

RM Minutes

February 8, 2007

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Attendance: Mike Froehlich Arnold Lee Cheryl Hoover Kristin Ramsay
Jill Holmes Ralph Lary Gloria Poole ~Girls Lacrosse
Kevin Brooks Leo Campion Steve Forsythe
Elaine Knobloch Brenda Dunham ~ football

The meeting started at 7:05 pm.

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

Athletic Director's Report

- The Apr 11th Girls & Boys Lacrosse games vs Walter Johnson will be played at Julius West. Officials have been approved at the new location.
- Due to field conflicts, we are trying to get the Apr 13th Baseball games agreed to be played as follows: Var. @ Damascus (RM as Home team) & JV @ Rock Terr (RM - Home team).
- Mr Campion is looking into various companies to replace championship banners, to see if the cost is better and whether they would match the existing ones.
- There is concern about upcoming athletic budgets and where to store new purchases of equipment so they won't be vandalized (until new school storage is complete).
- Port-o-johns have been ordered for Welsh Park and Rock Terr for spring season.
- Mr Campion is going to try to get a better handle on what items are NOT included in the construction budget. Trying to get info from Clarksburg & Rockville re: what they had to purchase (although both schools were considered a renovation; not new construction)
- Introduction of new coaches ~
Kristin Ramsay – Girls Lacrosse; played field hockey for UMBC. Was on Good Counsel's 1st championship Lacr. Team; coaches V Fld Hockey at G.C.; is looking forward to building up the RM lacrosse program.

Steve Forsythe – V Football: on staff at RM – para educator. Played football at Frostburg, then in NFL at Cleveland & Green Bay. Wants to focus on the whole athlete, emphasizing academics. Got approval for a full time academic coach starting this spring, for players between 1.5 & 2.5 GPA. Has a certified professional trainer volunteering 2x a week this spring. Is currently interviewing for Defensive Coordinator. Is developing scoutrocket.com as an on-line tool for college recruiting of football players, & eventually all athletes at RM.

Patrick Pinchinat signed with Wingate; Alex Payton signed for Bowie; Tyler Meyer letter of intent Ohio Wesleyan.

Treasurer's Report:

- The financials were reviewed.
 - Approval was made for payments to NEFF ~\$500 for Award letters / numbers / insignia and \$105 to Chamy Wijeratne from Boys Soccer to cover food costs at season end party.
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- Payment was also made for the JV Boys Basketball warm ups approved last meeting.

New Business:

- Gloria Poole (alum) will give Arnold Lee a master list of former alumni for fundraising efforts.
- Mike Froehlich was interviewed for the upcoming edition of the *Tide*.
- Silver Diner Night – March 12th from 6 – 9 pm. Split fundraising with Post Prom.
- Ralph Lary has set up a committee (himself, Ed Spear, Dutch Dunham, Chuck Mansius, Lori Swim & Kate Savage) re: bettering communications with the A.D. & the Principal. He had an initial discussion with Leo Champion on the top 5 priorities & frustrations of the A.D.
- Elaine Knobloch will draft a letter of support for the Sports Management discipline Mr Carrasco wants to implement at RM.
- Scholarships: it was unanimously approved to award 4 - \$750 post high school scholarships to qualified senior student athletes. Ralph Lary is heading up the scholarship committee, with Jerry Kashatus, Gloria Poole, Ed Spear & one other. It will be left to the Committee whether the scholarships are awarded to 2 males & 2 females based on the pool of qualified candidates however the intent, “to the best of our ability we would show parity between male / female. Interviews will be held before May exams, and awards will be presented at the Student Awards Program.
- Winter Sports Awards: date not yet set. We will present the shadow boxes to last year’s State Champions that night.
- The new draft Booster Club guidelines from MCPS were reviewed for comments. Arnold will look further into par. 5 which deals with whether payments can be made directly to vendors or go through the school Bus Office. Jill will forward the comments back to Leo.
- The new Vice Principal overseeing athletics is Jennifer Hoover. She was unable to make tonight’s meeting.

Old Business:

- Mulch Sale - March 24. The parking lot has been reserved with the Bus. Office. Cheryl Hoover is putting the packets together for coaches to get the athletes to canvas the area. We will follow up with announcements on listserv. Cheryl will decide on an incentive for the best performing team (per capita).
- Arnold Lee is still trying to get a firm list of what items will NOT be included in the new athletic facilities / school, in order to highlight for fundraising. We discussed again, the possibility of installing permanent bleachers on the practice field so track meets can be held.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 pm in room 133.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Holmes (substitute secretary!)