

Extra Curricular Committee Meeting
April 5, 2010
5:00 PM

Members Present: John Polzin, Sandy Fischer, Shelley Mack, Barb Callahan, Mark Luetschwager, Lisa Nelson

Agenda Items:

1. Booster Club Presentations – Follow-up:

Booster Officers: Mary Schmoeger, Lisa Nelson, Laura Doyle, Jim Albrecht.

Current Booster Mission: Focus on fan participation and spirit.

Proposed Football Complex Capital Campaign:

As a result of being removed from the Referendum, the Boosters were approached by the Administration late summer/fall 2009 regarding a remodel of the press box/concession stand, addition of handicap accessible bathrooms, running water, and reconfiguration of bleacher seating area at the existing football/track complex.

Our consideration of the project began with the Boosters meeting with Mark Luetschwager to review similar projects he has been involved in at other Districts.

Boosters then met with the current coaches of the District in early January to gauge their support and learned the following:

- Difficulty getting coaches to support a program other than their own because of budget constraints and funding from the District.
- Given budget constraints and funding issues from the District, no program wants to give up their own current fundraising opportunities to help fund the football/track complex project.
- When asked if they and their athletes would work Booster fundraisers to help raise money for the project if it were to go forward, the response was mixed.
- When asked if they and their athletes would help staff work days to install bleachers, etc., all coaches felt they could encourage athlete and parent participation.

Boosters enlisted Jeremy and Josh Riesop, graduates of DHS to create a site plan/rendering of the potential project.

Booster officers agreed they are interested in working with the District on this project for a number of reasons:

- Our focus on fan participation and spirit alone has not been successful.
- We believe it is not in the District's best interest to allow coaches to fundraise for their individual programs and not view the District's athletic programs as a whole.
- We have surveyed a number of Athletic Booster programs in other Districts and they all function in a similar fashion.

Discussion of purchasing athletic uniforms:

- Think it would be good to get the rotation of buying uniforms back into the budget.
- Will check pricing and priorities (boys varsity basketball, football game pants, softball game pants).