

PRAIRIE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the PRHS Booster Club was held on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the PRHS Library.

Board Attendees: Sieglinde Savas, President; Kevin Koeppen, Vice Principal; 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 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2024, meeting, was made, seconded and carried.

Vice Principal Report: Kevin Koeppen welcomed everyone and commented on the final stretch of the 2023-24 academic year and the final events and preparations for graduation. While this is viewed as a fun time of the year, it is exhausting for faculty with all the final seniors events. Testaments were paid to the Booster board and its membership for all the support PR received throughout the year. Special note was paid to the Booster's fundraising efforts, which provided for significant allocations to the athletics and activities, as well as the PR Booster scholarships program and the varied "one-off" needs throughout the year. Overall, Mr. Koeppen acknowledged the success of the year. Booster members at large were also recognized for their volunteer efforts to create positive experiences for the students. In closing, Mr. Koeppen noted some administrative changes, including the new Athletic Director, Chris Schremp, in addition to Jamie Buck who will now oversee Student Council along with Colleen Kendall. Plans for the fall are already falling into place including a full-school event to celebrate incoming freshmen, but also all athletic teams and activities/clubs. It is anticipated the Booster Club will be part of the planning. Noting the final meeting of the year, Mr. Koeppen wished everyone a wonderful summer and encouraged members to reach out with any questions or needs throughout the summer.

Introduction of Attendees: Sieglinde initiated a round of self-introductions.

BOARD REPORTS

President/Fundraising Report: Sieglinde thanked everyone for attending, noting especially since the academic year is winding down and many are busy preparing for graduation and the spring sports season. The membership was encouraged to promote the PR Booster Club as a whole, as well as, meetings, volunteering and other mediums of support. Sieglinde further noted certain board members will be stepping down at the conclusion of the 2024-25 academic year, and as such, is hoping to identify candidates in advance in an effort to implement a proactive transition process. It was also announced excitedly that Liz Instefjord would be taking over for Shelly Voight as the

Booster Club's website manager. An update of Booster Club fundraising and other efforts followed:

Ridge Raffle sold 196 tickets this year, which generated \$4600 in revenue for Boosters. While this year's final numbers were slightly behind compared to last year, the event was very well attended. It was a bonus that PR and the Boosters were able to support a local business that happens to be a Booster Club sponsor. Raffle winners were as follows:

\$10,000	Stephanie Colby
\$ 1,000	David Farstead
\$ 1,000	Keri Daman
\$ 1,000	Mike Giglio
\$ 500	Alison Baggio*
\$ 500	Giacomo Listi
\$ 500	Sean Strobel
\$ 500	Katen Patel

* Alison Baggio elected to donate their winnings to Girls Soccer and Basketball, as well as Jazz Band.

In addition to the monetary winnings, families of senior students who purchased raffle tickets were entered into an additional drawing for reserved parking for the graduation ceremony. Winners were as follows:

Theresa Dalton
Keri Daman
Sue Danielson
Steve Fireng
Maria Caldeira

Booster Board members will be out on Saturday morning to manage the parking spots.

Graduation Signs: Graduation signs were distributed on May 3rd in the front lobby. There were 73 pre-sales and 11 were purchased the day of distribution. Signs are still available through the office. Kelly Demakis was recognized for her graphic design.

Both the **Jewelry** and **Graduation Ornament** fundraisers are still going on. There was no information available regarding the permanent jewelry sale. The graduation ornaments from a PR family artist is offering 50% back on each sale.

Sports Rosters sales are up to \$5100 from renewing sponsors. Solicitations for prospective advertisers will launch next week. More information will be forthcoming once the new VP Administration-Fundraising is elected.

The new Booster monitor, replacing the bulletin board, was installed in the athletic hall inside of door #7. Mr. Koeppen and Coach Schremp were thanked for allowing Boosters to switch over to a higher technology format, which allows the Boosters to more prominently and regularly feature all of our students.

Email and social media posts will continue throughout the summer, so members are encouraged to continue sending information and pictures for posting.

Vice President Operations: In Shannon Vrbancic's absence, Sieglinde reported that the only concessions currently in operations are Lacrosse and Baseball.

Vice President Spirit Wear: Katie reported on plans to sell spirit wear at Monday's, May 20th, promotion night at PR for HBMS 8th graders. A specific t-shirt will be offered at a discounted price for those 8th graders coming to PR.

Treasurer's Report: In Tatiana's absence, Sieglinde referred Booster members to the printed report. It noted an opening balance of \$33,920, with total revenue of \$12,161 vs. expenses of \$15,526. The ending balance of \$29,915 includes the \$50,000 in Allocations the Boosters awarded to athletics and activities, but excludes scholarship awards. Payouts for scholarships will be made as students provide their college/university bursar information. In closing, Sieglinde reminded everyone that with allocations, the Boosters drain the coffers keeping only enough to purchase spirit wear and stocking concessions for the fall sports season. She noted that questions arise throughout the school year regarding how Booster funding is applied and why little remains to fund one-off events, such as an After Prom activity or faculty recognitions and certain other efforts as other D155 schools. PR Booster's emphasis has always been to direct financial support to coaches and activity sponsors (and students) in order to be most impactful.

Secretary Report: Margie Palmer reported on the results of the 2024 Booster Club Scholarship Awards. This year, 19 applications were received and six scholarships were awarded. The student applications were exceptional and we clearly have some amazing students at Prairie Ridge. This year's awardees of a \$1,000 scholarship are as follows:

Amelia Bowen
Andrew Czarnecki
Jack Demakis
Brooklyn Lucia
Grace Smith
Addison Taege

As a reminder, scholarships are paid directly to the awardees' college and applied to their school account.

Team & Activity Reports:

Lacrosse: Senior Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th and will recognize seven graduating players. It was noted that player photos are yet to be received and information was provided regarding affixing photos to the field fencing.

Choir: Pops concert is scheduled for Tuesday night, May 14th, with Senior Solo night on Thursday, May 16th.

Election Slate Presentation & Vote: Sieglinde presented the slate of officers for the 2024-25 school year for approval, as follows:

President:	Sieglinde Savas
Treasurer:	Tatiana Gray
Secretary:	Erin Kaye
VPresident - Operations/Concessions:	Shannon Vrbancic
VPresident - Spirit Wear:	Katie Czarnecki
VPresident - Fundraising:	Margie Palmer

A motion to approve the aforementioned slate of officers to the 2024-25 Prairie Ridge Booster Club was made, seconded and carried.

Sieglinde noted that a voted election would be unnecessary due to lack of self-nominations or other nominations. As such, the membership approved the slate of officers for the PR Booster Club board as presented.

Upcoming Dates:

- o Saturday, May 18th – Graduation
- o Monday, May 20th – 8th Grade Promotion Night at PR
- o Booster Meetings Next year....Sept. 16th, Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th, Dec. 16th, Jan. 13th, Feb. 10th, March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th
- o **RIDGE FEST** October, 19th 2024

Raffle Drawing: Shelly Voight for Spanish Club \$100

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Palmer, Secretary PRHS Booster Club