

PHS Athletic Booster Club
Meeting Minutes Agenda
Wednesday, June 7, 2023 (7:00 pm in the Media Center)

Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm
- In attendance: Principal Mark Carothers, Athletic Director Regina Grubb, Lisa Griffith, Lori Forcey, Jennifer Brill, Danielle Anderson, Kim Penn, Alan Hobbs, Karen Salovich, Dave Griffith, Kirsten Lewis, Andrea Johnson, George Penn and Mr. & Mrs. Stokes

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 March 8, 2023 were approved as posted.

Introduction — Principal Carothers began the meeting by saying thank you! He shared that next year we are transitioning to new parts of the building and we did not think we could have home events; however, this week we were informed that up until winter break we can have home games. They can also practice there. Gina has communicated with MCPS already. Wrestling and Bocci will be in the Aux Gym throughout the season.

Athletic Director's Report — AD Regina Grubb started out by thanking the Booster Club for coming together. After covid happened, we really got things going and made the Grill Team. We will miss Lisa Griffith (President) and Kim Penn (Secretary), but know they will be around to help and she really appreciates the whole Board!

We had a successful Spring season overall. The average GPA for athletes was 3.49 and 71% received the Minds in Motion with over a 3.25 GPA. Spring season had 350 student athletes register which was one of highest to date. This Spring, we went farther in many sports than we thought we would overall which was exciting! There were multiple people on both boys and girls on 1st and 2nd teams for the first time in a while.

Boys Lax went 10 - 2 this season and gave Oakdale a run for the money and left it all on the field. Orns receive multiple awards — Coach of the year in the county and one for USA Lax. He did announce he would be retiring this year. Girls Lax had a great season too. They lost in 1st round. Oakdale was a great team and they learned a lot too. Baseball - Baseball had a good season too. Last game was tough against Glenelg but they are building a great team for the future too! Baseball field is so much better than before — signs and scoreboard look great! Mr. Snelson replaced baseball division and

state flags on the baseball areas and got a tarp. Softball batting cages for softball were helpful. Track had a great season as well. Gina was able get to the last meet and said that was a neat set up at the final event. Boys Volleyball lost in end to Seneca Valley but had a great season and Coed Volleyball did well too. Tennis had a fantastic team and season — 4 of 5 players won there section. Girls ended up losing to state finalist. Mixed double were state finalist. Girls doubles and boys doubles were state finalist. Boys single won too!

Our PHS Signing Day for athletes continuing on to play at the next level was successful — we had 17 seniors signing which was one of the highest in many year.

Athletic Trainers have been approved in the budget for MCPS and they are moving forward with hiring. Twenty-four of twenty-five schools AT slots have been filled, including Poolesville. We will have new Media guidelines. This goes for parent photographers and would include parents at away events. They would need to get training and a pass to receive access to the facilities to take photos. At PHS, Gina will let in student photographers that we know.

We will already be registering soon for the upcoming Fall season — July 10th is registration for Fall sports. Physicals will now last for 13 months — this gives wiggle room and better for insurance. This is something we have been working on for a while. August 9th is first day of tryouts for Fall sports, but all tryouts have to at least start by August 12th. Baseline concussion testing is optional now and parents can reach out to Gina if they would like their athletes to receive it and students would take the test on their chromebook.

For the PHS football season, we will have 4 home games and 5 away games. The first home game is 9/14. 9/22 is Damascus HS and is a double header with JV and Varsity. 10/6 is our Homecoming game against Boonsboro HS. Jim Capacelli (sp?) would like to do the same thing this season and honor the flag for the last game.

Fields and Track Updates — We are installing Bermuda grass in the main field behind stadium with seeding and this is a 2-3 year process and will have to be cared for but worth it. Track resurface is happening now. Torn off all the rubber and now asphalt. Laying down 2" of asphalt and dunes for 14 days and then they lay down the rubber and paint lines. Redid jump pit and long jump with asphalt and made it longer. Met with head ATC guy and they started the next day. Getting this up to par with the rest of the new construction. On the topic of installing turf for our stadium, the PHS community tends to be anti-turf but that is not in our construction budget and it would have to be from noise in the community. We would need to have pressure from us. Could we get a small patch

New Fields and Scoreboards for Stadium Baseball and Softball — should have had sooner but we were just glad that we could get them. They were on hold in many places and we were able to get them. We actually got it right in the nick of time. They are coming back to fix a few spots of the Bermuda. She would like to expand it down the road to get all the fields to look the best they can for our athletes for games and practice. Fields will not get a break now with summer camps as well. We have Perkins Park and possibly Willard. May get the elementary school in case we need. But they all have to be walkable. JPMS is not an option because they have fall sports. All of these places have bathrooms.

We have a Turf Tank that we are using to paint lines — you program in the field dimensions and “the little guy” paints all the field lines and logos. Something new! It is a rental for a year. Well worth the cost based on cost of painting. Gina is going to training for this system. The town is repaving now and we have gotten some free millings and we are going to spread them behind the bleachers to put our stuff on. We will be doing that in the next couple of weeks. The pathway that leads to the stadium will not be accessible until July 5th so that way they can have a break before they start off season fields. Can still use gyms and weight rooms and specifics where to park and go.

Not all teams are going to have camps and they have to register on google forms and get permission to participate. The camps will not more than 12 days and only up to 3 hours a day. Right now we have programs going for volleyball and girls basketball and field hockey and soccer will be next. Baseball is doing a summer league so they will likely not have a camp. Final camp dates have not be set. Gina will send Rick the dates of the camps to post on the website and she wants to be sure people don't mix them up with the fall tryout dates.

For Registration, if you register a student..once you registered the information has only been going to the parent who registered. Gina said she gets a spreadsheet of the information put in, but there is a spot to put a second parent. Coaches are getting only one mainly. Band is the only MCPS approved app. But coaches should ask for parent emails to communicate if they want additional contacts.

Treasurer's Report — Jen Brill shared how we are doing great financially and posted a list of funds that we paid for directly. We started with \$153,000 and have been able to whittled the balance down to \$95,000. We have worked on larger projects. We spent \$43,000 on scoreboards directly which helped to get them. We raised less with We-Fund4U this year. We made more on concessions, but also spent more on food and beverages. Mulch sales made more but spent more on higher priced mulch. Fundraising totals have not kept up pace percentage-wise. We do have a good base, but we should still keep an eye on our totals. New ideas and new sponsors would be helpful. We have \$50,000 in reserve for the irrigation and sprinkler systems in case they break.

We spent some additional dollars on operations and maintenance - thanks to GT and community landscapers who organized weeding. We can now see the fence. We truly appreciate all this heavily discounted labor! Next year, we have committed to doing a 3-year cycle for uniform rotation and that will be additional cost. Will come in September with a plan of what to spend on based on the gap between what MCPS gives and what we need for our overall budget. This year, we continued to make a point of showing where money was getting spent. We have a great relationship with Mark and Gina and the coaches and will continue to work on that so they know where they can come to get needed materials. Year-to-date, we have total income of \$223,098 in income and with expenses of \$181,224 mostly in Capital Improvements. There are some who send in a corporate match program. Jen has not applied to any, but we could do some campaigns for targeted areas like turf in the stadium and a new entrance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising - Lisa Griffith

- Mulch sale was 3/18. Did slightly more bags than last time.
- We continued WeFund4U this Spring which did not do as well as in the past.

Spiritwear - Lori Forcey

- For Football we did \$5 tees. Everything sold out and we will be doing that again this upcoming Fall. We have 3 sponsors already signed up for our Fall tees. Students are looking at themes now and the tees to create them. She is meeting with Falcon's Nest kids soon to coordinate. We have ordered flannel pjs and reordered magnets, stickers and some sweatshirts.
- For Winter season, we did basketball senior shirts. For Spring season, we did clappers and cowbells instead on senior night. These were a huge hit and we need more of these!
- We put cups the fence that says "GO FALCONS"
- We did some spirit wear to help celebrates all that went to States.
- For next year, we would like to target specific parents on each team to help send in photos at away games so Boosters can post them. This will have to get parents more involved and us represent all teams. Gina can't be at all the events.
- Shout out to Shallon Hartke and Juliet Raines who are the ultimate tee shirt sales team with music and fun! Freshmen parent gave a shout out to Boosters for their on-line gear store.

Sponsorship -

- Anyone interested in working with the Singhs this fall on Sponsorships? We are trying to take advantage of the fact that we have students all over the county and reaching out to businesses outside of Poolesville.
- We are also looking for anyone to chair other committees - like membership and fundraising. If you are interested, please reach out!

Concessions - Jen Brill

- Concessions schedule for Spring — baseball, softball and track — were done by teams if they want to have it. Senior nights for all the sports will have concessions.
- The Grill Team is amazing and will continue to help us.

NEW BUSINESS

- Gina submitted names to MCPS to dedicate our new gym to Fred Swick and our new stadium to Howard Lyles. Once approved, she will be in touch with next steps.
- Gina is interested in a new stadium entrance and they have reached out to an architect for designs. We should have design ideas by end of June and go to MCPS at that point for approval.
- The Town of Poolesville will be repainting water tower with new falcon - 3 month process. Gina sent files to Jim Brown

ELECTIONS

- There are 2 open places on the Board for next year. Lisa Griffith (President) and Kim Penn (Secretary) will be stepping down. Alan Hobbs (2nd VP) and Karen Salovich (Secretary) were voted in to replace these 2 vacant seats.
- Lisa gave a summary of her 2 years and thanked the board and stated she was grateful to achieve many of our goals during that time — more transparency on athletic spending, getting Boosters back up and running again after covid and promoting all sports equally. She said that it had “been a blast and a great thing to be a part of” and gave a huge thank you to everyone!
- The Slate was presented with a motion to approve it and a second motion was raised. All were in favor and the new Board was voted in unanimously.

OPEN FORUM - Questions

- **Can we have the Senior Night early in the season so we can have it in the Poolesville Gym?** We can talk about that and maybe have it the first game for example.
- **What is the plan after that for basketball?** I believe that all our games would be at the opposing site. At each individual site we are playing.

- **Could we ask MCPS to have all the games prior to winter break be at home?** Will reach out immediately to ask that questions to Dr. Sullivan. Teams that we play twice in the season may work especially well.
- **Poolesville Day is 9/23**

Adjournment

Called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:20 pm

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Schedule for 2023-2024 will be decided over the summer and publicized.