

# Minutes

June 2, 2010

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## RM ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

### Attendance:

Alan White	Paul Whaley	Bob Tendrich
Bill Burchett	Dolores Barnes	Charlene McClelland
Michele Whaley	Sandi Coleman	Bob Hamilton
Brenda Dunham	Gail Rothberg	Helen Blankfeld
Lisa Fumai	Monique Barber	
Ed Spear	Carolyn Gorsky	
Cary Dimmick	Rhonda Gaynor	
Kris Dighe	Chris Kelly	
Elaine Knobloch	Tom Diener	
Cindi Brooks	Cheryl Hoover	
Kevin Brooks	Jerry Kashatus	

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

The Booster officers made introductions. Booster President Alan White welcomed new attendees and new members.

**Approval of Minutes:** A correction to the May 5, 2010 minutes was noted under Athletic Director's Report by Bob Maxey: "The school has won 15 divisional titles since 2007 when Bob Maxey became Athletic Director". With this correction, the minutes from the May 5, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

### President's Message – Alan White

Alan thanked last year's Booster officers and committee chairs for the tremendous support they have provided. He shared his excitement over the Boosters Club and expressed his commitment to try new and different ideas during the coming year. Alan would like to work specifically on growing membership and would like to see Booster members become more active and to take on more roles. We have 100 members and need more attendance at the meetings. Alan specifically thanked Bob Maxey for all his work on behalf of the Booster officers and wished him great success in his new position in Virginia. Alan also thanked Cary Dimmick for his support as Administrator. Cary shared that he will no longer be serving as Administrator since the position rotates every 2 years.

### Athletic Director's Report – Bob Maxey

Mr. Maxey shared a Powerpoint Presentation of his accomplishments as Athletic Director at Richard Montgomery. Some of the details are as follows:

- Total Budget of \$175k – the largest budget in the school besides the Principal's budget

- Expenses
  - Office \$30k
  - Uniforms \$20k
  - Equipment \$20k
  - Security \$15k
  - Transportation \$15k
  - Awards \$5k
  - Miscellaneous \$70k
    - Field Maintenance
    - Coaches' shirts
    - First Aid
    - Office Supplies
  
- Most revenue generating fundraisers: winter concessions, after-school concessions, ordering and selling players' jerseys and gold cards
- Gate Revenues – currently above the MCPS average of \$34k
  - 2007-08 -- \$17k
  - 2008-09 -- \$34 k
  - 2009-10 -- \$39k
- RM Divisional Championships (MCPS total 95)
  - 2000-2007 – 17
  - 2007 -- 4
  - 2008 – 5
  - 2009 – 6
  
- Basketball and football uniforms have been ordered. 48 football uniforms were ordered. JV football players will inherit over 50 varsity jerseys and the JV football jerseys will be used as practice jerseys.
- Girls' volleyball uniforms have not been ordered. The new Girls' Volleyball Coach will need to meet with Mr. Matlock to order new jerseys in August.
- Transportation appears to be an issue. The football team needs it most. Remaining teams use their own transportation which doesn't seem to be an issue.
- Mr. Maxey is hoping Boosters will continue to support athletic programs with awards. Boosters contributed \$5k last year.
- Income:
  - Board of Education \$65k
    - We receive \$40k in mid Sept, \$25k in March
  - Gate Revenues \$35k
  - Fundraising \$44k
  - Boosters \$31k

Mr. Maxey thanked the Boosters Club for all their support with the coaches over the years. He excited that we are moving in the right direction. Mr. Maxey gave an update on projects and other items of interest.

- The general message from Dr. Weast is that we will not be making cuts in athletics.
- The Boosters Club has been very contributory to the Athletic Department.
- He will be advertising for a new Wrestling Coach and Boys' Varsity Lacrosse

### **Administrator Update – Cary Dimmick**

The position for Athletic Director was posted on Monday, May 31. It will remain open for 2 weeks. A minimum of 2 applications are required to begin the interview process. There will be an interview panel of 11 participants including: an MCPS representative, RM guidance counselor, 1 teacher (non-coach), 1 teacher (coach), student representative and parent representative. A suggestion that a Booster member be a participant was recommended. Mr. Dimmick shared that Dr. McLeod would need to approve the addition of a Booster member on the panel. The Athletic Director requirements include a minimum of 2 years as a teacher, a Master's Degree (or equivalent) or, applicant must be actively pursuing a Master's degree. An in-house applicant would be preferable.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

Helen Blankfeld reported for Beth Mittl, who was unable to attend the meeting. Financial documents were made available to the members. She noted that merchandise was left off the report. Merchandise revenues were \$13.5k not including online orders and reorders. Concession sales were \$11k less than last year. She also noted that marketing needs to be improved for next year.

### **Committee Updates/Discussion Items:**

- **Mulch Sale:** Cheryl Hoover reported numbers for the teams: Baseball 819, Softball 169, Wrestling 453, Ice Hockey 831, Football 410, Indoor Track 129, Co-Ed Volleyball 209, Boys Soccer 101, Field Hockey 623, Girls Lacrosse 918, Boys Basketball 247, Boys Lacrosse 525, Swim & Dive 217, Outdoor Track 110, Boys Tennis 7, Girls Tennis 8. A request was made for Cheryl Hoover to provide the board members with an electronic copy with final revenues and expenses for the mulch sale.
- **Membership:** Chris Kelly reported for Barbara Cano who was unable to attend the meeting. We currently have 129 members: 48 Black and Gold, 38 Individual, 35 Supporting and 6 donations. Chris noted a 6-week crucial time period between the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school and Back to School Night when we need to solicit new members. As of 7/1/10 all memberships expire.
- **Merchandise:** Lisa Fumai was introduced to members. She shared that we had a very successful year with \$13.5k in merchandise sales. Lisa and Helen Blankfeld will be working together and looking for new people to work with

them and eventually take over. The last school store will be open on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, but online orders can still be made.

- **Events and Outreach:** Dolores Barnes specifically thanked Lisa Fumai and Marla Brannan for helping out at the Spring Sports Awards. It was a tremendous success. An announcement was sent out on the JW Listserv introducing parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the Boosters Club, information about RM sports and forms that are required to participate in sports. Dolores suggested that Booster flyers, membership forms and merchandise forms be made available on June 16<sup>th</sup> when the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet at the RM auditorium for a tour of the school and a pizza party.
- **Mike Curtis Golf Tournament:** Kevin Brooks thanked the Booster Club for one of the most successful fundraisers with \$7,825 compared to \$5,246 the year before. Kevin specifically thanked Cheryl Hoover for providing the awards and Cindi Brooks, Betsy Fleming, Megan White and Brenda Dunham for pictures. Kevin introduced Paul Whaley, who will be taking over the golf tournament next year. Paul suggested that the tournament should start earlier, we need to recruit more volunteers and recommended that the Booster Club be designated as a 501C non profit organization.
- **Concessions:** Mary Ann Bliss reported that the concession stand was turned over to RealMD for the summer. The Booster Club will begin concessions again in August with the football season. Once scoreboards go up, the grill will need to be fixed or replaced. Susan Burchett will help with concessions in the fall. Mary Ann is looking for 1-2 people to help. A concession page will be added to the website with a sign-up sheet for working the concession stand. Every team will have the same sign up form.
- **Alumni:** Alan White reported that we are looking for representation from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s graduating classes. We currently do not have a lot of representation from alumni. Major donations have been provided for the scoreboard and rocket by RM alumni and it would be beneficial to include alumni in our memberships. A recommendation was made for an “alumni liaison”. It was also recommended that a line item be added on Booster Club membership forms with a check-box for “RM Alumni” and “Year of Graduation”. It is the Booster Club’s goal is to build and maintain these relationships.
- **School Website:** Cary Dimmick shared with the Booster Club that each program coordinator will take over their portion of the website and be given Webmaster rights. The transition will take place over the summer.

### **Old Business:**

**Plaque Installation:** A motion was made for the Booster Club not to exceed \$800 for the installation of a “Major Donors” plaque. The plaque will read “Major Funding for Rocket Provided by...” listing the names of those who donated \$500 or more. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Electronic Sign Update:** The electronic sign to be placed in front of the school is scheduled to be installed the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. The sign will announce school events, PTSA events, Booster Club events, athletic events and tournaments. The sign will be controlled wirelessly with gold letters on a black background.

**Weight Room Update:** There was a general discussion of the weight room and summer use. The weight room is not open to the general student body. The girls' summer workout schedule was posted to the website.

**Booster Bash Update:** The Booster Bash will take place on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Alan White's house. Alan shared that he had received 40 responses to attend.

**Spring Sports Awards:** Cary Dimmick provided an overview of the awards ceremony where over 200 people were in attendance. The awards were as follows:

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>MVP Award</u></b>	<b><u>Rocket Award</u></b>
<b><i>Boys Volleyball</i></b>	Brendan Bui Brandan Chang	Justine Chang
<b><i>JV Girls Lacrosse</i></b>	Nina Zegarra	Grace Giitter
<b><i>V Girls Lacrosse</i></b>	Sophie Koubek	Anne Gochnour
<b><i>Boys Tennis</i></b>	Andrew Yu	Raj Chattopadhyay
<b><i>JV Boys Lacrosse</i></b>	Adrian Feolo	Danny Gorsky
<b><i>V Boys Lacrosse</i></b>	Max Barnes	Richard Muha
<b><i>JV Softball</i></b>	Barbora Kabotova Colleen Boyd	Abby Pace
<b><i>V Softball</i></b>	Kelsey Boyd	Kathryn Sanders
<b><i>Co-Ed Volleyball</i></b>	Jean Yannick Diouf Jackie Nelligan	Daniela Nevo
<b><i>Boys Track</i></b>	Thomas Bradley	Nnamdi Edokobi
<b><i>Girls Track</i></b>	Danielle Crowley	Ellen Johnson
<b><i>V Baseball</i></b>	Logan Smeallie	Steve Kinderman
<b><i>JV Baseball</i></b>	Luke Leibolt	Dylan Corr

**Athlete of the Year Award**

James McNamara

**New Business:**

There was no new business to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00 pm in the RM cafeteria.**