

Minutes of East High Booster Club Meeting
May 19, 2008

Present: Deb Amundson, Cheryl Parzych, Ann Halbach, Jill Jokela, Barb Kyle, Cindy Maitland, Mary Niebuhr, Ruth Mathe, Peter Oppeneer, Cathy Pierce, Chris Ramsey, Steve Stephenson, David Krause, Jean Schroeder, Jim Schuler, Mark Miner

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Peter Oppeneer. The minutes of the April 21st meeting were approved.

Principal's Report:

David Krause reported that the kids are excited as the spring sports seasons are winding up and playoffs are starting.

The new varsity soccer coach has been hired. His name is David Harris and he is a special ed teacher at LaFollette. He seems to be a great candidate, with great soccer credentials, and should do a good job. He is also the varsity coach for the LaFollette girls and this year had a very young team that was quite successful. Assistant coaches are in the process of being hired. It is not for sure yet whether Coach May will stay on, but it is always nice to have a coach who works in the building to follow up on any necessary paperwork. A group of soccer parents met with David Harris last night and were impressed with him so far. He had handouts and suggestions for a training program for summer. He is an official for college soccer games and is the coordinator of officials for Conference USA. He is a native of Wales, and coached and played professional soccer there. Eric Bertun is currently helping him out.

The new wrestling coach has also been hired. He is Frank Zerner, who is a teacher at East as a long term sub for special ed. He has been the JV wrestling coach at West and is also a football assistant coach at East. He has been very involved with wrestling and is originally from Texas. He has a good reputation for developing kids for high school and beyond.

AD Report:

Dave Kapp was at a conference and was unable to attend the meeting.

Spring Sports Reports:

Baseball – Deb Amundson

- The freshmen team broke a 5 year losing streak by winning both games of a double header with Beloit. Way to go freshmen!
- The varsity record is 7 – 7. The JV record is 4 – and something.
- The first game of the playoffs is Tuesday at Warner at 5:00 against LaFollette.
- There has been some dissention within the ranks over the course of the season.
- Losing 12 seniors to graduation this year.

Boys Golf – Stephen S

- Season just about over; ended up with 20 golfers total; 4 teams - freshmen, 2 jv's, varsity
- Some frosh got to play jv and some jv on varsity due to kids not being able to miss school for all the meets. Golf meets are generally scheduled during the day and require a lot of missed classroom time.
- Varsity was 1 – 7 in conference play; Won Big 8 Beloit scramble
- Coach Buffat has received compliments about the good sportsmanship of our team
- Banquet is at Bridges Thursday night after a scramble; All City banquet is June 5.

Girls Soccer – Barb

- Banquet was last night
- All City banquet is tonight in the East cafeteria, sponsored by Breakfast Optimists
- Varsity record was 1 – 7 in conference; 4 -13 -1 overall
- The Purple JV team came in 2nd at the conference tournament, losing to West 4 – 0
- We have great goalies and two great volunteer goalie coaches.
- Good recruits in younger ages; freshmen and both jv teams had winning records
- Two soccer players are in the top 4% of the senior class
- Losing 8 seniors on varsity and 4 on JV
- Playing home games back at Breese next year; boys will play there in the fall.
- 2 games left – Oregon tomorrow night; at Monona Grove Thursday night in first round of playoffs.

Softball – Jill J, in Kathy's absence

- The team has been very competitive this year, but has only won a couple of games.
- Most games have been close; majority of losses have been by 3 runs or less
- Team is very young; starting 6 sophomores, 2 seniors, and a freshman
- Jasha Gilbert, a sophomore, has pitched every inning of every game and has been doing a great job.

Boys Tennis – Mark

- East won Conference for the first time since 1995.
- Swept subsectionals; at Beaver Dam on Thursday for sectionals
- Freshmen swept conference
- Banquet is June 1 at Pedro's
- This is a senior dominated team; only a few returners for next year
- Jamey Vorlander is not planning to return as boys coach next year
- Currently ranked #2 in the state and should qualify for team state
- Several players will qualify for individual state; Jonny Schwerin and Connor Gilmore should be highly seeded.
- Great tennis to watch!

Boys/Girls Track – Ann H.

- Regionals are being held tonight at Mansfield, so our track booster reps are there.
- As of our meeting time, the 4 x 800 girls relay had won, and the 4 X 800 boys relay was doing well; Lindsay Parker did well in hurdles

Committee/Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Ruth

- Financial reports were distributed; Fiscal year runs May 1 – April 30
- Ruth is pulling together info for taxes in next month or two.
- In sorting through bills for approved purchases from January meeting, it looks like there have been some discrepancies with shipping again.
- Road Ranger collection of \$55 from February was received. Ruth gave them the correct treasurer's PO Box address to use for the future. They will collect again for East during next school year.
- Ruth will finish up the books while we recruit for a new treasurer for next year. She will do complete the tax return before handing off to the new person.

Field Improvement Committee - Peter

- Doug Pearson, MMSD's facilities manager, went ahead and put a valve on the water line along Packers. He must have done it with year end budget. We've got water!!!!

- Doug said he would aerate, slit seed, and top dress the fields this summer, so field improvements are beginning, slowly but surely. Peter will send Doug a thank you and find out what the next steps are in getting that work done and getting the actual field renovation project on the calendar.
- There are still plans to chain the goals together to discourage playing on field over the summer.
- During the time when the fields are being rehabbed, the teams will need to play at Burr Jones or Warner as alternate sites.

Golf Outing Committee – Ann

- We are still looking for committee members. Please let Ann know if you can help or know of someone who would be willing to help. A committee meeting will be held soon.
- The Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, August 25th which coincides with one of the school registration days, so we will need to think about how to coordinate volunteers.

New Business:

Election of Officers – Peter

- Peter nominated Ann Halbach as the new president and Jill Jokela to continue on as secretary, but was still looking for Vice President and Treasurer nominees. Barb Kyle volunteered to be VP. If you know anyone who has the skills to be treasurer, please ask them to consider the position and we will address filling that vacancy at the next booster club meeting.
- Ann, Barb, and Jill were approved as next year's officers on a voice vote. Ann is believed to be the first woman president in Purgolder Booster Club history. Way to go Ann!

Foundation for Madison Public Schools (FMPS) Interest - Peter

- Peter got a call from FMPS saying that we had \$954 in interest on our Booster Club foundation account that we can spend. Do we want to take money out and spend it? Segueing to the next agenda item....

Cooperative Finance Committee Proposal – Cathy P.

- Cathy was pursuing the interest money to use for the DVD system for football. We should really have a committee to decide who gets this money annually. Peter will call the foundation back and tell them we want the money and get the appropriate request forms to complete.
- The committee could consist of a couple of members of booster club, a couple of coaches, and Dave Kapp. In addition to this, the whole athletic budget should be prioritized and transparent. We need to look at the budget for the whole year.
- In the past, the FMPS interest was used to buy the new Peppy costume and gymnastics uniforms for the new East/LaFollette co-op team.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to use this year's interest to buy the DVD system equipment for use by East athletic teams. Peter will get the money, Cathy will work on the request with Mary.

Old Business:

Special Funding Requests – discussion tabled until Dave Kapp is in attendance at the next meeting.

- Bleacher
- Wind Screens
- Scoreboards

For the Good of East Athletics:

At the May 4th All State banquet, junior Ruby Martin was named girls Division 1 "Swimmer of the Year" by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Coaches Association. East coach Matt Matteson was named Division 1 "Coach of the Year".

For the good of girls' soccer, Barb would like to see better weight training opportunities made available. This season was full of injuries for the girls' soccer team – with 4 or 5 knee and ankle injuries, a broken collarbone, and concussions. Currently, some sports are not always able to use the weight room due to football using it. This problem was discussed at a previous meeting and Dave Kapp is supposed to come back to Booster Club with a proposal for scheduling the weight room. Currently Memorial and LaFollette have volunteers that assist with strength and conditioning training, but you need to have certified coaches in the weight room. We also need to have a year-round schedule, since the weight room is used heavily by foot alumni during the summer and current high school athletes should get priority. Our coaches need to have the attitude to share the weight room among all teams and athletes. And coaches should encourage athletes to weight train and should provide the proper supervision. Cathy will follow up with Dave Kapp about getting a weight room plan together for presentation to the Booster Club.

Treats for our retiring booster reps were served. Judith Strand will be the new girls' soccer rep. Paul Strommen will be the boys' soccer rep. Chris R is still looking for a new hockey rep. Cathy P volunteered to be the wrestling rep, if her son continues wrestling. Jean will work on finding a new boys tennis rep to replace Mark & Sherry.

Mike P emailed Peter about concessions for the summer basketball tournament. The tournament is the day after graduation, Saturday, June 14th. Vern and Mike will need to coordinate on keys and inventory.

Peter and Ruth were thanked for their excellent service as Booster Club officers. Applause, applause!!

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Maple Bluff Community Center (at the corner of Oxford and Sherman) on **Monday, June 16th, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Jokela, Recording Secretary