

Boosters General Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024
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Call to Order/Introductions 7:31pm

Approval of March 2024 meeting minutes: Julie Broderick made a motion to approve, and Allison Fagan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Attendance: Molly Gulati, Julie Jones, Catherine Liguori, Meme Harris, Gwen Franco, Andrea Armstrong, Andrea Vasady-Kovacs, Julie Broderick, Allison Fagan, Dan Healy, Kim McGovern

Co-Presidents Report – Broderick/Fagan

- Boosters Boast – what we do for ALL student-athletes - our mission is to promote interest in athletic programs in the middle school and high school, foster spirit, support grant requests, fund \$8,000 worth of scholarships for graduating seniors, and engage and build our Summit sports community.
- Grants:
 - Sailing requested \$3139.98 for bussing expenses. The executive board recommends partially funding this grant for \$2,000. Dan Healy explained that this hopefully will be the last grant from sailing for bussing. Transportation for practices to Perth Amboy on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be included in next year's budget. Julie Broderick made a motion to approve this partially funded grant and Kim McGovern seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Track & Field requested \$873.20 for entry fees for both relays and individual races in the Nike and New Balance Nationals. Julie Broderick made a motion to approve this grant in full and Catherine Liguori seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dan Healy acknowledged and thanked Boosters for annually paying for these relays as they are not a part of track & field's regular schedule.
- Senior Athletic Celebration: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:30pm in the SHS auditorium, with a catered BBQ to follow in the parking lot by the field. SAC team is currently working out the kinks on the RSVP link. The corrected link will be emailed to all the senior parents. Gifts have been ordered and food is all set. Captains' parents – thank you for the headshots

and action shots of all the senior athletes. Hoping all parents and students will attend. BBQ portion will be held in the cafeteria if it rains.

- Mr. Chi Shirts – New fundraising effort benefiting Mr. Chi and Boosters, generously donated, and run by the Salzman family. Chi-shirt sales raised \$5,600 over the past weekend.
- Proposed Slate for the Boosters Executive Board for the 2024-25 school year:

Co-President - Allison Fagan

Co-President - Bonnie Park

Treasurer - Keryn Nomellini

VP, Publicity - Reshma Shah

Corresponding Secretary - Kim McGovern

Recording Secretary - Catherine Liguori

LCJSMS Liaison - Andrea Vasady-Kovacs

Treasurer's Report – Keryn Nomellini per email update

- See budget. Merchandise made another \$2,000 in profit March/April

Hilltop Shop at Mondo – Bonnie Park per email update

- Lots of new merchandise – Trucker hats, pj pants, home décor, ponchos, special edition t-shirt. Perfect for Mother's Day, Father's Day, coaches' gifts, senior gifts, and graduation gifts.
- Please remind BOE staff that they get 20% discount on Booster's merchandise.

Communications - McGovern

- Please keep those posts coming in. Please send different pictures representing lots of kids, 2-3 photos per blurb is ideal and email in.

LCJSMS Liaison - Vasady-Kovacs

- Discussed Meet the Coaches feedback with Dan Healy – see below.

Athletic Director State of the Department Report/Q & A – Dan Healy

- Meet the Coaches for the middle schoolers used to be in-person then Covid caused us to pivot to a virtual event. Following feedback from this year, (thank you Andrea Vasady-Kovacs) we're looking to bring back an in-person Athletic Open House.
- Currently speaking with other coaches and we are in the early planning stages of hosting an Athletic Open House. Possible ideas include a

professionally edited video including all of our offerings, give aways – Chi dogs, t-shirts. Still uncertain of date.

- Meme Harris has a recommendation for Dan for someone to produce the video.
- Julie Jones suggested having a designated “meet the team game” for the middle schoolers. Dan said that could be part of a multi-prong approach as that would look different for each sport.
- Andrea Vasady-Kovacs suggested hanging senior athlete posters in the elementary school gyms to inspire the younger athletes.
- Dan Healy thanked Molly Gulati for attending as a representative from our Track & Field team and their parent organization Fast Act. The Fast Act parents will continue to work to improve the Summit Relay’s efficiency and he and they will work to better stagger bus pickup. Dan encouraged all concerned parties to call him and connect about the Summit Relays, the lights at Tatlock or any other concerns. He said he’s happy to speak with everyone.
- The lower HS field update - still hopeful to be in use for the fall season - potentially November. It will be lined for the most sports in all of the city. Includes lines for flag football, lacrosse, softball, and baseball (only through 6th grade). There will still be grass in between the 2 turf fields. It will be locked evenings and weekends on the Morris Ave side to avoid illegal parking, jaywalking on Morris Ave and to encourage all players and spectators to park up at the HS and walk down to the field.

Guest Speaker for next General Meeting on 5/8/24, 7:30pm - Q&A with Councilman Kevin Smallwood on Proposed Tatlock Light Project. Boosters welcomes all viewpoints, and we encourage anyone with questions or concerns to please attend.

Julie Broderick made a motion to adjourn at 8:23pm. Kim McGovern seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 pm

Note: An “active” Boosters Member (able to vote) is defined as: 1) Booster Contributor of at least \$10; and 2) been a Boosters volunteer or attended two Boosters General Meetings in the past 12 months.