



Strongsville Boosters Meeting 9.12.23

- Call to Order
- President's Report - Rick Schulz
 - Project Updates –
 - Turf Project (Schulz/Elbert/Denny)
 - Plan is to turf baseball and softball fields
 - Boosters board is working w/ outside sponsors to donate and sponsor the “Sports Park”
 - Sponsorships would include: the Sports Park entrance, dugouts, both fields
 - Target date is Spring of '05
 - OSports is working on the visual renderings
 - Boosters want to meet again w/ Serpentini by end of Oct
 - Denny Z reports having a conversation w/ district admin and the architects working on the upcoming facilities updates to explore relocating the baseball fields possibly over to area near post office
 - Locker Room – need lead (Trusnik/Thall? Denny?)
 - Denny, Jason T, Dawn Thall, Margaret Bosela-Klinzig and Sarah Bass will collaborate
 - Mental Health (Denny/Board) – Review options
 - Denny is recommending a partnership w/ [Brian Cain](#) who is a premier sports psychologist
 - Brian is offering training for our coaches as well as some in-person and virtual training
 - price ranges from \$10K-\$25K to support coaches and athletes in how to deal w/ struggling mental health - would consist of an in-person training and 60 virtual hours

- Josh Sorge, former baseball coach & current SHS teacher, invited Brian to speak to his athletes over 10 years ago and found it very helpful for him and students
 - Boosters will explore grant/funding supports as well
 - **Q&A:**
 - Would this be annual? - unsure, depending on how it goes, get feedback, and then continue to plan from there is an option
 - Would they work w/ teams individually or all sports at once? - He has done both at multiple levels including HS, collegiate, pro
 - **TO-DO:** Boosters Board will gather more information, develop a proposal, and vote in upcoming meeting
- Vice President Report – Jason Trusnik
 - Fall Sports Media Guide – distribute to teams
 - If you want copies, they are available at football games and volleyball games
- Treasurer Report – Kristin Caldwell
 - See Financial Summary
 - Questions from members about separate accounts for XC and T&F for girls and boys - can they be combined? Denny will discuss it w/ the coaches. Some of the funding comes directly to Boys Track, but this could be combined
 - The Boosters strongly encourage coaches to use the money raised during the year it was raised so that those athletes can benefit from it
 - Members asked about tents for boys and girls XC - Keith G explained that he makes recommendations to the XC coach
 - Team ideas for Fundraising - Donna Stevens has helped organize fundraising opportunities at Browns games in the past. This money goes into the team funds.
- Membership Update (Sarah/Kristin) - We have 244 members currently, which is down from last year.
 - We need an updated delegate list - Trusnik has been compiling this
- Fundraiser Chair Report – Kristin Elbert / Cherise Fisher Reynolds
 - Car Raffle Update - There are still dates available for teams to sell tickets at Giant Eagle Market District
 - Car raffle is the easiest way for teams to make some money
- Sponsorship Report – Keith Garner

- o Standardized levels on website
- o New 2023/2024 sponsors – goal of 3 multi-year deals
 - Member Arthur Pusch offered some ideas for additional sponsors.
 - Keith and Arthur will collaborate on new ideas.
- Athletic Director Report – Denny Ziegler/Jason Keppler
 - o Update on Fall Sports – community night (fball)
 - o Athletic Budget Increase – any updates
 - o Windscreens for tennis court – 11K
 - o Hudl – update on Dave Binkley
 - Status quo for now through spring
 - will revisit in the future
 - o Multi-sport recognition boards
 - o Uniforms update
 - o Upcoming XC race needs volunteers still
 - o What other needs should we discuss?
- Middle School Liaison Report – Tony Carrossellia
 - o Special thanks to SMS Wrestling Coach Sebastian Karim for his continued effort in fundraising and growing his program
- Coaches or Delegate Team Update Reports
 - o Volunteer Opportunities – Sign up genius
- Call for open items, unfinished business, questions
 - o Lacrosse cart has arrived
 - o request to take care of wasps near stadium was put in by Denny
 - o Wrestling is doing a pep rally in the gym and wants to get a spot light in the gym - duel in the school
 - Wrestling coach encouraged to get some quotes and Boosters will put this to a vote