

Minutes of East High Booster Club Meeting
February 16, 2009

Present: Deb Amundson, Leigh Ellen Caro-Leverich, Mary Jane Carpenter, Deb Cerra, Kari Douglas, Shel Gross, Chad Gunnelson, Ann Halbach, Alan Harris, Kris Holmes, Jill Jokela, Chris Krueger, Jude Leimer, Cindy Maitland, Connie Martin, Steve McKenzie, Sherry Miner, Cheryl Parzych, Cathy Pierce, Sharon Redinger, Jean Schroeder, Aimee Schwichtenberg, Judith Strand, Deb Tobin, Jill Wanke

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Halbach. The minutes of the January 26th meeting were approved.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Harris reported on the recent administrative staff shifts at East, involving David Krause moving into the Dean of Students position and Martha Olson becoming an assistant principal, and some organizational changes that have been made to better serve students, teachers and parents. Martha will be working together with Randi Kubek to oversee all curriculum and serve as a one-stop shop for teachers; Bea Bonet will oversee activities only (not athletics); and Dave Kapp continues as full-time AD. Class meetings were held with students last week to communicate these changes. *(Note: More detailed info on this topic can be found in the February meeting notes on the East High United website.)*

Mr. Harris also talked about the upcoming re-dedication of the 1958 State Championship basketball trophy that will happen at half-time of the Thursday night game against LaFollette. Mr. Harris related how the Class of 1958 came to school to donate \$1000 for the theatre project and, in the course of their visit, noticed that their championship trophy had become tarnished over the years and asked for permission to take it and get it cleaned and polished up. Dave Kapp then invited the players and their coach to come to a game for the re-presentation of the trophy. In addition, the players and coach will receive plaques with pictures from the 1958 yearbook commemorating their championship. Mr. Harris then led us in the following yell, culled from the 1958 yearbook, as practice for Thursday night: E-A, E-A, E-A-S-T! H-I, H-I, H-I-G-H! E-A-S-T H-I-G-H! E-A-S-T H-I-G-H! East High! East High! East High!

AD Report: No report in Dave Kapp's absence.

Training Program Proposal: Chad Gunnelson

Chad presented a proposal for a summer training program for Madison East athletes, which he would offer through his company Athletic Republic. He has done, or is doing, the same type of proposal for Memorial, Monona Grove, and Monroe. The program falls in the middle of the spectrum for training; it is not established to build bulk, but is more for off-season training and conditioning. Chad talked about the injury problems that occurred with the girls' soccer team last year and how this type of program can also help with injury prevention. As part of the program, female athletes do ACL pre-hab work. The Memorial football team used this program for summer training last year and had 107 athletes participate. It is laid out so that kids can use it at home as well, since it tells them what to do.

The program would be offered for 8 weeks, with the first and last week being used to test the athletes on various measures. Chad said that if at least 60 East athletes signed up to participate, he will pay for a strength coach to help run the program at the school. The way he has set it up, a couple of sessions a week will be held at East and once a week out at Athletic Republic.

There were lots of questions about this proposal, a sampling included:

Could scholarships be offered? What about kids that can't afford it? Chad says scholarships are not allowed by WIAA regulation, since all athletes need to be treated the same and it would cause an eligibility issue. However, he will follow up with Dave Anderson at WIAA and see if there is anyway to provide flexibility.

Are coaches involved with any of the training? How would sport specific training be implemented? Chad says he would act as a liaison between coach and player. His program is focused on making better athletes, not providing coaching for a specific sport.

Are coaches on board with this proposal? Chad has talked to a few of them, including Bruce Govier, Jess Fenner, and Nancy Gritt. More coaches need to be involved to encourage participation.

Could it be open to younger siblings? Yes.

Chad needs to know by the beginning of April if there is interest in this proposal, in order to get it set up and promoted. It was agreed to table further discussion until the next meeting when Dave Kapp is available to discuss this program and any updates on the weight room situation.

Winter Sports Reports:

Boys Basketball – Ann, in Mike's absence

- Ann read Mike's full report – highlights as follows:
- Josh and Jabrelle have done a great job coaching the freshmen teams; kids have had fun and done well
- Steve Bentin's sophomore team has worked really hard; balanced playing time and developing for varsity
- Varsity currently #5 in AP coaches poll; currently 16 – 2 and on 15 game winning streak.
- Senior night this week against LaFollette
- Playoffs on March 7th present a potential conflict with East on Ice. If we host, the game will be early.
- Summer basketball program is getting organized; anyone interested is encouraged to participate.
- Steve McKenzie offered up some positive comments on how well the basketball program is doing this year.

Girls Basketball – Kris

- Awesome year that exceeded expectations. The team is very young; no seniors on the team this year.
- Great potential for next year. The team won more games (9) than in the past 5 years combined.
- Regional game on Tuesday at LaFollette. Played them close twice this year.
- Banquet is on March 5th
- Little Dribblers performed at half-time of the last game. Coach Kay is their coach. Lots of people came.

Gymnastics – Brett

- Lots of freshmen on team this year, some juniors and sophomores. The girls are having fun!
- Haven't won a meet, but have improved a lot over the course of the season.
- JV Conference meet is tomorrow; Varsity conference on Saturday; Sectionals a week from Thursday.

Boys Hockey – Mary Jane

- Recently won a game, beat West, 6 – 4. Playoff tomorrow night at Oregon on new ice.
- The team is very young with 15 freshmen and sophomores; 5 seniors; 2 East/3 LaFollette. Long season!

Girls Hockey – in Doug's absence

- Shout out to star goalie Janna Beilke-Skoug, who has something like a 92% save percentage and 1.1 goals against average, and who also reportedly played the Star Spangled Banner on her cello, in full goalie gear!

Boy Swimming – Jill J.

- It has been a really good year overall. Very strong participation and great team experience for the guys.
- Finished 4 – 4 in Big 8 dual meets; victorious against Janesville Craig, Parker, Beloit, and LaFollette; losing to Middleton, West, Verona, and Memorial.
- Finished 6th out of 9 teams at Conference; finished 6th out of 12 teams at Sectionals.
- Broke 200 free relay team record at both Conference and Sectionals meets.
- Qualified the 200 free relay (Quinn Schwellinger, Coleman Fraser, Rob Miner, Aaron Lickel) and 400 free relay (Aaron Lickel, Coleman Fraser, Joey Marshment-Howell, Rob Miner) for State; Rob Miner (200 free, 100 fly) and Aaron Lickel (200 IM, 100 free) also qualified in their individual events.
- State is this Saturday, Feb 21, at the Nat at 3:00 p.m.
- Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th, at Bridges.

Wrestling - Aimee

- Good season; won 15 dual meets; losing 5 seniors
- Won All City; will get a trophy on March 2 at All City banquet.
- 6th of 10 at Conference; 7 out of 8 medaled
- Regional meet results – 4 wrestlers moving on to Sectionals; Kyle Pierce, Cody Schwichtenberg, Jacob Newberry, and Dayton Yu
- Some wrestlers were ineligible due to grades, so haven't done as well as a team as they might have.

Spirit Squad – no rep

- Have performed at several girls games this year too.

Committee/Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Aimee

- Fiscal year ends April 30; want to get taxes done timely and will get a bid from same person who did them last year.

Concessions – Cathy

- MSCR is proposing that we run concessions for their intramural basketball tournament, all day on Saturday, March 14th. Wrestling has volunteered to run it; with proceeds to be split 60/40 split; 60 to team and 40 to fund new scoreboards. If anybody else wants to do it as a team, contact Cathy to work it out.

Spirit Wear – Cindy

- 2 deposits; \$765 sold at incoming freshmen orientation night; Judith in AD office has sold \$295 worth
- May do Thursday night for basketball game with alumni coming. Cindy can use help if anyone is available.

Membership – Cheryl

- No new memberships since last meeting.

East on Ice – Jean

- The event is fast approaching!
- Need people to work that night; need people to sit at registration tables and help with miscellaneous tasks.
- Raffle ticket sales are going well; \$1250 sold so far. Reps are doing well, coaches not so much.
- Auction items are going pretty well. There is lots of good stuff. A few teams have yet to donate.
- MB3 (the band) has an "East on Ice" Facebook page; they will play until midnight.
- Return unsold raffle tickets to Jean by March 2nd.
- Jean is out of town all next week, but will check messages.
- Please make calls and encourage more people to come; send emails to the teams and promote to others!

New Business:

Ann and Peter met with Dave Kapp preliminarily to talk about athletic budget and funding requests. Dave is coming up with a proposal. Ann will pull together a group to review the proposal for feedback before the March meeting.

Old Business:

8th grade orientation meetings – Kari

- Dave took athletes to all the middle school orientations; boys/girls from all different sports
- It seemed very successful; lots of kids signed up and asked questions
- Dave should do this every year.

For the Good of East Athletics:

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held in the East LMC on **Monday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Jokela, Recording Secretary