

RM Minutes

July 2,

2008

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Attendance:

Kevin Brooks	Jeanne Jones	Carolyn Gorsky
Cindi Brooks	Mike Froelich	Arnold Lee
Ryan Fleming	Bob Tendrich	Lisa Hill
Betsy Fleming	Bob Khuen	Donna Fuqua
Cathy Keech	Houston Hancock	Elaine Koubek
Brenda Dunham	Steven Willer	Adrian Barber
Cheryl Hoover	Alice Willer	Kate Savage
Monique Barber	Susan Oziel	Mark Yantsos
Ed Spear	David Oziel	
John Lynch	Michael Gorsky	

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the June meeting were corrected to reflect a gross of \$1,220.00 collected for the alumni basketball game. The minutes were then unanimously approved.

President's Message: Kevin Brooks introduced Dr. Nelson McLeod, RM's new Principal, who shared his message of support for the Booster Club. Dr. McLeod has met with the PTSA and plans on attending many games in the upcoming school year. He stressed new opportunities for growth and his goal of a new level of excellence for the school.

Athletic Director's Report – Nicole Sosik (for Bob Maxey)

- The stadium construction is progressing. The visitor's stands have been erected and the sod for the practice field and the asphalt track will begin to be installed around the middle of July. The sleeves for possible future irrigating of the practice field are currently being installed. The county has not approved irrigation and is hesitant to do so because of the water use. RM would like to use the practice field as an actual playing field and the Booster Club has agreed to funding the irrigation system if it is approved in the future. It was suggested that the county facilities personnel be educated on the merits of irrigation and it was suggested that a letter to them, as well as the Inter-County Board (IBC) be sent from the Booster Club in support of the irrigation. Dr. McLeod also plans to write a letter and be proactive in his support. It was suggested that a cost analysis be done as well as a plan to

keep the water costs down. Lisa Hill and Cindi Brooks agreed to work on a letter.

- The hiring of a JV Volleyball coach is currently ongoing and should be finalized soon.
- The fall sports schedule is currently being compiled and should be ready at the end of July or early August.
- Fall sports tryouts begin on Saturday, August 16.
- The girls sports workouts in the weight room staffed by Coach Hoffman during the summer have been a success. Thanks to members of the Booster club and other parents for spearheading and supporting the program.

Treasurer's Report:

- A balance sheet was provided to members and an overview of income and expenses was given.
- During the 2007-2008 school year, the Booster Club spent \$5,000 more than was brought in.

Committee Updates:

- RM Basketball Camp: Camp Director Mark Yantsos introduced himself and indicated that as well as being the director of the camp he has also be hired as the head of security at RM. \$13,000 has been collected so far from the basketball camp. There were 50 campers the first week, 50 the second week and between 40 and 50 the third week of the program. He asked for additional adult and student volunteers for the last session to help run the clocks and serve lunch. He would like to expand the RM camps to include football and baseball in the coming year. He hopes more kids from financially needy families can take part in the future and the numbers will be even greater next year.
- Merchandise: We are working with Bob Maxey to have RM spirit-wear offered through the school store starting in the fall.
- Membership: A mailing will be going out in early August to current Booster members for the purpose of renewing their memberships for the coming school year. A letter from the Booster President, a membership application and a postage-paid return envelope will be included in the mailing. A membership application will also be included in the first issue of the *Launch Pad*, the PTSA newsletter. Another mailing will be going out to the entire RM mailing list of families with information on the Booster club and an application. The Boosters will also be represented at Back-To-School night for sign-ups and sale of spirit-wear. The Boosters will also set up a table at the fall sports pot-luck dinner, as well as the other season dinners. Some fun activities for the Boosters were suggested, such as holding a tailgate event before the first football game at the new stadium for alumni, and holding events out of school for members of the club. There will be reserved parking at the stadium for Black and Gold Booster Members. RM car stickers will be given out at the first football game as well as other items to encourage school spirit. It was suggested that the Booster website contain more examples of what the Boosters do.
- Website: Photos from the 2008 spring season are now up on the website. It was suggested that the Booster website be listed on as many things as possible to draw people to the site. It was agreed that any updates or edits to the website should come through Elaine Koubek or any of the Booster officers.

- Concessions: Current equipment that is available for the outdoor concession stand includes warmers, a popcorn machine and a freezer, which are currently in storage at this time. We are in contact with Pepsi to get coolers (at no charge). The sinks and plumbing will be installed. It was suggested that the Boosters may want to purchase a new grill for the concession stand. It was agreed that the concession stand is a very important venue for future events and needs to be managed by a strong team of volunteers. In coming years, students involved in the Sports Management program will be involved in running the concession stand. Questions were raised about usage of the concession stand and sharing with the professional soccer organization that will be using the turf field. Because the soccer team will not be using the field until next year, the issue was tabled at this time. The athletic director will be holding a meeting on August 15 with all the fall coaches, and they will be strongly encouraged to work with their team parents to provide volunteers to work at the concession stand.

New Business:

- There was discussion regarding the positioning of the stadium sign and any plaques. The plan is for a dedication of the stadium prior to the first home football game. Any dedications for the baseball and softball fields will be done closer to the time of their completion.
- Proceeds from RM Night at Hard Times Café and Carmen's Italian Ice on June 12 totaled \$260 from Hard Times and \$130 from Carmen's for the Booster Club. The athletic department fundraiser at Chipotle raised \$1,200.00.
- At the next meeting and at back-to-school night, it was suggested that sign-up sheets be available for people to sign up for various committees and projects run by the Booster club.
- It was also suggested that the Booster club order shirts for members to wear at various events for more exposure to the club.
- The banner program will be implemented once again for the stadium and possibly the fences on the baseball and softball fields. This will be part of the corporate memberships the Boosters will be implementing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the RM Cafeteria