

RM Minutes

September 6, 2006

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Attendance:

Mike Froehlich	Arnold Lee	Liz Wheeler
Brad Botwin	Ralph Lary	Kate Savage
Ed Spear	Leo Champion	Laurie Bourdeaux
Kevin Brooks	Jill Holmes	Tom Eakin
Ellen Palupa	Jerry Kashatus	

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Athletic Director's Report

- A demonstration of the new power water cooler was held. One will be maintained at Montgomery College and the other will be used by the football team. The Booster's president requests that coaches take good care of the Power Water Coolers.
- The ice machine is working.
- The Girls' Tennis Coach, Nancy Cameron, expressed interest in acquiring a ball machine for the team. The lowest is approximately \$1,900 and the higher end ones are \$4,000-\$5,000. The team would need a storage space for it. Most other high schools and most Montgomery County tennis teams do not use ball machines.
- An interest has been expressed for the use of Bermuda grass in the new stadium. It grows fast and can be cut by trained cutters only. Many schools use Bermuda grass, for example Whitman, Churchill, and Wooton. MCPS will support seeding the new field as opposed to using sod. MCPS will not financially support irrigation; the Boosters were advised to look into this. The specs must take into account the drainage factors of the land, and must take into account the bedrock situation of RM. It is unknown who has funded the irrigation at other new fields that have it in the county.
- Mr. Champion reported that the new Field Hockey Coach is doing well, and the new Soccer Coach is also doing a very good job. Jennifer Smith is doing a good job as a JV soccer coach.
- The first football game is on Friday night 9/8, at 6:30. Brenda Dunham from "Eye on the Ball" has a free pass to all the games.
- Gently used catchers equipment has been donated to the baseball team.
- The Cross Country girls are 3rd in relays in the County.
- Rosters and schedules of all games have been posted so that teachers may be aware of when exactly the students need to be dismissed early.
- There are several good prospects for a new baseball coach.
- Mr. Champion is spreading the word about the Booster Club website.
- RM will be hosting the Winter Wrestling Tournament.
- Per county recommendations all music at half-times and warm-ups must be lyric free. RM will follow this recommendation.
- The new Sports or Athletic Hand book is being well received and is most successful.
- Mr. Champion and Booster members support the idea of having a banner supporting sportsmanship.
- Mr. Champion reports that reimbursement checks can be written to MCPS employees only.

Treasurer's Report:

- We have spent a lot in new Spirit Wear.
- The report reflects activity for July and August.
- Kevin Brooks presented three checks from new banner sales. There are several renewals in the works.

New Business:

- Kevin Brooks requests help with the Banner Sales. He strongly encourages other Booster members to go out and sell banners.
- Ms. Laurie Bourdeaux, Site Coordinator for the new school reported on the plans for the athletic facilities. Ms. Bourdeaux presented information on the concession stand (sinks need to be measured, scoreboards, dug outs, bleachers, sound system, baseball fields, tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts and track. She also presented information on artificial turf, and reported that, due to several issues, it does not look feasible for RM. The placement of the rocket is undecided at this time. The construction company will have a better idea of the completion schedule in January. Thank you to Ms. Bourdeaux for attending the meeting and updating the booster members on the process.
- Thank you to Mr. Jerry Kashatus who volunteered to coordinate the concession stand for football.
- All seniors purchased name strips to place on their football jerseys.
- The first Silver Diner fundraiser night is October 16. Proceeds will be shared with Post Prom.
- The booster club is discussing the possibility of establishing a facilities fund, for help with major purchases for the fields, etc.

Old Business:

- Cluster night will be held on October 14 for the Paint Branch football game. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to spend up to \$200 for poms to distribute at cluster night.
- Booster President, Mike Froehlich attended the coaches meeting on August 16. He received contact information for the coaches.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2006 7:00 pm in room 133.