

PHS Athletic Booster Club
Meeting Minutes Agenda
Thursday, March 10, 2022 (7:00pm via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting was called to Order at 7:07 pm
- In attendance: Principal Mark Carothers, Athletic Director Regina Grubb, Lisa Griffith, Lori Forcey, Jennifer Brill, Danielle Anderson, Kim Penn, Dave Griffith, Alan Hobbs, Muddy, Jeff Oyer, Ron Sosna and Teacher Olsen

Purpose of Meeting — Purpose of the meeting is to conduct general business for Poolesville High School Athletic Department and Booster Members.

Approval of Minutes — Minutes from December 9, 2022 were approved as posted.

Introduction — Principal Carothers began the meeting by saying thank you and say he was excited for Spring sports. He talked about the trainers absence and MCPS's intended steps to — instead of contracting through companies as in the past — included position for school trainers in the next budget so that a trainer will become a position on staff in each school for next year. They would receive all the benefits of MCPS staff. Next step is to get the budget passed so it can be funded and move forward.

Athletic Director's Report — AD Regina Grubb shared Winter is a long season. Details on teams season ending included:

- Bocci was the Montgomery County runner up
- Wrestling - Sam Stempler was a regional champ and had his 100th win. Grubb represented us at state champ where we got 6th place.
- Swim and Dive Team was Regional camps. Maggie Rose -broke freestyle record and many other individual records were broken and personal best made. Two of our divers were in the State championship.
- Boys and Girls swim teams were both State finalist. Boys swim had won for 10 years in a row and this was their first time not coming in first. But all handled it well!
- Basketball Playoffs - Girls team made it to the 1st round and Boys team made it to the 2nd round — great atmosphere at Walkersville with many attendees and support for the boys who played with heart. Both teams learned so much this season.
- Indoor Track and Field had personal records for multiple runners this year. Anna Bodmer came in 1st in the 4200. PHS was on the podium for every round of awards!

- Cheer and Poms had a great seasons - they were at all Varsity and JV. PES is starting a Cheer Club this year.

GT cooked at a number of events and we are thankful for them. We had both PBA & PAA night with students lined up. PES night for staff vs parent game was packed and we had a line non-stop the whole game at concessions. They shaved the PES Assistant Principal's head. Earned more than any other year for the school fundraiser.

Spring season had 350 student athletes register which was one of highest to date. Teams are pretty much finalized. Weather is cooperating.

March 21 is our first game which is lacrosse.

On Uniform rotation - next year we have cheer, vball, wrestling and football - (which will cost \$26,000 total — \$15,000 is for football

It seems doable to change to every 3 years for uniform rotation — instead of our current every 4 years. Grubb will work with the Board on this and could rearrange a bit for some sports to make more even accessible.

We are working on getting new stencils for all the fields to add more pop in our sports areas and fields — such as a “falcon head” and new “P”

On Baseball and Softball — Mr. Snelson is working to replace baseball division and state flags on the baseball areas. Need to make a few changes and then will send out the designs. State champ division and region will be new with some colors that will pop. Also working on a sign for the back of the press box on the stadium. Installation is the challenge and working through. Bermuda grass has been installed on baseball field and will take some time to fill in. Tarp for baseball came in today. We are getting quotes for second system for batting cage for the softball team. Need to get some turf or gravel to fill in the ground areas. New Baseball and Softball Scoreboards are on order with a tentative April delivery, but that could be sooner. We will be challenged to get a truck in to install it in the back with current construction but Grubb and Mark will work together with construction to get space and a plan ahead of time to get it installed. Dave Griffith mentioned putting up wind screens and Gina said we can talk about it but we have to fix the fence first. Lori Forcey talked about ordering cups for the fence in a pattern for the back fields.

Grubb created a google sheet of items to fix by Grill Team (GT) — Alan Hobbs shared the list that included: Trash, Weeds, fence cups, repair fence near shed, dirt and sand to level, raise pitching area, paint foul poles, install netting, trash pick up, pressure wash bleachers, new flooring in press box, fence around softball, backstop screen, plug in equipment garage and hang tools, clean out concessions closet so can get in there. Old concessions stand - mcps needs to do more drywall, roof, gutters, added a few shelves for storage, cleaned out trash, new door, new sliding windows, and will add a cover that opens sideways. Need some chainsaws, trees overhanging, leaves and that all makes it hard to maintain. They are getting prices for companies to handle. GT will help and volunteer and just need some money from Boosters. GT will continue to help on the weekends and be consistent every couple of weeks to maintain.

Concessions stand - Alan Hobbs was able to get Pepsi Co to bring 2 new coolers now and will bring up to 3 additional later in the spring.

Gina took pictures of the tracks and MCPS walked it with her to show areas that need to be patched where grass is growing in lane 1. For past 2 years, we have been trying to get repairs and now there are spots down to the cement. MCPS said to patch it and Grubb said who is liable if someone gets hurt? Grubb shared that we have not had an outside building service person since last February. Mark Carothers stated we have had rovers and now have a new Building Manager named Parvity and Miguel Lazo who is night manager who are doing great and they anticipate it looking much better.

On irrigation — Grubb said the main shut off valve is at the hill and had to get a student to turn it off and then MCPS showed us that we have a tool (in the boiler room) to get into that space.

New Business - Grubb stated that MCPS is coming up with “camps” (Skill based clinics) — which are all voluntary — for students to participate in during the summer. For ex — Football can participate at any with a group and coach could work for 12 days. Teams can coordinate to do something more at a park such as conditioning that is not MCPS sponsored, but schools and boosters cannot hire trainers to do anything at the school. In the past - Field hockey had conditioning, Basketball had conditioning. We may do combination clinics such as a upper and lower county jv girls lax but to low participation overall for some sports.

Treasurer’s Report — Jen Brill shared we are doing great financially.

We got a new scoreboard! We have given \$75,000 to support PHS Athletics to Grubb so far — with plans to be spent. More is now being allocated to areas for grounds and field improvement plans. Year-to-date, we have total income of \$121,547 in income and with expenses of \$134,127 mostly in Capital Improvements. We have money so let’s spend it to make the stadium look good if we want. (See Grubb explanation above on plans for fields and stadium.)

Our goal is to spend down that money to support the teams. In general overall, our spending has been in concessions, spirit wear and team support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising - Lisa Griffith

- Mulch sale is 3/18. Jeff Oyer share that we are a little behind this year. 2400 bags now (so need 2300 bags to make the same total). Mulch sale signs are out and Sunday message has gone out. We will send out another. Jeff sent list of those who have not ordered again. We will call this week to increase sales. We have deadline for orders of Monday 3/14. We are in the process of organizing the event and will deliver to local areas. This is our biggest fundraiser. We need a list for every truck to track a record of deliveries. We need to make sure there are tables, pizza (in 2 deliveries at 12 pm and 1 pm) and donuts and coffee for the morning. We are looking to have all athletes in all season from fall, winter and spring to load and deliver mulch. We need trucks, trailers

and volunteers. Students should arrive at 8 am and we should be done by noon. We can assign 8 SSL hours if students need.

- We will continue WeFund4U this Spring.
- Girls Basketball Team earned \$3497.00 for their Children's National Fundraiser with donations coming from community, Grill Team and t-shirt sales!

Spiritwear - Lori Forcey

- We did not do much for indoor, but are starting up more for Spring season and have ordered a couple things we ran out of that are being requested.
- We did \$5 shirts for Senior spirit nights in basketball. We would like to do one for Lax senior night, maybe baseball and softball combination if we can find sponsors. Or another idea is to do one for all Spring Seniors.

Concessions - Jen Brill

- Concessions schedule for Spring — baseball, softball and track — will be done by teams if they want to have it. Senior night for all the sports will have concessions.
- Indoor concessions are tentative for spring — maybe sodas and candy.
- The Grill Team is amazing and will continue to help us.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dave Griffith testified about lack of Athletic Trainers on behalf of Boosters. Eight schools do not have trainers currently. Wellness and Learning Assistant Superintendent recognized the new plan to have MCPS Athletic Trainer Staff positions does not address the current situation for this Spring. March is Athletic Trainer Appreciation Month (lol).
- Now Elrich needs to approve the budget with the MCPS trainers in it to have it viable for next year. Call to talk to his office to pressure them to pass budget as presented. Can also send an email. Or both. All 26 Principals signed a letter about the need for Athletic Trainers. They are following the same model they did this year with social workers and that has been successful. Boosters will send out information to call and email.
- Ronald Moore has helped at a trainer a few times at PHS because he is an EMT and MCPS employee that is a possible option. Will reach out to him.
- There are 2 open places on the Board for next year. Please let us know if you are interested. Everyone gets voted in on 6/7.

OPEN FORUM - Questions

- In the foyer of the gym there are trophies that baseball won Division camps in the spring of 2022. What other teams do it and how is it announced? By coaches and Boosters. Coaches should share with the teams.
- When will we know about Gym closure for next year? As soon as we know we will communicate it, but we should bet on not having the Gym next year. All games will be away.

Adjournment

Called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:34 pm

FUTURE MEETING DATES: 6/7 at 7 pm in the PHS Media Center