

RM Minutes August 8, 2007

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Attendance: Ralph Lary Arnold Lee Ed Spear Elaine Knobloch
 Cindi Brooks Cissy Palomares Chuck Mansius
 Cheryl Hoover Brenda Dunham Dina Rosenthal
 Mike Froehlich Bob Maxey David Kidd

The meeting started at 7:05 pm.

Introductions were made.

A brief presentation on a research study by David Kidd of Westat on teenage driving.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the July 2007 meeting were approved.

Athletic Director's Report

- A county wide coaches meeting will be held on August 14 with a luncheon following at RM for the fall coaches. A request was made for the Booster Club to provide lunch. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to spend approximately \$100 for the luncheon.
- The August 30 Potluck dinner for the fall teams and parents meeting was discussed. A request was made for the Booster Club to provide paper products for the event. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to spend up to \$100 for the paper products and decorations.
- A Gold Card fundraiser will be held this fall. This is a discount card of local vendors. The cards will sell for \$10 each.
- A request was made to the Booster Club to put a lot of focus on the needs of the track facility. An irrigation system for the Bermuda grass and seating are two needs discussed.
- Banner Update: The District, Regional and State Banners will cost approximately \$5-7,000. The desire for small banners recognizing each high school in MCPS was expressed.
- The Parent Handbook is almost done and should be ready for distribution by the potluck dinner.
- Field Hockey made a request to use their Booster Club funds to pay for new goalie equipment (\$1,430.43).
- Football is in need of new headphones (approximately \$3,500).
- There is a minor change in the football schedule: On October 13 JV will play at 9:00 am and Varsity will play at 4:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

- The financials were reviewed.

President's Report:

- A draft letter, from the Booster Club, was presented in support of the Sports & Entertainment Academy.
- A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to support the administration's efforts to install artificial turf in the stadium and authorizing Ralph Lary to submit a letter. Submit any comments to Ralph Lary by August 15.

Old Business:

- Banner Update: Gloria Poole is focusing on the new stores in the Rockville Town Center.
- The RM Reunion is Sunday, August 12. Dina Rosenthal will man the table with merchandise and
- The Booster Club Team Parent Handbook is being combined with the Athletic Department handbook.
- The sale of pieces of the gym floor, beyond saving the center logo, as a fundraiser was discussed with administration and does not look feasible.
- The Fall Sports Program has been tabled.
- A wish list for the new facility is still needed from RM. Fundraising ideas will be discussed.
- Discussion was held regarding the distribution of the funds raised at the Alumni Basketball Fundraiser. A motion was made, seconded, and approved, with one dissenting vote, to contribute 1/3 of the net proceeds to the basketball team, the balance of the funds to be placed in the general fund.
- Discussion was held regarding possible future fundraisers and how to distribute the funds. Discussion was tabled.
- Discussion was held on a student member category for the Booster Club membership and possibly even a separate organization. This is to promote membership, awareness, participation and support all athletics. A fee (approximately \$15) would cover the cost of a tee shirt and possible entry to certain athletic events. This is something the students should be involved in organizing. The draft membership information was discussed. Submit any comments to Ralph Lary by August 15.

New Business:

- It was requested that the RM Booster Club establish an account with Paypal, to be used for online purchases (possible applications include merchandise, membership, photos, mulch, donations). There are no set up or annual fees. A tiered transaction fee (starting at 30 cents per transaction). A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to set up an account.
- Volunteers will be needed to distribute membership applications and sell merchandise at Back to School Night (9/5).
- In an effort to work as efficiently as possible, a call for agenda items will be sent out prior to all future Booster Club meetings. An effort will be made to run the meeting based on the agenda.
- Concessions will be coming up soon. A coordinator will be needed to run concessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 pm, room 16.