

PHS Athletic Booster Club
Meeting Minutes Agenda
Thursday, September 21, 2022 (6:00 pm in Media Center)

Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting was called to Order at 6:03 pm at Media Center
- In attendance: Principal Mark Carothers, Athletic Director Regina Grubb, Booster Board - Lisa Griffith, Lori Forcey, Jennifer Brill, Kim Penn, Jeff Oyer, Ian Gray, Mary Kovacs, Andrea Johnson, Kamilla Feys, Kate Brizhik, Ron Sosna, Alan Hobbs, Karen Howell, Amy Wang, J. Zeranski

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

Introduction — Principal Carothers began the meeting by saying thank you. There will be new rules for attending sporting events with a tiered system. We are in Tier 1 — away schools will have to have a parent or guardian, separate entrance for PHS students and no entry at half time. Message about new rules is on the website and all school message will go out. New Rules start tomorrow, 9/22/22, at PHS with JV football. Rules will be reassessed as season continues.

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

Athletic Director's Report — AD Regina Grubb shared PHS praised our athletes for how they have been working and acting on the team and sidelines — making the right choices. She heard from students about their feelings regarding football conflict between Northwest High School and Gaithersburg and talked about how their actions could impact PHS. She gave feedback on our expectations for behavior at PHS. 400 athletes registered for Fall tryouts which is the most since Gina started as AD!

With overflow on sports teams for tryouts, we could move students to other areas. For example, we have both a JV and V cheerleading squad for the first time in years. Girls Volleyball had over 60 tryout, Boys Soccer over 60 tryout, Cross Country over 100.

Stadium scoreboard was approved by MCPS and will hopefully be up before Spring. Baseball and Softball scoreboards are in the process of being approved. The old sign in the stadium is about 30+ years. Bermuda grass is going in the infield and has been approved for spring season. It will be smoother and more like turf.

We have new rules for attending sports events. Student entrance near the concessions stand for quick admittance and will check they are a PHS student. Away team will need 1 parent for every 3 kids. We will have theme nights for football. This week is a home game on 9/23 with MD theme and Falcon Pom and Cheer clinic, Little League running onto field. Next home football games are Homecoming and Senior night.

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

Our Board is trying to be more transparent and accountable this year. In the past, we did not have as much documentation. Our financial year runs July 1 - June 30. The Board worked with Gina last year to create a budget based on priorities and needs. This budget reflects the \$60,000 Boosters spent and who benefitted. We invested in items has year and with all spending were about \$3000 in hole last year. See slides.

We bring in \$70,000-75,000 and are trying to be good stewards with your money. Our continued goal is to support more sports teams more directly. Last year, we did this by supporting those teams who made it to events post-season and/or won championships. We are also working to get wants (not just needs) met.

We want families to see athletes directly benefitting. And as a result, we are flipping the script for next year and paying for team stuff more directly.

Grubb shared that Football is most expensive with security, etc. but also brings in the most money at the events too. This year, Boosters has spent \$30,000 in fall with items like new spirit wear, concessions stocking, and field maintenance. We have brought in about \$32,000 this year so far.

Direct Team Support for this year (see graph.) Stadium field maintenance is \$20,000 and can be up to \$30,000 with field lining so coaches are not doing it. Grubb will work with Coaches on wants and needs. Our fundraisers this year are WeFund4U, direct checks and mulch sale. Grubb is happy to do fundraisers for specific wants if teams choose, but she does not want to do all fundraising by teams. Grubb wants kids to help.

Reviewing spending — \$95,000 with receipts if approved and flexible with specific items in there, \$50,000 emergency reserve mostly for irrigation system. We would like to ask include turf with the renovation.

Capital Improvements (see slide)

\$30,000 for stadium scoreboard

\$15,000 for baseball and softball scoreboard

Boosters pays to PHS Athletics not directly to vendors and anything to Athletics is paid by Grubb. This is part of the auditing process with checks and balance and dealing donations and tax payer money. Everything is run through PHS Athletics so that the county can see what expenses are paid. Any vendor is supposed to be an MCPS vendor

There is no national entity for Boosters for bylaws. As always, future meetings will review what has been spent and remaining funds (leaving funds for emergency needs) and what some flexibility.

Jen Brill made a motion to approve the budget as presented.

Lori Forcey made a motion to approved the budget and Mary Kovacs seconded the motion. Budget was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising - Lisa Griffith

- Join Booster through Membership. Benefits us all. We are encouraging members to pick up their gear from their chosen membership level at our Booster table at home football games
- We will continue WeFund4U this Spring and direct donation from checks.

Spiritwear - Lori Forcey

- We will have new spirit wear - new tees and stickers. We reordered hoodies that were popular. We are continuing with our online spiritwear store at www.phsbooster.org and can have items ready for the holidays.
- For Fall, we are doing a bundle of themed t-shirts for home football games that are sponsored by community businesses.
- Suggestions for new spirit wear were a windbreaker but fuzzy inside with a zipper or like a cape. Teams have specific spirit wear also.

Concessions - Jen Brill

- Our goal is to serve all sports in the stadium. The Grill Team is amazing and will continue to help us. This year they have specialities and taking concessions whole new level. Jen Brill asked for a SAMs club volunteer to help with pick up.
- Two coolers are down and Pepsi is not recognizing their cooler to fix it so we have asked Marvin for help. We purchased a new full freezer, new grill and griddle.
- Boys soccer is not volunteering well
- Pulse article

Sponsorship - Beth Singh

- Poolesville community has been tapped and we are going to outside magnet communities which has not been that lucrative

- Asked for any help with contacts

NEW BUSINESS

- Teams are communication with Band App and Canvas
- Requesting any volunteers
- Advocacy to work on getting turf fields. On the MCPS athletics site it says it's goal is to have turf at all high schools. MCPS does try to work around schools need, either paying straight out or in partnership with other companies and MCPS contributes. Ed Reed offered to talk to fair access and some say they are focused on Wellness Center. J Zeranski stated that fair access is advocating for wellness center on campus
 - need separate voice and Fair Access should not be our voice

OPEN FORUM - Questions

- Kamilla Feys asked:
 - 1) Is MCPS paying for anything on athletic fields with new builds? Grubb responded No — our reno/new does not include anything with the athletic fields or stadiums.
 - 2) How often are new uniforms given out because she believes that they are not replaced often enough? She felt like we should not sit on money when we have this situation. Grubb responded every 4 years. JV gets old uniforms from V that are passed down. This year replacements are Poms, Boys Basketball, and Golf
- Kate Brizhik asked about new wrestling uniforms and stated they are thread bear. Grubb responded that she replaced 5 last year. Grubb shared that each team has a max order number when replaced - 18 basketball, 25 soccer, lax and field hockey, 20 poms (second highest cost) and that uniforms can't be bought new every year.
- Trainer Issue - why do we not have athletic trainers? Grubb responded that Dr. Sullivan is looking for a full time employee who . Currently trainers need a masters degree to do the high school level job and many are looking for other options. In the meantime, the AD and Assistant AD are stepping up. This Friday, Ronald (an EMT and MCPS employee) is coming from the Beallsville Fire Department .
- How many coaches do teams have? Grubb responded that most teams have 1 coach for 1 stipend, but some sports have more and some sports split the stipend among coaches. And can have up to 2 volunteers per team

Adjournment

Called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:52 pm

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

12/7/22 7 pm via zoom next meeting