LEIGH
SPORTS BOOSTERS

January 6, 2025 Sports Boosters Meeting
7pm @ Library
All are welcome!

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome - Maureen Currie
    a. Exec Board Members: President - Maureen Currie, Vice President - Todd Varnell, Treasurer - Monika Salquist, Secretary - Liz Basallaje
    b. Advisory Board Members: Athletic Director - Drew Marino, LHS Principal - Brandon Wall
    c. In Attendance: Maureen Currie, Todd Varnell, Liz Basallaje, Drew Marino, Jeff Argabright, Jeff Page, Liz Froemming, Namjae Lee, Christine Weitz, Karen Owczarczak, Asma Ghori

Meeting started at 7:02 pm

2. Athletic Director Update - Drew Marino
    a. Girls Basketball - Starts next week. Tough non league schedule.
    b. Boys Basketball - 5-3. 2 games this week.
    c. Girls Soccer - 6-0-1. Won the Fremont tournament in December, which is considered the best tournament in the area and requires an invitation to participate. Starts league next week.
    d. Boys Soccer has started and they recently beat Branham. 5-1 record so far, 1-0 in league
    e. Wrestling - Have had 2 league meets.
    f. Spring Sports start on Monday, February 3rd. Spring Sports Night is scheduled for February 13th.
    g. Information for heart screenings and Physicals will be sent out this week on TeamSnap. They may be on the same day. Information will also be available on the Athletics website.

3. Coach or Sports Rep Updates
    a. Coach McDonnal - Badminton
        i. Optional outdoor conditioning starts today (MWF @ 3:30PM). Open gyms on Saturdays 6-9 pm, ending this month.
        ii. First team meeting on February 3rd. Tryouts start on February 5th. Expecting initial turnout to be somewhere around 90. Have a hard limit at 60 due to the new practice structure this year so there will be cuts.
        iii. A historical CCS List has been put together: Nina, Dylan, Parth, and Ronit are current Leigh students who all qualified quite young!
    b. Coach Argabright - Boys Volleyball

i. Tryouts will be in 4 weeks and will be held at 6 am on February 3rd due to limited gym availability. Practices will also be in the mornings during the first week until basketball ends. With 10 seniors having graduated, there are a lot of opportunities for players.
ii. A question was raised about whether the varsity team plays in the A league. The answer is yes. Prospect and Pioneer moved down from the A league, while Del Mar moved up to join the A league.

c. Track - There will be an Info Meeting on Jan 7th at lunch in the gym.

4. Treasurer's Report - Maureen Currie reporting for Monika Salquist
   a. December Report, BvA, Balance Sheet (refer to finance reports for specifics)
      i. There was a merchandise replenishment for t-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, and hats. At 94% of budget for total expenses.
      ii. $78 in cash from wrestling snack shack not reflected in financials yet.
      iii. We received $525 from Sports Basement, which represents 10% of all purchases made throughout the fiscal year by those who designated Leigh Sports Boosters as a beneficiary.
   b. Budget increase request for Merchandise Expenses
      i. We are currently out of stadium chairs and would like to purchase more, including enough to have in stock for next year. The chairs cost $48 each and we sell them for $65. There is $400 remaining in the merchandise budget and purchasing 20 chairs will cost $960. The chairs are sold out right now, but Liz Froemming will check back in a week or two. Last time, it took 2-3 months for the chairs to come back in stock. We bought black chairs instead of green since the green ones are not available on discount. A question was raised about the turnaround time for receiving inventory, which is about 3-4 weeks once they are back in stock.
      ii. Motion to approve increasing the Merchandise budget by $1000 was made by Karen Owczarczak and seconded by Todd Varnell. Motion passed unanimously.
   c. Funding Requests
      i. Softball Uniforms
         1. Request - Asking for help to purchase two new sets of varsity uniforms. Planning to do a fundraiser in the spring. Raised about $5-6K last year. Need to place an order now to get them in time for the spring season. Softball will use the funds in the team account to purchase a set of helmets, with a plan to collect them at the end of the season.
         2. Quote - A question was raised about whether this is a reasonable price for softball uniforms and if the girls could purchase their own pants while we cover the cost of jerseys. The response was that uniforms are generally expensive. Sports Boosters currently has a budget of $16,000 for Sports Team requests, though this does not reflect the $1650 allocated to boys volleyball uniforms last month. Coach Argabright is waiting to confirm the exact amount.
         3. Motion to approve softball uniform funding request for $5000 made by Todd Varnell and seconded by Karen Owczarczak. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approve December Mtg Minutes - Maureen Currie
   a. Motion to approve minutes from December meeting was made by Todd Varnell and seconded by Asma Ghori. Motion passed unanimously, with 1 abstention.

6. Committee Reports
    a. Fundraising - Asma Ghori, Christine Weitz & Maureen Currie
        i. Auction and Trivia Night - Saturday, March 8th @ History Club of Los Gatos
            1. Donation Flyer
            2. Productive meeting last week and plans are coming together. The event will run from 6-10 pm, with food service starting at 6:30 pm and the auction ending at 9:30 pm. The venue was finalized today and we are in the process of finalizing the caterer and bartender. The varsity girls volleyball coach, who is a licensed bartender, has been hired for the event. A question was raised about whether she will need help and we will discuss that with her. The liquor license is also in progress. Waiting for Monika to set up the PayPal button on the website so tickets can be purchased online. Our goal is to sell at least 100 tickets.
            3. Working on securing donations for auction items. Vacation rentals would be nice. Drew will send out a message to all teams.
            4. On December 30th, Maureen Currie emailed the Sports Booster Club mailing list to request a budget increase vote, enabling the Committee to continue planning for the event. When the Executive Board drafted the Sports Booster club's budget last year, the intention was to hold the Trivia & Auction Night to be held at Belwood Cabana Club, a venue costing only a few hundred dollars. However, with the event now set for early March - a time of unpredictable weather - Belwood's limited indoor space prompted the Committee to look at other venues. As a result, the Committee is requesting an increase in the expense budget for the venue from $4000 to $6000. The goal is to have all of the evening's expenses covered by the ticket sales. The Committee is targeting selling 120 tickets at $50 each, which would equal $6000. Our current revenue budget for the event is $6000. The Committee anticipates that the revenue generated from the event will also increase.
            5. Motion to approve an increase in the expense budget for the venue from $4000 to $6000 was made by Todd Varnell and seconded by Jen Lipscomb via email. Fourteen others voted to approve. Motion passed unanimously with no opposed or abstained email votes.

        ii. Dining Nights Out - Christine Weitz
            1. Jo Jo's Hot Chicken - 15% - Wed. Dec. 11th - Raised $300. Met with the owner who is willing to do another fundraiser with us. Discussed not using a code and having customers mention that their order is for the Sports Boosters fundraiser instead.
            2. Super Duper Burger - 20% - January date to be finalized
            3. A question was raised about whether we have had a fundraiser with Kenz Coffee Bar. This will be looked into.
        iii. Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser - Christine Weitz
            1. Meeting in person with the fundraising chairs from Prospect and Westmont on Wednesday. Would like to start out with the bundtlets with 5 flavor options. Location in Los Gatos sells bundtlets for $6.50. Will ask what the schools have been selling them for. Prospect is planning to hold this fundraiser for Mother's Day, not sure about Westmont.

Communicating with NancyAnn Williamson to avoid any date conflicts with other organizations on campus.

iv. Kendra Scott Fundraiser - Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st - Raised $297.10, which is about the same for Mother's Day last year.
v. Shoe Donation Drive - deferred to next year
vi. Flower Bulb Fundraiser - deferred to next year

b. Basketball Snack Shack - Liz Basallaje & Asma Ghori
   i. The basketball snack shack will open for regular season games on January 17th. We have a lot of inventory which was left over from the football snack shack.
   ii. Karen opened for a wrestling tournament on December 18th and will open for another one on January 21st.
   iii. A question was raised about the status of signups. Many shifts have been filled, but there are still open slots. Maureen offered to send an email to the Sports Boosters mailing list and asked for the dates that need to be filled.
c. Merchandise – Liz Froemming & Nina Le
   i. Planning to set up at a few basketball games. Drew will be there for the boys games and offered to help move inventory on his golf cart.
   ii. Will set up for incoming 9th grade info night, scheduled for February 4th.
d. Donation Drive – Liz Froemming
   i. There were 1 or 2 donations in November, but it's been slow. Will send an email reminder as spring sports start. We have 19 signs left.
e. Social Media & Website – Rachel Zanger & Michele Anderson
   i. Send photos and highlights to leighsbsocial@gmail.com
   ii. Rachel is working on Fall Sports Wrap Up posters to put up throughout school.
f. Website - Namjae Lee
   i. The signup link for the mailing list on the main page is not working because we no longer have a Mailchimp account. Maureen suggested replacing it with her email for those interested in signing up or who have any questions.
   ii. We now have a Trivia Night link on the Sports Boosters website under Funding. Monika is working on setting up a PayPal button on the website for purchasing tickets.
   iii. Can add information for designating Leigh for Sports Basement purchases and include a link to the Stampede.
g. HSC Liaison - Open - There was no meeting in December.
h. Communications - Open

7. Old Business
   a. PAPA donation for BBQ Fundraiser - Liz Froemming emailed them today. Our donation is ready to go. It includes a long sleeve gray t-shirt, a beanie, and a license plate holder. Will add a front-of-the-line pass for use at the football snack shack along with instructions on how to use it.

8. New Business - None

9. Adjourn – Next meeting at 7pm on Monday, February 3rd, 2025

Adjourned at 8:25 pm