

### **3 September 2008 Booster Club Meeting**

#### **Membership present:**

Membership Present: Principal, Vice Principal, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Brigands Wear Chairperson, Sports Banquet Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, Spirit Chairperson, Athletic Director, Student Representative, PTSO President, one Booster Club member

Meeting called to order at 12:00.

The minutes from the May Boosters Club meeting were approved.

The minutes from the June Boosters Club meeting were approved with one change to the Treasurer's report. The current balance will be changed to reflect \$6563.08.

#### **Student Representative**

Our new Student Representative reported that they are having an executive meeting soon. The President told the Student Rep that if there are any requests (before the next Booster Club meeting), especially concerning Homecoming, the Student Rep was welcome to send them next week directly to Boosters.

#### **Administration**

The Principal passed along greetings from the administration. He also expressed his overall positive impression of BAS volunteers. He stated that he is looking forward to a great sports season. The Admin also reported that students at large (athletes in particular) will be watching a safety briefing very soon in order for them to travel (to away games).

#### **President**

New board members were introduced. Items discussed found under Old and New Business (below).

#### **Vice President**

The VP expressed his greetings to the group, and looks forward to a good year with Boosters.

#### **Secretary**

The Secretary reported that she will continue to submit the minutes as they are approved to the school webmaster so that they can be posted on the BAS website.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that income was generated from three sources as follows: Brigand's Bash \$30.00, Brigand's Wear \$204.80, and Spring Sports Banquet \$275.50. Expenses included \$161.50 for Trophies and Engraving, \$64.11 for the Spring Sports Banquet and \$1419.25 for Brigand's Wear. The money that was set aside last school year in the savings account for the \$500 Milam Scholarship remains there unchanged since the Boosters President and Treasurer decided to withdraw the 2008 Milam award from the Booster checking account. As of 2 September the balance in the Boosters' AFCU checking account is \$5005.52. The savings account balance is \$515.41.

#### **Athletic Director (AD)**

Student athletes are out in numbers this year, 22 participating in football, 16 in tennis, 15 in cross country and 15 in volleyball. There is a change in the fall sports schedule concerning cross country. The meet scheduled for 20 September will take place at St. Johns (not SHAPE). The AD purchased filters for the ice machine and requested help finding an ice scoop. Senior Recognition (SR) is planned for Homecoming again this year. The Booster Club expressed their willingness to support SR, an event that the Senior Class is responsible for typically. The AD offered to check with the coaches concerning their plans for SR. The football team needs 3 volunteers to help with the first down chain markers and also 1 volunteer to help announce the game(s). The Booster President will put the word out for these volunteers and get back to the AD. There are a number of visiting teams in September. Some plan to stay in the gym, others have not yet

finalized their plans. The AD asked if he could extend to those teams staying on BAS grounds a promise of breakfast (most commonly prepared in the Home Economics room). A representative from the JR class as well as Boosters offered to undertake these meals. The AD will request help as needed.

### **Membership**

Approximately 22 new members signed up at the Back to School BBQ. The President also brought to the meeting some forms filled out by new members. At this date, there are approximately 50 members total.

### **Booster Wear**

The Chairperson reported a deposit of \$1400 from the Back to School BBQ. There was some discussion concerning the pricing of Brigands bracelets, which were donated to Boosters by a former JR class. A question was also raised concerning the mailing address for Boosters. Boosters will continue to use the BAS school address (Unit 8100 Box 13) with items sent to the attention of BOOSTERS. A new initiative is under way for marketing Brigands Wear, and some ideas were shared. One idea involved internet shopping, with items available online and shipped directly to the purchaser. A portion of all sales would then be sent directly to Boosters from the on-line company. New item ideas were presented, men's ties, pencils, M&Ms, decals, etc. There is one over-size football equipment bag left in the Booster Wear inventory. More bags will be ordered soon. A suggestion was made to inquire about somewhat smaller gym bags for other sports.

### **Sports Banquets**

The Fall Sports Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday night, 5 November. Boosters will continue to honor seniors at all banquets. There will no longer be a tombola offered at the Sports Banquets. The Chairperson plans to schedule the winter and spring banquets very soon.

### **Spirit**

The Spirit Committee plans to create parent buttons for the fall sports participants. Also, the Spirit Committee Chairperson will be responsible for "The Voice of the Brigands." The script will be written by the Chairperson with input and approval from Admin, AD, and coaches. The actual delivery (voice taping) will be handed over to BAS students. A suggestion was made to possibly include the Voice on the BAS school "news". Another idea for publicity / spirit committee involved placing sport blurbs and/or a short-term sports schedule on the front page of the Brussels American Community Website. Currently, there is a direct link to the fall sports schedule on the front page under Community Announcements.

### **Old Business**

- Championship banners – The Administration reported that they sent the banner size to the firm in Korea. Also, the duplicate banner from last year has been returned to the vendor. Finally, the AD noted that he is not sure whether the new banners hanging in the gym are the correct color (royal blue). He encouraged board members to take a look (before more are inevitably ordered).
- Coaches jacket order for assistant coaches – the President asked about the current inventory of Coach's jackets (3 total, two XL and one L). The President requested help from the AD to order more (vendor info).

### **New Business**

- GPS units – Currently, the AD is researching funding options to purchase a GPS unit that would be used for away games and meets. This unit would have unique software that could route buses safely versus the average car GPS unit that does not provide for low bridges and tight spots.
- Marquee – A lot of positive discussion occurred concerning a marquee at the school and possibly at USAG. The price of the Marquee for BAS will be researched prior to next month's meeting

and a proposal to split the cost with PTSO will be drawn up. The BASAC member present will discuss the idea of the garrison marquee with Garrison Commander at next BASAC meeting. Further discussion is needed to determine who will control and maintain the marquee(s).

- Consolidating banners for the new gym – tabled until next month
- Fan bus - Boosters has been contacted with the offer of possibly scheduling fan buses before the end of the fiscal year. There was some discussion concerning a fan bus to the away volleyball / cross country meet 13 September and a Booster board member agreed to look into this possibility.
- Fall Sports Team requests – the President proposed the idea of offering polo shirts to the various BAS coaching staff at cost from Booster Wear products. This proposal was met with approval from those present. There were two monetary requests approved. The first was for the Homecoming weekend coach's and official's hospitality room for no more than \$50. A second request from the Cross Country coach (for "groceries") was approved for not more than \$50. Volleyball may need volunteers to help with scoring at their 2 home matches and cross country has asked for volunteers to help with their home meet in Tervuren Park Homecoming weekend.
- Homecoming – 27 September. Boosters will support a coaches and officials drink/snack room as stated above. A BAS Boosters banner will be placed in the room.

Projected Meeting Dates for Boosters is:

1 October 5 November 3 December 7 January 4 February 4 March 1 April 6 May 3 June

The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for 1 October, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary