

Minutes of East High Booster Club Meeting
December 15, 2008

Present: Mary Jane Carpenter, Shel Gross, Ann Halbach, Kris Holmes, Jill Jokela, David Krause, Barb Kyle, Jude Leimer, Cindy Maitland, Steve McKenzie, Sherry Miner, Kathy Monson, JoAnne Nelson, Peter Oppeneer, Judith Parish, Anna Park, Cheryl Parzych, Cathy Pierce, Russell Potter, Kathy Scholl, Verne Scholl, Jean Schroeder, Aimee Schwichtenberg, Steve Stephenson, Judith Strand, Deb Tobin, Dan Wanke

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Halbach. The minutes of the November 18th meeting were approved.

Principal's Report:

David Krause reported that winter sports competitive seasons were underway and going well. David has talked to Dave Kapp about holding a sports summit type event for next year. (See November booster meeting minutes for more info). Dave Kapp is interested and excited about the idea.

AD Report: (Judith reporting for Dave Kapp)

Judith noted that historically East has not been good at getting athletic fees collected and turned in promptly, but is doing much better this year. Almost all winter sports fees have been turned in, with only a few outstanding at this point.

All winter sports have had at least one game or meet so far. For the most part, all the kids are doing well. There are a few eligibility issues with grades. A student who has an "F" on their Tuesday report must sit for one game if the grade doesn't improve by the next week.

At a future meeting, Dave Kapp will be requesting booster club assistance of around \$5000 to fund a weight room supervisor position. There are some outstanding questions about whether and how booster club can logistically fund such a position. Dave will have details. Barb Kyle requested that we be able to review the athletic budget before making a decision about funding this position. It will be helpful to see how the current athletic budget is allocated and how booster club funding supplements the budget.

Winter Sports Reports:

Boys Basketball – Mike (via email)

- Record numbers of guys tried out for the teams this year - 34 came out the first night for the sophomore team. There were some issues with team selections, stemming from a lack of formal communications between the coaching staff. Mike has had a conversation with Dave Kapp about these problems.
- The teams are taking shape and looking good. All are encouraged to come out and watch some games!
- Josh has returned to coach a freshmen team and a new coach, Jabralle, is coaching a freshmen team. Jabralle played at East as a freshman, and then played at Malcolm X in Chicago. He now attends MATC.
- East is hosting a 2-day tournament over the winter break. Basketball will staff concessions, using booster club inventory plus some separately purchased items, and will give booster club a cut of the proceeds.
- More info on East basketball can be found at www.purgoldersboyshoops.com

Girls Basketball – Kris

- A potluck dinner was held at the beginning of year for all teams/parents. Coach Kay did a nice job outlining expectations for both kids and parents.
- There are Varsity, Sophomore, and 2 Freshmen teams this year
- The Varsity squad is young with 1 freshman, 4 sophomores, 3 juniors, and 4 seniors.
- The Varsity has 2 wins already; next game is tomorrow against Verona.

Gymnastics – David Krause for Brett

- There are great participation numbers this year; currently 32 girls on the roster; 1 girl from LaFollette

Boys Hockey – Mary Jane

- Season started on December 2. They are doing well so far; not winning yet, but improving.
- They held a "Lakers appreciation night" and asked several teachers to attend the game. Ms. Severa, Ms. Chugum, and several others attended.

- December 13 was Patriot night. Younger kids could come in their hockey jerseys and get into the game for free. Little kids skated between periods of the game.
- Have a couple of away games this week and a tournament in Black River Falls coming up.
- There have been a couple of serious injuries to team members; 2 broken bones and a knee injury.
- They have enough players, but are having to play freshmen in varsity games.

Girls Hockey – Doug via email read by Cindy and summarized below

- The Cougars girls co-op hockey team includes East, LaFollette, Sun Prairie, Waunakee and DeForest. The co-op agreement has been approved by the WIAA through the 2009-10 school year. East has three players on the team this year. Sun Prairie is the fiscal agent and employs the coach.
- The Cougars had a successful inaugural season last year and finished ranked 6th in the State and just missed making the State tournament. This year's team is currently undefeated (4 – 0).
- Hockey is an expensive sport, with estimated costs per skater of about \$1750 annually. MMSD participants pay the regular \$115 athletic fee, plus an \$800 surcharge. The Cougars do a lot of other fundraising, in addition to the fees that are paid by each participant, to cover the costs and keep participation fees down.
- Doug will be seeking a new booster rep for girls hockey since his daughter is a senior this year.
- Girls hockey will be staffing concessions for boys basketball on 12/20. Doug requested assistance, since he is not able to be there the entire time. Cathy Pierce volunteered to help with set up and general supervision.

Boy Swimming – Jill J.

- The season has been going really well so far; participation numbers are up with over 30 guys on the team, pretty evenly spread among freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- There are some novice swimmers, but also a core of really strong returning swimmers; guys are really stepping up to fill the void left by last year's senior class; everybody is working hard and improving.
- 2 – 1 in conference dual meets so far; lost to Middleton, beat Janesville Parker and Beloit.
- Got 5th place at the Nicolet Sprint Invitational, behind Verona, Middleton, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay
- Got 3rd place at the Janesville Parker Relays, behind Middleton and West
- Swimming at West this Friday at 5:00 p.m.
- Annual Alumni meet is this Saturday at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the cafeteria

Wrestling - Aimee

- Off to a good start with the new coach, Frank Zoerner, who is a substitute teacher with MMSD. Frank is a Memorial grad and has taught social studies for several years in other districts. He has 10 years coaching experience and was a coach in Texas and Richland Center. He has had 3 state qualifiers. He is also the co-defensive coordinator for football.
- 30 kids came out initially; a few have dropped out, but the varsity is pretty much full; there are a few holes in weight groups due to grade issues
- Lost to Middleton, Parker, Beloit; won one dual
- Placed several wrestlers at the Blackhawk tournament; had a 2nd place, several 3rd, 4th and 6th place finishes; finished 9th out of 16 teams

Spirit Squad – no rep

- David has talked to Laura about getting a parent rep
- Qualified for nationals; doing fundraisers to help pay for trip
- Participation numbers are way up; the squad has improved a lot this year and looks really good

Committee/Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Aimee

- The treasurer's laptop was purchased; all software has been installed and is working beautifully
- 2007 taxes are done and have been sent in; there were a few minor corrections from previous tax returns; the tennis court liability was incorrectly stated; this shouldn't be a problem involving a fine or anything, but may need to amend previous returns.
- The East on Ice raffle will require some more complicated reporting next year and more specific documentation to as how the raffle is run. Jean will document everything for Aimee.
- Peter called Aimee about her endowment question; she got the info she needed from Ruth.

Concessions – Verne/Peter

- A \$700 deposit was made for the first two girls basketball games
- Proceeds from boys games were: Parker \$487; Beloit \$879
- Concessions help has been very good! Nobody has had to stay late to get things cleaned up.
- Girls hockey will need extra help on Saturday if anyone can lend a hand.
- 4 girls games are left open on the schedule to staff; Jill J will send an email with the open dates to fill. Jean volunteered girls tennis for Tues, Jan 27.

Spirit Wear – Cindy

- Made a \$270 deposit today from last 2 basketball games.
- Judith is doing a fabulous job selling spirit wear in the AD office; sold \$117 worth in 2 days.
- Selling tomorrow for girls basketball and will try to be here for every boys game.
- Email Cindy if you need anything for Xmas presents or beyond.

Membership – Cheryl

- 263 membership as of today; have received a few more over the last two boys basketball games.
- We're about 20 short of where we were at the end of March last year.
- Cheryl will sell memberships at basketball games; email all basketball parents to let them know; Cheryl will be at the basketball game tomorrow with membership forms.

East on Ice – Jean

- The event will be on Saturday, March 7th at the Edgewater. Tickets are \$50 per person.
- The committee met prior to today's meeting
- Raffle tickets will be sold ahead of time for cash prizes; each coach and each booster rep will have to sell 10 tickets; winners will be drawn at "East on Ice" but you do not need to be present to win; this is how Middleton does it; the first prize will be \$500, \$250 for 2nd, \$100 for 3rd. \$5 per ticket. Will have tickets ready for January meeting for booster reps to start selling. We will need to work out logistics on handling the ticket stubs and money with the AD office and treasurer. If others want to sell raffle tickets, please contact Jean to coordinate. Dave Kapp will communicate with coaches regarding raffle ticket sales.
- Auction items are needed! Spirit squad is doing a basket; boys volleyball has a portrait; baseball team got batting cage at Hitters facility; Ferraros donating their condo again.
- Invites will be mailed at end of January; please email Jean with names of people who should be on the mass mailing
- 171 people attended last year; MB3 band played last year and will again this year; Andy Moore/Peter Leidy played a little ditty; it was a really fun inaugural event last year, as an alternative to the golf outing; lots of schools do similar social events
- One free ticket will be given to a "guest of honor" associated with the athletic department
- Alcohol is served, so you must be 21 to attend.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

The next meeting in January will be the coaches' requests meeting. All booster reps are required to attend. A packet of the requests will be sent out ahead of time so boosters can review. You should plan to be in attendance to vote on these requests. Many thousands of dollars will be distributed based on requests approved at this meeting. Judith has sent a reminder to coaches to get their requests in.

A question was asked as to the status of the boys tennis coach. Judith indicated that 3 candidates had been interviewed last week and there should be news soon. (Note: Since it is girls tennis' turn to request something this year, and Jamey was both girls and boys tennis coach, Jean will do the request in lieu of the yet to be hired coach.)

For the Good of East Athletics:

Cheryl asked a question about athletics participation at East, since she needed that info for a Milwaukee Brewers request for an auction item. There are over 1700 kids at East, with 800 participating in athletics, but it's not clear if that is a duplicated or unduplicated count. Judith will double check on the numbers and confirm.

A question was asked about athletic trainers and their availability at competitions and otherwise. The District supplies trainers for varsity events only; they are not required to attend JV events. All coaches must be first aid

certified. It was noted that hockey has been having injury problems. The coaches should be telling kids to report their injuries to the trainer, but it was suggested that maybe an email to parents would be helpful to let them know that kids can avail themselves of the trainer's services during his regular office hours if they have injury concerns. Mary Jane would appreciate any suggestions on how to best communicate this to other parents.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held in the East LMC on **Monday, January 26th, at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Jokela, Recording Secretary