

Booster Club General Meeting

January 19, 2010

Attendees: Rick Plummer, Dave Rath, Lisa Varytimidis, Bill Wilson, Myra Tosten, Jay Garrett.

Opening Remarks by Rick Plummer:

- We had a great year with football, baseball starting, and football with St. Fred's, Girl's Soccer had a very successful season.
- Website is getting more up to date with schedules, etc.
- Newsletter coming monthly starting next week. Hopefully this will increase awareness and enthusiasm for sports at GES.
- Joe Travis has agreed to keep up-to-date the athletics portion of the athletic web site.

Fundraising:

- Very successful. Yard sign sales, shirts, etc. We have money in the bank.

Athletic Banquet:

- To be held in April (tentatively the 16th at BDCC \$20 per ticket. Booster club to kick in a little to alleviate costs to parents.
 - Coat and tie and dresses
 - Athletes, Cheerleaders, Gatorettes
 - Slide Show
 - Awards:
 - MVP of each sport (chosen by individual sports' coaches)
 - Athlete of the Year (Criteria to be set by Booster Club, winner to be chosen by committee. MS Boy and Girl to win.
 - Distinction needs to be made between Vance Gardner (8th grade graduation) award so we can distinguish between awards.
 - **Action Item: Coach V to send Rick criteria for Vance Gardner award.**
 - Send criteria to each coach for MVP nominations. Then smaller committee votes, consisting of seven members selected from the following:
 - John Clausen (head), Todd Newman, John Roa, Coach V, Brenda Foster, Bill Wilson, Warren Guerriero, or Sue Sartor.
 - Dave Rath to act as an observer.

Biddy Basketball:

- Bill Wilson suggested that Booster Club and Coach V take it over. Feels that program will "fall through the cracks". Up until now the Dad's Club has sponsored and organized.

- Suggestion by Rick Plummer: have Bidy Basketball season same as other basketball. Problem: gym time for practices and games.
- **Action Item: Rick to send out email to see if he can get more volunteers to get program going this year. To evaluate whether the Booster Club needs to run it next year.**
- If Bidy Basketball starts in December, then we would have to shorten Middle School basketball season to give gym time to Bidy Basketball.
- **Action Item: Coach V to pull past schedules to see when the schedule has happened historically.**
- Let's start identifying coaches and schedule in the fall rather than in January

Football:

- Can we have a team? Problem: no field/equipment/etc.
- Why can't we practice at Neville? Because we are private.
- We can play with St. Fred's because we're both private.
- Bill Wilson feels that with our numbers increasing in the MS over the next few years, we might have the numbers.
- Coach V: we could join Southern Baptist and Homes School league. Offer most sports. You can cherry-pick for sports if you join.

Cheerleaders:

- Why aren't they at the games? Dr. Rath doesn't want to require MS cheerleaders at Lower School games.
- The LS girls used to cheer at MS games, but faded out for lack of interest and organization.
- Coach V: we need to evaluate whether we want to continue LS cheer program (grades PreK to 4th or 5th).
- The suggestion was made that Middle School cheer leaders need to cheer at MS games. Not just pep rallies. Need to tell Tara that the expectation is for the cheer leaders to be at the basketball games. The cheer sponsor needs to be there as well and if she can't we need to find another cheer coach.

Basketball

- Because of numbers, it is necessary for grades to play up.
- Rule suggestion: You can play up, but you HAVE to play your grade, too. Discussion ensued. Until we get where we can have enough in each grade, we will have to continue to deal with these issues.

Suggestions for Booster Club next year:

- Put certain dates like Family Basketball Day, Athletic Banquet on school calendar at the beginning of the year.

- No gate fee for Family Basketball Day. (However, just on raffle and gate, we cleared the cost of the iPods). We need to operate with the philosophy that it is not a fund raiser, it's a "friend-raiser"
- Sell DVDs of sports highlights for end of year.