

PHS Athletic Booster Club Meeting Minutes Agenda

Monday, June 10, 2024 (7:00 pm)

Virtual (Zoom)

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

Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
- In attendance: Danielle Anderson (President), Alan Hobbs (VP), Lori Forcey (VP), Karen Salovich (Secretary), Mark Carothers (Principal), Regina Grubb (Athletic Director), Ron Sosna, Kevin Kimball.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 06, 2024, meeting was approved as posted.

Elections: Motion was granted to elect Ron Sosna as the Second Vice President (to replace Lori Forcey); and Kevin Kimball as the Treasurer (to replace Jen Brill). Danielle Anderson will remain as President; Alan Hobbs will remain as First Vice President; and Karen Salovich will remain as Secretary. Lori Forcey will remain as a member-at-large and continue to maintain spirit wear and social media pages. Gina Grubb and Mark Carothers confirm that there was no further interest from others in joining the board. Motion for new board is approved.

Principal's Comments: Mark Carothers stated that it was a big year at PHS. We do not know who will be running the Falcons Nest Instagram next year and we need to start recruiting students for this. The link to Graduation video is up in the weekly email. PHS is a small school but with the highest rate of participation in athletics.

Construction over the summer: School and campus shutdown (no access for students) was originally planned for June 14th until return to school. Mark worked with Dustin Construction to narrow that window to just the month of July so students will have access for the last two weeks in June and all of August. No indoor space will be utilized. Gina reached out to coaches for alternative locations for summer practices and conditioning. Only three teams responded: Girls' Soccer, Football, and Cheer. Gina is working with the town to find alternative spaces for outdoor summer workouts. Football is permitted on campus (only outdoors) two days a week during July for practices (due to equipment needs). The school shutdown is because of two primary concerns: indoor asbestos abatement and construction zone trespassing by students is a safety hazard.

Athletic Director's Report: Gina Grubb (AD) reported that only three teams expressed interest in outdoor summer workouts since the building is closed for the summer. If others show interest she will work to find accommodation.

Spring season was terrific. Baseball was regional semifinalists. Multiple students had after season honors. Luke Pearre was awarded "Pitcher of the Year All County" and several athletes made First Team and Second Team honors, and we have players in the All-Star Game. Softball won their first playoff game but lost to a very good Damasus team. Kara Porch was awarded First Team All Division. Boys Lacross had a great season. The new coaches did very well. There were a lot of post season honors in our division. Girls Lacross had a great season. They won their first-round playoff game. Multiple First Team Division

honors and Second Team as well as honorable mentions. Tennis had a great season for both boys and girls. We had athletes place first in the County Championship and the Region Championship. We won the State Championship for Boys Single and Boys Doubles. We tied in points to win the Team State Championship, which is our third Team State Championship in a row. Boys' volleyball made it to the top 16 to compete in the County Championship. We had a few First Team All-county and honorable mentions. Co-ed Volleyball had a good season but did not make the playoffs. Track and Field had another great season with multiple athletes qualifying for the State Championship meet. Teagen was the County Champion for the Discus and placed 3rd in the State.

In the classroom, our student athletes had an overall 3.53 GPA – 73% over 3.25.

We had several new coaches hired. Remy Anderson was hired as the new coach for JV Cheerleading. Sarah Mullikin was hired as the Girls JV Soccer coach. Joseph Wiegner was hired as the Pickleball coach. The Pickleball pilot program has expanded to all 25 high schools. Pickleball will replace Handball (PHS did not have a team due to a lack of players). Pickleball is for Special Ed students, 504 students, IEP students and students who are not on another varsity sport. We are getting all the new equipment, and our matches will either be played at JMPS because they have Pickleball lines or in the gym, but it has not been confirmed yet. Season will not start until the beginning of school.

MCPS is implementing Varsity Girls Flag Football. The Baltimore Ravens are paying for all equipment, uniforms, officials, and coaching fees for the first year to get the program started. Gina hired Mike Neubeiser, a former Northwest High School Football coach and current PE teacher there. He has a daughter who is a Senior at PHS and a daughter attending JPMS. PHS had about 20 students participate in training drills at SVHS and there was a large turnout at the interest meeting. Flag Football is a pilot program so students will be permitted to participate in dual sports, so we don't lose participation in other sports. PHS has small numbers, so we don't want to lose players from other sports. We will see how the first season goes. There will be a contract for dual sport athletes. The student athletes will have a "primary sport" that they will register for and then email Gina to let her know of their interest in Flag Football and she will register the athlete herself. Gina, the coaches and the athletes will meet, review the contract and work to figure out practice times and logistics to see if this will work as it's not guaranteed. Administration gets the final approval. If there is a conflict between practice and a game of a primary sport, then the primary sport has precedence. Same if it's a game vs. a game, the athlete will attend the game of the primary sport.

Summer training engagement is voluntary for both players and coaches. Students must register for "All Sport Conditioning" through the MCPS portal and have an updated physical to participate.

Tryouts for the Fall season start on August 14th. Students can only practice 3 hours a day due to heat acclimation. Field space is going to be challenging with the addition of Flag Football and protecting the field to keep it in the best condition possible. Gina contacted PES to request field space and PES granted her request for hours after school. The earliest the students can arrive is 3:45 pm and the space may be used for Boys' Soccer, but not confirmed.

Gina is working on the 2024-25 budget. She is working with the coaches to collect wish items. Gina will finalize in the summer and begin to order after July 1. Gina and Mark are continuing to work on the stadium entrance project. They will be meeting with Dustin Construction. The naming of the gym and stadium is still in process.

The field irrigation needs immediate repair as there now is a leak in the brick building. There is a work order in for a new pipe. Currently, Gina is manually running the irrigation system as it needs to run to maintain the grass field. Gina and MCPS need to investigate how to move forward with either irrigation repair or a new turf field. Gina is working with Jeff Sullivan to decide the path forward.

Gina is talking to Growing Solutions regarding next year's contract. The back practice field by the baseball / softball fields needs work. They will determine what is the best scenario for grass in that area to use as practice space. This will be a 2-3 year project.

New dirt will be put in the infield for baseball and softball, and it will be maintained all summer. We are getting stone dust for the outfield of the baseball field and on the first and third base sides of both the baseball and softball outfields and around the fences in the outfields. This will protect the fences and prevent damage from mowing and provide easier maintenance.

Looking ahead at future projects for when the new gym is ready, Gina would like to replace the current banners with new banners. The Region and State Championship banners will be replaced to match correct pantone color, which is Vegas gold and not the current yellow we have. Championship banners will be individual, there will be a new Hall of Fame board, new Record Boards, etc. all in the proper PHS colors and properly displayed.

Treasurer's Report:

Jennifer Brill was unavailable due to travel. Danielle Anderson shared the 2023-2024 budget breakdown report:

- Concessions profit = \$19,035
- Spirit wear profit = \$343
- Fundraising = \$51,473
- Mulch sale: \$5,887

Next year's mulch sale fundraiser will need a new supplier since Colony was acquired.

Spring expenses include new Baseball, Softball and Welcome to Poolesville Banners. The Booster Club sponsored the Jake Perkins scholarship. We are looking into getting a CD to continue to support the scholarship account. We will meet with Gina in July to discuss needs and support for the Fall season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – Fall fundraising – Gina is looking into a new online donation platform. MCPS is working to secure a company to promote the donation platform with a higher profit margin. Membership fees will remain the same.

Spirit wear – Lori Forcey stated that we are looking for a new Falcons Nest account manager. They have not handed the reigns over yet. Mark will meet with the new student leader account holders. We need new sponsors for spirit wear T-shirts. We received a \$1,200 check from the spirit wear site. We received the Crock charms to sell this Fall. We are looking into new sweatshirt designs. Lori polled parents and kids and there is interest in long sleeve gold shirts and v neck gold shirts. Boosters plan to continue with the sponsor t-shirts but will have to raise the price of shirts due to rising supply costs.

Concessions – Alan Hobbs stated the Grill Team did the Senior Picnic and removed all the sponsor banners and they are stored in the brick building. The baseball and softball banners were removed and are in another shed. They purged all the expired food in the concessions building. Alan spoke with the

electrician about work that needs to be done in the concessions building and bathroom. Other needs are to change out plumbing that is not to code. The Concession stand needs to be cleaned and painted over the summer. Looking for volunteers. Concessions needs another freezer, should be commercial grade to meet code. We can move the white “residential” freezer to the brick building.

Sponsorship – Sponsors committed for 2024-2025 are Bupp Contracting, K-2 Café, Crossvines, Poolesville Tire and Auto. Meg Adams is going to take over for Beth Singh in running Sponsorship. We are looking at new areas for banners, possibly by the softball field and parking lot for more visibility. Some banners need replacement or repair. May need new vendor for printing banners. Alan Hobbs will explore new options.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Registration opens 7/15/24, Winter opens 10/14/24, Spring opens 1/27/25.
- Locker room space for teams and opponents. The current locker rooms and hall space will be used. Gina will need to find space for Football. Students can use their cars. Opponents will not have space due to construction. Gina will let them know. Officials will have space.
- Poolesville Day will be September 21, 2024. Boosters will have a booth to sell spirit wear and membership.
- Back to School night is August 29, 2024 (unconfirmed). Boosters will sell spirit wear and membership.
- Meet the Coaches. May have one large meeting with breakouts or small individual meetings. The auditorium will not be ready. Space is limited. Gina has not determined how this will be handled but would prefer to have the one large meeting with all teams.

OPEN FORUM -

- Gina stated that she plans to continue with Neptune radio station, another way to sponsor.
- Gina would like to bring back the brick fundraiser. The current brick area needs some repair.
- Booster Board to meet over the summer to discuss:
 - Bylaw Document Review
 - Brick fundraiser process
 - Student Concession Manager Job Description and Application

Adjournment

Called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:13 pm.