

PRAIRIE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the PRHS Booster Club was held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the PRHS Library.

Board Attendees: Sieglinde Savas, President; Kevin Koeppen, Vice Principal, Tatiana Gray, Treasurer; Shannon Vrbancic, VP Operations-Concessions; Katie Czarnecki, VP-Spiritwear, Margie Palmer, Secretary

Call To Order: Prairie Ridge High School Booster Club President, Sieglinde Savas, called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024, meeting, was seconded and carried.

Introduction of Attendees: Sieglinde initiated a round of self-introductions among the meeting attendees.

Vice Principal Report: Kevin Koeppen welcomed everyone to the evening's meeting. He reported that the Spring season of sports is underway. New coaches for Dance and Cheer vacancies have recommended hires and will be announced following the next School Board meeting. Kevin thanked Boosters for the Fine Arts fundraising effort and indicated there has been much positive feedback from families. The Board and Boosters, as a whole, were recognized for creative fundraising ideas to generate revenue. This segued into the announcements of this year's Allocations and how much funding the Booster's was able to provide to the PR athletics, clubs and activities. He stressed the tremendous impact Boosters has on the entire school and community and those efforts will leave a lasting impression. He also expressed Coach Schremp's gratitude.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report: Sieglinde explained the Allocation process for the newer attendees. A handout was provided outlining the applications received (attached.) This year, the Booster Board received approximately 19 requests for support totaling \$96,567.34. Following the review process by both Administration and the Booster Board, \$50,147.00 in allocations were awarded, with an additional \$5,730.23 that was contributed by administration and athletics/programs accounts. Some additional funding may be available from a matching program sponsored by the school district. In closing, Sieglinde noted the significance of this year's award when considering last year's allocation process awarded \$76,000, representing two years of fundraising revenue.

Spring Team Parent Meetings: Sieglinde reported that she and other Board members have been attending team meetings to keep everyone apprised of current events within the Booster Club and how parents can provide support through volunteering for concessions sales.

Fine Arts Fundraiser: Sieglinde thanked the Booster Board and Fine Arts parent, Holly Adkins for their efforts towards ensuring the fundraiser was a success. **Musical Playbill Ads** raised \$3000, less cost of playbill. Brian at the UPS store was recognized for his generosity through continued discounts. As a result, Boosters and Fine Arts, each earned over \$1000. **Flowers/Candy** raised \$1170.00 gross profits overall, less costs, with a net profit of \$573.82, so \$286.91 will be going to each of the Boosters and Fine Arts.

Graduation Flowers: The Boosters are considering another fundraiser for graduation. More information will be forthcoming as details are finalized. Volunteers would be needed to implement this effort, as two Board members have students graduating. Booster members are also needed to monitor the five senior parking spots. Anyone interested in assisting with graduation flowers should contact Sieglinde directly. As with the Fine Arts fundraiser, we would make online pre-orders available, along with extras on hand.

EDIT: Since this meeting, Boosters were made aware that NHS will be hosting a graduation flower sale, so Boosters will not this year.

Spring Sports Rosters: Sieglinde reported that rosters will be available at the first home games. Solicitations for next fall will begin soon. Businesses are encouraged to reach out to secure ad space. A special thanks to Kelly Demakis was shared for the beautiful designs, again.

Ridge Raffle at Rookies: Sieglinde reminded everyone that 228 raffle tickets were sold for last year's event. To date, 100 raffle tickets have been sold, and to breakeven and award \$15,000 in prize money, at least 50 additional tickets need to be sold. This marks the second year for this fundraiser, and Boosters is still hoping to generate enough excitement with an eye towards retaining the event for next year.

Senior Scholarships: The deadline for application submissions is April 3rd. One received to date, but more are anticipated. A reminder that all submissions must be typed. Any handwritten applications will not be considered.

Graduation Signs: Signs will be sold again this year with a new design. Online pre-orders will be available beginning April 1st, with signs distributed on May 3rd from 1-3:30 in the front hallway. Extras will be available for anyone who did not place orders, but would like a sign. Kelly Demakis was again recognized for her creative genius.

Booster Board Elections: Sieglinde reminded everyone that elections will be held in May at the end of the academic year. The current Board has offered to retain current positions, but anyone interested in those positions, as well as the open Fundraising VP, should contact Sieglinde directly.

Concessions: Shannon reported on the status of setting up for the spring sports season. Girls Soccer is currently in limbo, as those teams have been unable to identify leadership. Lacrosse, baseball and boys soccer have secured parent leadership and will have offerings available during the game season. For those unfamiliar with the commitment, Shannon explained the process mainly includes inventory control, managing the money pouch/bank, and training the day's volunteers. In closing, she reminded that the concession sales play a large part in generating revenue for the team and consideration during the Allocations Process. Discussion

followed regarding whether or not students could actually volunteer to alleviate some of the staffing challenges, while also providing students with service hours, especially the NHS students. Kevin Koeppen will further explore the possibility.

Spirit Wear: Katie Czarnecki is currently reorganizing remaining spirit wear inventory and taking note on what will need to be re-ordered. Considering sales for 8th grade crossover/honors night/promotion (graduation), but there are some logistical challenges. Rhiannon offered to assist with Prairie Grove.

Treasurer Report: Tatiana reported an opening balance of \$77,749. Total revenue was \$12,247 vs. expenses of \$4,223. Ending balance is \$85,953, which does not include the \$50,000 in Allocations that were awarded or the upcoming scholarship awards.

Team & Activity Reports: Nothing to report. A brief discussion followed regarding the National Anthem at baseball games. Mary Kate Kuhne has expressed interest, so currently under consideration.

Upcoming Dates:

Booster Club Meetings This Year - April 8th, May 13th

Spring Break - March 25 - 29th

Monday, April 3rd @ 3pm - Booster Club Scholarship Applications are Due

Sunday, April 21st - Ridge Raffle at Rookies in Downtown CL

Prom - Friday, April 26th

Graduation - Saturday, May 18th

\$100 Raffle Winner: Margie Palmer for Volleyball

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Palmer, Secretary PRHS Booster Club

Booster Club Allocations 2023-2024

<u>Department/Club/Sport making request</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Amount requested?</u>	<u>Basic Asks</u>	<u>Admin/Athletics Contribution</u>	BOOSTER 2024 ALLOCATION
Athletic Bands (Marching/Pep)	Marykate Kuhne	\$11,000.00	Sousaphones	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Boys Soccer	Josef Schroeder	\$2,380.00	Program wide windbreakers and uniforms	\$0.00	\$2,380.00
Boy's Wrestling	Jeremy Gricar	\$15,318.00	Wrestling mat	TBD	\$4,000.00
Boys/Girls Track and Field	Michael Frericks	\$4,780.73	Hurdles	\$4,780.73	\$0.00
Cheerleading	Charisse Weil and Deana Lehl	\$4,000.00	Varsity game day uniforms	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Color Guard	Amy Bland	\$300.00	Bodysuits	\$0.00	\$300.00
Dance Team	Jill Thennes	\$3,500.00	Choreography, costumes, poms	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Football	Michael Frericks	\$7,728.00	Equipment, helmets, jerseys, travel bags, footballs	\$0.00	\$7,728.00
Girls Basketball	Tim Taege	\$949.50	Basketballs	\$949.50	\$0.00
Girls Golf	Jeanine Stantesly	\$5,160.00	Range balls, practice rounds, golf bags	\$0.00	\$5,160.00
Girls Soccer	Lindsay Gertz	\$3,249.75	Backpacks, rain jackets	\$0.00	\$3,249.00
Volleyball	Hilary Agnello	\$2,830.00	Jersey sets	\$0.00	\$2,830.00
Gymnastics	Lexi Redmond	\$10,338.66	Mats and leotards	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
National Honor Society	Vickie Campbell	\$783.20	100 medallions for seniors for next 3 years	\$0.00	\$250.00
PR Baseball	Glen Pecoraro	\$6,000.00	Roll on backstop	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

PR Thespians	Daren Dusenske	\$100.00	Scholarships	\$0.00	\$100.00
Softball	Scott Busam	\$8,000.00	Fence liners, scoreboard, jerseys	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Spanish Club	Leah Groat	\$150.00	Scholarships	\$0.00	\$150.00
Theater/Music/Auditorium Usage	David Jensen	\$10,000.00	Soundboard, equipment	TBD	\$2,500.00
				\$5,730.23	\$50,147.00