

Edison High School Booster Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022

Zoom attendees: Kristyna Meyer, Charice Walton, Greg Dombrowski, Linda Pinkney, Shelly Naumovich, Steven Carpenter, Carol Montoya, Annemarie McGavin, Laurie Best, Marc Dolphin, Randi Dolphin, Ian Gallicano, Tom Meyer, Brendan Mulvaney, Brenda Padgett, Rayline Petitt, Kathleen Racek, Scott Racek, Adam Wells, Ginger White, Sheryl Williams

President's Report/Kristyna Meyer: Welcomes everyone. Introductions.

DSA Report/Greg Dombrowski: School is off to a good start. Eagle SOAR was successful. Food trucks and games were added. The golf team is doing well. The volleyball team has a gaping need. The team has one coach for all three levels. They continue to search for other coaches. Tre' Ford was recently hired as coach of the boys' varsity basketball team. Coach Ford is still working on obtaining his assistants for the program.

Upcoming Dates:

- Golf Team Senior Night – September 15
- Field Hockey Senior Night – October 3
- Cross-County Senior Night – October 12
- Volleyball Senior Night – October 13
- Football & Cheerleading Senior Night – October 14
- Homecoming Game – October 21
- Hall of Fame Induction of the Varsity Football Team of 1986 (State Champs) - October 21
- Homecoming Dance – October 22

Things are all set for the varsity football home opener (September 16), though it's not clear whether the stadium sound system will be completed in time for the game. The sound system was supposed to be completed by the end of August. There are backup plans in the event the system is not completed by the first game. The Administration has asked that a satellite concession stand be set up for the visiting team's fans, though it will not be in place for the football home opener. This was triggered due to two incidents last year in which altercations occurred between the home and visiting students. Gates open at 530p. We will be accepting cash, e-tix and booster passes.

VP, Operations/Shelly Naumovich: Recognizes Brenda Padgett who has been very helpful in the Concession stand and who has volunteered to bake cookies. Not currently having trouble getting people to volunteer for the Concessions. Shelly continues to talk to others about the perk of getting to watch the game from the stand. Shelly reminds everyone that any e-payments (paypal, venmo and credit card) must be at least \$5. If obtaining volunteers begins to become challenging, Kristyna recommends that we obtain the names of the Team Parents and discuss how money goes back to the team(s) designated by the parent. A question is asked whether we should charge more for credit cards in order to absorb the credit card/venmo/paypal fees. The Board agrees that it might be too difficult for our volunteers to administer that type of system, particularly since this is the first year we are taking credit cards.

VP/Charice Walton: Working with the point-of-contact for the Craft Fair scheduled at Hayfield later this year to ensure we don't have any conflicts for the Edison Craft Fair. The tentative date for Bingo Night is November 19. An attendee warns that November 19 is during the weekend before Thanksgiving. The purpose for this event is to raise money for scholarships. We will be relying upon Team Parents to be putting together team baskets for that night.

Treasurer's Report/Carol Montoya: Balance sheet reviewed. \$133K in the bank with \$77K earmarked for teams. No liabilities other than operating expenses. Encourages everyone to sign up for Amazon Smile. Review proposed budget, which is based on former years with conservative assumptions. Sponsorships probably will exceed expectations as has booster membership sales. Tag Day is still a question mark, though some teams are already raising money. In past years, up to \$18K has been raised in one day. Although it is a community-wide events, concerns exist about continuing Tag Day since COVID is still around and it can be very time-consuming. The Board agrees to table the proposed budget so that we can look more into Tag Day and/or whether alternatives exist.

VP, Membership Report/Linda Pinkney: We have sold 345 memberships, which is great considering it's still the beginning of the year. 500 booster passes have been purchased for distribution to members. Linda (LP) inquired about bar scanning, so people are not re-using the sports passes. Mr. Dombrowski indicated that we probably could not do that since they will have

too many people at the gates handling e-tix. Kristyna was to ensure that those with sports have a direct/quick line to get into football game. We will work on signage.

VP, Communications Report/Steven Carpenter: We've received great feedback on the new social media. The website is completely refreshed. Since it is the main hub for sports passes and spirit wear, Steven is trying to make it more engaging. Ginger White, the varsity field hockey coach, has asked that all coaches be added to the mailing list for the weekly Booster Blast. Mr. Dombrowski will send a distribution list to Steven.

Secretary Report/Annemarie McGavin: Nothing to report.

New Business: Scott Racek approached the Boosters on behalf of the wrestling team to discuss the purchase of new wrestling mats. Currently there are between 38-50 students in the wrestling program at any one time. Mr. Racek is embarrassed by two of the mats. It is a safety concern that could impede Edison's ability to host wrestling matches and tournaments if they are not replaced. Generally, Edison hosts 2-4 varsity events, and 6-9 JV events during the year. The wrestling team currently has three mats. The newest mat is 13 years old, while the other two are 20 and 25-30 years old. As the mats age, they get hard and a safety issue exists. There are two types of mats available for purchase: the traditional 3-piece mat and a newer 7-section lightweight mat. The 3-piece mat is very heavy and requires the entire team to roll it up, while the lighter mats only require two people to roll each piece. Mr. Racek is asking the Board for help in purchasing a new mat, particularly the lightweight version. Approximately 75% of FCPS wrestling teams have this type of mat. The older mats would be put in the wrestling room and be re-purposed for wrestling practice. Mr. Dombrowski advised that he had been saving for the wrestling mats, but after COVID, that money was allocated elsewhere. Kristyna advised Mr. Racek that the Board would discuss it.