest side received the rubber chicken. Her roommate went to a different school that did another similar event. It is a fundraising opportunity. They make money for the attendance - \$7 per individual. The crowd was around 7,000. The cheerleaders and the dance team did a rival routine on each side. Participants include students, parents and alumni. Kim asked how it compares to the cross town games we have. The turnout in Missoula does not compare to the turnout in Spokane. The Spokane event attracts a lot of participation from alumni because they have done the Rubber Chicken event for so long. They tie it into their spirit week. They had a spirit week for homecoming and for Rubber Chicken. Dane recommended Student Government would be the place to start. Dane thinks it is a great idea. Student Government could get something going. Rachel will talk with Lisa Anderson and if support is needed from the Booster Club, they can let us know. Basketball doesn't do a spirit week.

**Jay Jagelski - Basketball**

The team finished in third place in their conference. They won their playoff game against Big Sky. They were able to have a good respectable showing at the State Tournament. They should have won, but it didn't work out. Some of the players were sick on Friday so they ended up losing. The program has been pretty good. JV started out at 11-0 and ended very well. The

Varsity team went to State. The sophomore team did well. The freshman team coming in is very talented.

The Booster Club will cover 14 boys and two managers for State. They fulfilled their Spirit Closet obligation. The basketball parents are very good at volunteering. Jay forwarded Booster Club emails on to parents.

#### Treasurer Report - Liana

Not a lot of changes. We made \$320 in button sales. The buttons are an expense. It costs \$175 for 500 buttons (including the covers). We have a lot of buttons that didn't sell. Unsold buttons are a loss in revenue. Closet sales have slowed down, which is normal. started to slow down. Marria sold a lot at the end last week because people want to get merchandise for the state tournament. We didn't sell much during the last few basketball games, but that is normal. Carla wondered if there is a benefit during the spring sports events. How about softball? They have a potluck in the cafeteria. They have set up the closet in the cafeteria. This is for the purple and gold softball scrimmage. This is a good time to sell blankets and bleacher seats. Carla reported when we hauled everything to the grizzly stadium, we did well. When we hauled out for the girls soccer, we did well. We could sell during the softball meeting.

Dane will reach out to the coach and find out when they will do it. If we could attach it to track, we could do more. Dane doesn't know where the track meets will be. The City Meet is late in the year. If there was a first home meet, that would be good, but we don't have one. Carla is happy to open the closet. Dane will reach out to Dustin and find out if there is a good time. We could put together a flier and email it home. Kim would like to put the store on the website. With Square, we could have a free shopping website. Dane is trying to think of a way to avoid having to haul merchandise around. Kim asked about 50/50 at track. The venue isn't right. We can do 50/50 at softball games. Softball buttons are popular. We should decide now on buttons. If we are going to sell them, Dustin can email the parents now. We are not able to get the buttons done until the end of the season.

Buttons - LifeTouch gives us the CD of pictures but we don't get the CD until the end of the season. If parents buy them from LifeTouch, they are getting them at the end of the season too. We bought the new machine a few years ago. It would be nice to continue to use it. Parents could take their own pictures during picture day. We could give the button maker to the activity and let the parents make the buttons and do fundraising. We would subtract our cost. If we still have the same problem with LifeTouch, this won't change anything. Kathy found that LifeTouch took multiple pictures of kids and she ended up printing all of them because she couldn't tell which photos were good or not. The timing is problematic. If it is done as an activity fundraiser, there will be some excitement at the local level. Dane thinks the coach will be responsible and it will go by the wayside. It would have to be a parent. We can't put one more thing on a coach. This is something we could do next year. We won't do it this year. Volleyball and softball has fewer athletes. Dane likes LifeTouch for fall sports. (Pictures are taken when there isn't any school.) Come winter, trying to coordinate during school is too hard. Anne's husband is a photographer. He might be willing to do the softball photos. Dane wants to keep LifeTouch for the fall.

Kathy said we should have enough supplies for spring sports. We just received buttons and the tops. Softball parents expect buttons. We want to do buttons for tennis too. We will skip doing buttons for track. Swimming doesn't use LifeTouch. They use a different photographer. They had 34 students try out today for softball. There will be 36 for tennis. We will put some pressure on LifeTouch to get the disc to us sooner.

#### Swimming - Jennifer Carlson

Hellgate boys and girls won again. The girls are doing well. Helen thinks the girls will be on the podium next year. We don't have as many boys coming in as freshman. Having one coach is an issue for a lot of the kids. Dane suggested going to the school board and ask for a change. There are a lot of swimmers for just one coach. Billings says they can only have 18 swimmers. Swimming is a no-cut sport. Sentinel had over 30 swimmers. Jennifer reported they had to participate in a fundraiser to pay for the coach. Other high schools in the state are saying Missoula swimmers are getting their coaching from their club coaches. They are not getting coached from the high school coach. Dane explained Hellgate manages the evaluation of the coach. They have the account and they schedule all of the buses. It was a good season.

#### Band - Carla Woehler

AA Band Festival was last year. Hellgate and Big Sky were combined. Sentinel and Kalispell were combined. The tour group is leaving for Annaheim next week. Tomorrow night is a concert. Jazz is having an event at the University of Montana. The Missoula bands did great at the state basketball tournament. Missoula never used to go to the state championship.

#### New Business - Kim Brown

Kim would like Booster Club board members to go and visit the feeder middle schools. Those are our incoming freshman. Kim would like to reach out to the principals and find out when they are having their next PTO meetings. She would like to take spirit gear and sell at the middle schools. Kim is looking for volunteers to go to at least one meeting. Kim will email everyone.

#### Custodian Appreciation Day

Kathy did breakfast last year. They did Wheat Montana breakfast burritos and Kathy bought fruit and juice and brought it in. It was very easy. Booster Club covered the cost. They do lunch too. We need to let the custodians know we are doing it. They tend to bring their own food so they need a heads up. Kim will email Tiffany to find out when Custodian Appreciate Day is.

#### Dane Oliver's Report

Dane has a design for the trophy case. Each activity will have a trophy case. Girls and boys would share track. He is trying to get a price from Roger, the person who designed the Hall of Fame at the Adam's Center. Dane hasn't been able to get a price yet. He has three different pots of money to use. There are some companies in town that make the cases. They look similar to the Griz cases. We will not be using any of the existing cases. It is easier to just start over. We are talking about the main entrance to the gym. We want to put display cases from the entrance to the new gym. We would have a Gatorade case that would change based on the

Gatorade Player of the Year. We want to update the trophy cases, the Hall of Fame and the Gatorade Player of the Year. We don't want to limit ourselves. We want to change it every year. The parents will be responsible for changing the cases each year and make it a contest. We will have the fall sports compete to win a Booster Club prize. We will talk about it at the Sports Meetings. Our goal is to have it done for the fall. The Booster Club would love to give some money to help support the costs.

A parent asked if we want more people at the meetings. We stressed we do want more people to come to the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34.