



Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting
April 3, 2008



In attendance: Eileen Boyd, Jeff Carmines, Ann English, Paul Fahrner, Carol Kennedy, Steven Kubasik, Lennie Melvin, Dr. Debra Munk, Dick Nichols, Donna Nichols, Duke Owen, Phyllis Taylor, Stan Thomas, John Vlahakis, Susan Weinstein, Sheila York

Minutes of March – approved with small change to PTSA and Mulch Sale reports.

CONCESSIONS – Lennie Melvin

- Everything for spring sports is up and running
- Outdoor snack bar is ready, and was open for April 2 LAX team opening games.
- Trying to get a new cooler for outside but having trouble with Coke corporate. Pepsi may slide in but have to call them.
- LAX Varsity girls' snack bar volunteers list is done.
- JV lax team volunteers in the works
- JV boys LAX – no response from coach re rep
- Inventory of food items kind of thins out for spring – most items can't keep until fall
- April 28 – Wood Middle School track meet – Lennie out of town but will work out having someone in charge of snack bar.
- City of Rockville meets are in May.

SPIRIT WEAR – Susan Weinstein

- Flannels are in! Picked up today (April 3). 25 of each size - S/M, L/XL. – elastic waist with draw string.
- Mulch Tee shirts are in.
- LAX games are not a big selling for spirit wear.
- Wood orientation is in June.
- Need to do inventory before end of school year but have time for that.
- Can't carry sports-specific clothes as there would be too much left over – team coaches or parent reps either have own connections or quicker turn-around.
- Special Tees is good about ordering – can do a week-10 days or less turn-around.

TREASURER – Duke Owen

- In month before Mulch Sale BC has \$22,000 in pot.
- Already have \$5,000 in mulch sales via paypal and waiting for mulch credit card sales to clear.
- Other sales items have nothing really remarkable: \$250 for yearbook ad, and capital improvements of \$36 are for new signage for snack bar.
- No donations went out between March – April.
- Coming up: twice as many lax games, but have one JV boys only game when snack bar probably won't open, but have a triple header with 3 teams – 6 hours.
- Snack bar may open for Varsity baseball.
- Powder puff date is set – Dr. Munk has it, girls have ordered Tee shirts already.
- There will be two home track meets that they want the snack bar open and there's already parent staffing for that.
- City of Rockville track meets are 7th and 21st and a 2-day event the 28-29th. Usually the younger kids eat constantly and the races only run 10 at a time and the rest eat.

- Yearbook movie night date may not be accurate on April financial statement but should be the Friday of that weekend.
- Wood promotion would be the last Wednesday of school – which is the 11th
- Spring is usually a smaller money-maker for snack bar compared to the fall and winter seasons.

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Dr. Debra Munk

- There's lots of mulch in the parking lot and administration is excited about it.
- Haven't had too many activities (SBOs) who've asked for funding but had one last week from AP picnic coordinators – not sure about funding it and wanted to run past BC.
 - Principals discretionary funding money has gone down around the county for many reasons – have to turn off machines, have to sell certain sizes, healthy things, etc. About a year ago Pepsi & Coke – 2 big suppliers who gave money up front – were starting to lose money and announced that at end of contract, they would not renew. A vending company came in to MCPS and got the vending contracts. But funding lost from vending is about ½ million dollars in the past year. Senior principals came up with a list of what that money goes to and one is the AP picnic – an expensive deal because there's food, Tee shirts, DJ (like \$5000 event) but now there are more kids taking AP. Big ticket item are Tee shirts. Recognition committee came with a \$2000 request for the AP picnic Tee shirts. Don't want to charge the kids but . . . it's not a club in the strict sense of the word.
 - Did the yearbook and others who've approached BC go to Dr. Munk? Yes.
 - How much demand is there for BC SBO money? Some. Dr. Munk does have the money there. If she goes out to organizations and says there is money out there they'll come and use it. There's about \$3,000 left in the SBO pot. All other requests have been paid out.
 - Discussion ensued on the AP picnic funding request:
 - BC suggestion of way to look at SBA requests: how many kids will it affect, how many will it benefit, etc. Here (AP picnic donation request) we're looking at rewarding kids who are doing something right. If it's for a significant school population, and it's for doing something right, BC executive member says go for it. Alternate suggestion: BC is giving the money to Dr. Munk to use as she sees fit. AP picnic seems to fit items and requests that have come before and seems to involve about 1/3 of student population.
 - BC President's suggestion is to tell the AP committee that the 2008 donation is not a guaranteed annual donation, supports right concepts, so not a major problem. It's one single large amount of money rather than numerous other smaller club requests. Dr. Munk felt it was just a little bit different than other requests so wanted to run past BC. Decision is to support the AP picnic decision. Treat it as a club.
 - BC parents mentioned that their kids think it's the best picnic they've ever been to which lends support to the idea of supporting it financially.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – Paul Fahrner

- Start of spring season – off to good “starts”
- Both JV lax teams won first games.
- New lax uniforms are in and look good.
- Volleyball teams won in their openers.
- Still searching for cheerleading and pom coaches for next year – hardest to find. Have interviewed 1 for cheerleading and have another to go. Putting Pom leader position out to

whole county tomorrow. Ms. Smith is doing the pom clinic to get them ready for try outs sometime in May. Have people who'll step up to help with tryouts if no coaches yet.

- AD Fahrner asked if BC is we still planning on doing physicals for fall sports? Important to note: New beginning this year – first day of practice is August 16. Any chance of doing physical week before on the 9th? New date is for whole state. Helps push football playoffs back a little later. This date is based on a certain Saturday after a certain date – however that Saturday falls.
 - July 29 to August 3 is football camp.
 - Varsity girls' soccer coach Hayes wants to start getting info out early.
 - Physical date discussion will be carried to May meeting. It could be the 9th and set precedence that it's always the sat before the 1st practice, but Sheila York can't be there on the 9th.
- Question: why did the softball girls have to pay for shorts (\$20)?
ACTION ITEM: Fahrner will find out about softball shorts payment.

PARENT REP/MODEL RAM– John Vlahakis

- Have nailed down a few more parent reps in the past few days but still need volleyball – boys and coed. Donna recommended Pacita Miller who has a coed volleyball paler and she may know people or may do herself. Still need boys JV lacrosse.
- Model Ram: received four responses for winter sports, needs swim/dive, cheerleading, boy's basketball gave a name but needs the form and justification – needs 3 back for winter; and still needs field hockey for fall. Charlie Coffman had previously indicated that he'd contact Amanda Gordon and he did but hasn't heard back. Fahrner said Amanda told someone she'd sent something in but John hasn't received it.
- Model Ram awards will be voted upon on May 14 at BC XC, so spring sports coaches need to submit immediately before or after playoffs.

PTSA – Stan Thomas

- Last month there was an I Drive Smart program – well attended and pleased with turnout.
- PTSA new year beginning July 1 and needs several new officers.
- PTSA café is open Mon-Thurs each week.

FORM – Carol Kennedy

- Spring musical “Once Upon a Matress” will be performed April 11, 12, 13.
- Next form meeting is Monday the 14th.
- Last meeting was centered around how to spend the money they have available.
- The Boston trip has turned into a DC trip to attend a performance and newly opened Newseum on the 17-18th – not an overnight, with a performance Friday evening, and Saturday trip and Saturday evening there's a dinner/dance/awards ceremony. Boston trip was cancelled due to levels of performance and participation of participants and didn't want it to reflect poorly on the full program.
- April 24 spring concert – hope to have a wish list in the program that people could donate money to.

MEMBERSHIP – Donna Nichols

- “Membership subcommittee” meeting to be held Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 at Donna's home.
- Membership big season is really from June through October.
- Need new forms ready for BC officers to join by July 1
- Sponsors need to renew by August 1 so banners can be made for opening football games

- Last year Donna did a survey of corporate members who want to give more money but want to know other avenues of donations within the school. Mr. Daddone is willing to offer discounts to sponsors who crossover and will ask Mr. Hibbert to do the same thing. Could use a list of SBO's but BC does collect for SBO's. Could have a list available so that if the rep of the sponsor really likes something they did in high school (band, a sport, etc), they may want to give to that club.
- Mr. Fahrner – wants a membership form to give to Clyde's (he knows the manager on a personal basis).
- BC will also be going to downtown Rockville to stores.
- At 4/16 meeting will brainstorm where to canvass for funding.
- Need volunteers to hang up sponsor signs at events (football, basketball).
- The new membership form for corporate sponsors should be circulated to all BC members.

VOLUNTEERS – Pam Angelis not available.

NEW BUSINESS:

RHS web site is sorely out of date. Mr. White, who has that responsibility – is on medical leave. Paul

ACTION ITEM: Fahrner believes he knows someone who can update the site since Mr. White is out for the rest of the year and will look into it.

MULCH SALE – Duke Owen

- Saturday, April 5 is the date of the sale.
- Montgomery County and COR police have been asked to increase patrols tonight and Friday night so there will be an increased police presence since all the mulch has been delivered this afternoon/evening. Hopefully rain will help keep people away until Saturday.
- Have presold 6200 bags vs. 7000 bags last year 3 days out.
- In terms of dollar sales we're 10% down
- Have sold about 300 bags of LeafGro – and there's a bigger bag being offered than we thought.
- Have about 50 credit orders (20%).
- Have volunteers in place
- Taylor's bringing in big trucks again
- Need additional awnings.
- Have had 3 meetings, 6-7 active people.
- Duke will be there at 6:30am – sales start at 8:00 – trucks will be there about 7:45-8:15.
- Have routinely done 3-4000 bags of walkups.
- Tom Johnson usually brought coffee & donuts – Sheila York volunteered to bring coffee & donuts this year
- Ann mentioned that Duke did an outstanding job setting it all up.
- Paul said they're pushing SSL hours to kids, SSL forms are ready to go
- Wood kids are coming for service hours and Susan has recruited several kids from her classes.
- Coffee might be more important to the adults, but hot chocolate for the kids just to get them started. Can make in snack bar and bring it over in big orange cooler if it's a cold damp day.
- Need to send thank you letter to Romano (certificate – Phyllis Taylor can do it if necessary)

BANQUET BOOKLET – Sheila York

- Has disks for fall and winter sports, and just got spring sports except for 1 or 2 who need new photos taken. Will begin playing with the photos.
- Put ad form on RamsNet and send to Brenda Hartman; and John to send to parent reps.

- Ann will send the banquet book sales form to Stan to go into PTSA newsletter.
- Stan said they also need a newsletter editor for next year (student?).
- Suggestion was made about sending to BC sponsors who “get” ½ page ad as a benefit of joining (varsity book goes to sponsors to renew with their ad highlighted) – perhaps they will want to increase the size of their ad and purchase a ½ page so they get a full page ad? Donna will do this.
- Donna will send invitation to Outback to attend and pick up plaque if they want – and will send an invite to Country Boy representative and make a certificate of appreciation – but this year will do a plaque for Country Boy.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ad form on RamsNet, to parent reps, and in PTSA Newsletter
 Invitation to Doug Plain at Outback, and contact at Country Boy
 Plaques for Country Boy and Outback

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Sheila Carmines

Slate of Officers for 2008-2009:

- Mark Kitsoulas – vice president - can't be here.
- Susan Weinstein – Vice President – has been working on BC for 6 years – taking on Lennie's snack bar duties (“Lennie – stop laughing at me”). Dr. Munk knew hiring Susan was a good idea. The institutional knowledge Susan brings will be critical. Web site has done a great job and will be a valuable resource – there's something going on all the time.
- President – Jeff Carmines – feels it's a dynamic group, lots to learn, want to spend time with each BC XC member individually to learn scope of things; have done a great job and can't do much more than serve and enhance and continue to grow pride in school and community. Will have an incoming freshman – 4 more years – 4-year commitment.
- Steve Kubasik – treasurer – 1st meeting, a little daunting, works in the Sarbanes Oxley compliance department so compliance with good accounting practices will be adhered to; is a proactive, creative guy – got a lot of work to do just to absorb the treasury function – see a lot of cash flying around the school, but a little surprised at the numbers on the financial sheet – it's a serious job and will take it seriously. Would like to try to start a foundation – could take 20-30 years so BC staff can work on the quality of programs and not always raise money for it. Want to set something aside as a Rockville Foundation – could involve alumni – stop tapping the existing well and plug into the school neighbors. “I hope I win – my opponent didn't show up.” Duke Owen withdrew his candidacy since Steve stood for election.
- Phyllis Taylor – to continue as secretary.
- Will need someone to oversee Spirit Wear but Susan will be available to help.
- Dr. Munk wants to thank all going off – Lennie, has been a snack bar icon and can't imagine the snack bar without her – it's been a tremendous contribution – and all of you who've done so much and those leaving due to seniors should always come back and feel welcome because you'll always be a RAM. Look forward to working to working with Jeff. Lennie indicated that she'd be happy to come back in the fall and actually *watch* a football game and Dr. Munk promised Lennie a free hotdog.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Taylor, Secretary