

ABCD 2_21_24 Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

| Name | Sport |
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| Marji Wisniewski | Volleyball |
| Amanda Richards | Boys Golf |
| Dallas Adair | Men's Swim and Dive |
| Amanda Snyder | Girls XC & T&F |
| Jodi Knisteadt | Boys Tennis |
| Amy Teddy | Boys XC & T&F |
| Anna Watson | Boys Lacrosse |
| Eric Chase | Girls Basketball |
| Samantha Brandt | Softball |
| Cara Haist | Football |
| Jeff Backus | Mill Creek |
| Nicole Rouech | Girls Tennis |
| Mike Bavineau | Dexter AD |

Meeting started 6:34 pm

Round the Horn

- New Girls Water Polo coach Kevin Dillan
- Girls Basketball will host districts – will need concession help
- Will need more concessions help for powerlifting this weekend
- Sam – I might do one sign-up genius for each sports season instead of each sport.

Concessions

- Concession stand technically can't open without running water. Can we just put a table out with drinks/snacks? Bav will ask if we need running water if we are not preparing food.

Elections

A new treasurer needed. It would be great if someone is interested in shadowing Jodi before she leaves. Spread the word to teams and help us recruit. Marji will send her a message to see if she is still interested. Sam is another interested person as a last resort.

AD Update

Facility upgrades –

- This summer the gym floor will be getting redone. So, they will have to utilize the middle school more.
- We are looking at getting new scoreboards over 20 years old. We will keep plugging away with what we have. Bav is meeting to find out how much they are. Most of the schools have gone to video boards. Keep what we have running until they plan the next bond.
 - Al Ritt would be the first to be replaced as it is the oldest and used the most.

- Estimated about \$350,000 for one new scoreboard. Includes sound system as well. The baseball one would be \$15,000.
 - Could we sell sponsorships to help pay for that since the boards are electronic? It is an educational space so advertising can be a challenge.
 - What about LaFontaine? Look at what Pinckney is doing for their scoreboards.
- Shot put and discus are upgraded
- Next bond will have more sports needs included - including ideas like a weight training room
- Lighting – about 15 years ago there was a push to save energy. The LED lights were installed by a company that no longer exists. So, the bulbs have been difficult to get fixed. Jeff – seems like other gyms have cleaner crisper lights. The replacement lights got ruined in a flood.
- Does the school have a capital improvement plan? – but Bav says he’s not privy to that plan
- Transportation – we currently only have enough bus drivers to drive kids home from school. Games can start early around four. School bus \$300-400. Getaway bus \$1,000 - \$1500. Track transportation is \$24,000 this season. Sometimes athletes get out early at 2/2:15 to get to a game at 4 so that buses can get back for student pick-up.
 - We have plenty of buses but not enough drivers.
 - Ann Arbor districts will not bus within Washtenaw County.
 - Team discussion on how we can reduce that cost for the district.
 - There is a bus driver union that makes it a challenge
 - As well as Title 9 and making things fair across the board
- Another wish list would be an expanded new field house (concessions/lockers/storage) at Al Ritt.
- Question – how do uniforms get prioritized? It is all on the team to come up with that money. Most of the time it comes from the team budget. The baseball team is responsible for buying their own baseballs.
 - Bav thinks it is better to have teams fundraise for uniforms. Some sports have better mechanisms to raise money than other teams.
- Bav’s opinion would be for Bash’s money to go directly to the teams. The best way to raise money is to show people where their money is going.
 - Amy asks Bav if he knows a fair way to distribute that money. Such as the number of athletes, games, fundraising, etc. Would distributing per athlete be the best model? That can be hard because some teams have lots of cuts and some teams have no cuts. Some teams have athletes pay for other items like socks, etc.
- Jeff asks if we cannot pay Mill Creek parents a stipend and donate it to the program instead. Bav has not had anyone ask not to be paid before.
- Jeff -has anyone worked on a long-term 10-year plan on what we need to keep up with on the times? Bav doesn’t think so.
- Sam- Can ABCD help with communication about what pays for what? What does pay-to-play go to? What does booster go to? What does individual fundraising go to? How do concessions help a team? Etc.
- 1, 107 dexter Saline has 2,095 – state pays per student. That is where some of the money difference is at. Probably 50% of students are athletes Bav estimates.
- Cara – it would be good to understand if there are other team booster clubs. Touch down, Dugout, softball, ...

- Cara – touchdown club is a central group of volunteers. The main things they do is feed the athletes. There is about \$100 to join the club. Mill Creek is around \$40. Also funds the big banquet and some things that the team needs.
- Mill Creek money goes into one account.

Booster Bash

- Jodi – would be great if we could distribute the funds to teams at the same time we do winter funds.
- March 20 is the next meeting. So, two weeks after the last winter event is usually when they do the payout.
- Should we add another meeting before our March meeting to discuss the Bash funds? Then vote on by the group on March 20.
- Jeff – does it make sense to allocate these funds to 2024? To make sure we take our time to use. Starting the funds in the summer.
- Amanda – could we do two fundraisers a year?
- It would be great to be able to get the funds out ASAP
- The fundraising group will have to meet separately so that we can come up with a plan to distribute funds that the entire group can vote on March 20.
- Jodi – would it be feasible to distribute an amount to each Mill Creek sport when we are ready?
- \$47,514 raised (see the slide for more information).

MISC

- March 3 is the next coaches' retreat.

End of meeting 8:37pm