



Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting
October 1, 2008



Minutes

In Attendance: Eileen Boyd, Jeff Carmines, Sheila Carmines, Elizabeth Cooper-Martin, Daniel Garcia, Steve Kubasik, Donna Nichols, Richard Nichols, Farron Riggs, Donna Shelly, John Vlahakis, Susan Weinstein

MINUTES – Donna Nichols (for Phyllis Taylor)
September minutes were accepted with no changes.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT – Faron Riggs (for Paul Fahrner)

- Boys Golf Team won division. All other teams doing OK.
- Athletic Department would like to see better attendance at stadium field events other than football. One suggestion was a cluster day at a game. Mr. Riggs said that he would invite Meadow Hall to a football game and was open to the idea of more schools participating.
- Wrestling coach is down to 2 applicants. 1 has background but no MCPS. 1 has no background but is MCPS. Paul is thinking about having them serve as co-coaches.
- The BC members asked about student directories (Mr. Riggs is the senior class advisor.) Riggs indicated that this has been a money loser in the past. Feedback was that parents want the information and are not particular about the format.

PRINCIPLE'S REPORT – Daniel Garcia

- Mr. Garcia introduced himself as a new Assistant principle.
- BC does not have a key for the bathrooms at the stadium fields and the press box. Snack bar wants a key because building services does not know when to unlock the bathrooms. Also, BC can't replenish the toilet paper and paper towels if we can't get into the rest rooms in advance of the game. A key would be helpful.
- Homecoming dance will have a full compliment of administrators and staff for both the homecoming game and the homecoming dance.
- The administration is taking a stronger stand on behavior in stands, including profanity.
- Booster Club is looking for more assistance with the Hispanic community at the field. There will be a Hispanic parent meeting in November. Mr. Garcia said that the school has about 30 electronic Spanish translators that parent groups might be able to use, which would be especially helpful for PTSA programming (like possibly drug/gaming program and possible Edline program).
- School lunch period being reduced from 45 to 30 minutes was discussed. Decision has not been finalized about whether to make 2 lunch periods, reduce the current lunch period, or leave the current lunch period as is. [Note: Principal's Breakfast which took place 2 days later informed attendees that the issues lie with there being enough staff during lunch – administration and security officers are the only ones

available as teachers are in their classrooms so they are available to students for extra-help; no final decision has been made, but the administration has spoken with SGA reps about ideas and solutions.]

- Teacher's stipend is \$14.50 an hour for club "sponsorship." It is difficult getting teachers to sponsor clubs during lunch. Perhaps the Booster Club could possibly buy teacher hours for clubs? That would offer more constructive opportunities for lunchtime.
- Can the administration encourage recycling at the football games? Would the green club consider leading that activity?

TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Kubasik

- Steve was asked to include a 2007 year-to-date figure so that we can see comparison to last year at same time. Also, BC is interested in profit margins for spirit wear and snack bar (now at 50%).
- Membership is up (6 corporate members). Parent members are down.

SNACK BAR – Susan Weinstein

- Freezer is broken and Booster Club has asked to be able to buy a maintenance contract. Dr. Munk is working to get information to make sure that we can do this. Serviceman told us that this freezer is difficult to maintain and that we should expect the problems to continue.
- A football parent asked if we could use a chest freezer. This is possible as a temporary measure. The freezer in the outdoor snack bar has to be able to withstand extreme changes in temperatures.
- JV Soccer teams are not staffing the snack bar appropriately. Only one parent covered both games this afternoon. John is going to contact the parent reps and tell them that we are going to shut down the snack bar unless they object and step up with volunteers. This may be due to changes to the athletic schedule. The county used to play a single gender (JV and Varsity) at one field. Now it is both JV or both varsity teams at a field. We will mention the schedule problem to Athletic department at the next meeting.
- The Hot Cocoa machine is broken. Susan will purchase another 60 cup Coffee Maker. It was about \$80 from Sam's.
- The students have found a way to open the indoor snack bar. We need to look into a way to further secure. Building Services is checking to see if there is a way to secure.

SPIRIT WEAR – Susan Weinstein

- Volunteers are welcome to help with spirit wear.
- Got the wrong caps (baseball vs. knits). Susan will return and have Special T's reorder.
- Most inventory is set at this point.

VOLUNTEERS – Jeff Carmines (for Mark Kitsoulis)

Help Mark if possible. He is out there hustling.

OUTBACK BOWL – Jeff Carmines (for Karen Phillips)

- All set. Karen Phillips is handling well.

HOMECOMING DANCE – Jeff Carmines

- SGA uses the snack bar and spirit wear windows to serve.
- BC collects food donations at the football game.
- BCD has handled the snack bar in the past. This year we have not been approached for assistance with the dance activities. Donna Nichols will contact Ms. Junkins and let her know that we have a list of parent volunteers and are willing to assist her if she and the students are willing to coordinate (we had no volunteers to coordinate).

MEMBERSHIP – Donna Nichols

- 81 members compared to 128 member families last year. We do have 6 corporate sponsors.
- Donna will send out a new e-mail on Ramsnet to encourage membership.
- No coaches or staff have joined the Booster Club.
- Parent's Organization page – how to join all parent organizations, how to use Edline, Ramsnet, etc.... Jeff will meet with Dr. Munk.
- Separate Ramsnet into two discussion groups; one for school and parent organization announcements and one for parent discussions. Jeff will meet with Dr. Munk.
- Can parent organizations include their announcements in the Connect Ed calls? Jeff will meet with Dr. Munk.

MULCH SALE – Richard Nichols

- GCI (primary contractor for Inter-County Connector) has volunteered to help with the Mulch Sale. Need Fork Lift and Driver. Also could use drivers and large pick-ups.
- Hispanic parents could also be an untapped resource for trucks and drivers. Medium orders (25-40 bags) are the biggest issues for the sale.

PTSA REPORT – Donna Shelly

- The PTSA is hopeful that they can present a program in November on the use of Edline.
- The regular meeting will occur on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the staff lounge.

MARCHING BAND – Elizabeth Cooper-Martin

- RHS' Marching Band placed 3rd in the Gaithersburg parade in September. They will be participating in two more parades this year: Potomac Day parade on October 18th, and the Brunswick Veterans Day Parade on November 2nd.
- On November 9th the band will participate in the USSBA show at the M&T stadium.
- Volunteers are helping in the snack bar, working security, band snacks, and recycling.
- Wrapping up the Sally Foster sale. Wreaths in December. One more fundraiser in 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Lists are being set for the Booster Club and executive committee.
- Sheila is transitioning from Duke Owen.
- Sheila has been doing the announcements for the athletic schedule weekly at the request of Mr. Fahrner.

VACANT POSITIONS:

- Foundation Chair is Steve Kubasik.
- Varsity Banquet is still open.
- Mulch Sale needs a shadow for next year.
- Snack Bar & Spirit Wear still need a shadows.
- Jeff will work on getting a Community Action and School Improvement Chair.

NEW FUNDRAISERS:

- Philbin's does Speed and Agility training for athletes and Booster Club can get a percentage.
- Rita's won't work this year.
- Mama Lucia's offers a fundraising night. So does Silver Diner (and they average \$600-800 profit per fundraiser.

PHYSICALS – decision on date postponed until November when Pam Angelis can attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

/Donna Nichols/pt