

## 5 September 2007 Booster Club Meeting

Membership Present: Administrative Representative, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Committee Chairperson, Sports Banquet Committee Chairpersons, Brigands Wear Chairperson, Athletic Director, Student Representative, teacher, Booster Club member

Meeting called to order 12:00

### Treasurer's Report

The books were received from the previous Treasurer on 29 August. They had been previously audited and approved 13 August by a BAS parent, who provided this service free of charge. A suggestion was made to send a letter of thanks which would acknowledge the audit and also estimate the approximate cost in dollars for tax purposes. As of 5 September, the balance in the Boosters' AFCU checking account is \$3,065.64 and in the savings account \$196.39. The scrimmage/parent football picnic receipts are in, and a check for \$50 will be provided to the football sponsor.

### Brigands Wear

Receipts A deposit of \$1383.70 was reported from the sale of Brigands Wear at the Back to School BBQ. An invoice of \$149 was turned in for Brigands Wear. New additions for Brigands Wear The newest addition is a new hooded sweatshirt with a large Brigands' logo in the front; there have already been two sales. A proposal was made to order a 50/50 zip-up hooded sweatshirt with BAS lettering located on the front/right side. This proposal will go forward and will be ordered from the Brigands Wear supplier. Football Travel bags Football Travel bags are sold-out, and there are currently orders for more. The original supplier has not responded to numerous contact attempts. A proposal was made to order smaller 31" bags (as opposed to the 36" bags) through All Star Sports. This proposal was not supported due to the smaller size of the bag. The Brigands Wear Chairperson will try again to contact the un-responsive original company to order more 36" travel sport bags. Ordering Policy There were also some orders taken for Brigands Wear items that were not in stock. These orders were accompanied by checks. It was decided that Boosters would return the checks to the individuals. In the future, Boosters will continue to take orders for any items that are not currently in stock, but payment will be received only at time of delivery.

### Membership

There are currently 63 memberships for 2007-2008. It was decided that membership solicited through the Daily Bulletin will fall under the Membership Committee and not Publicity. Also, the Booster membership request mailing notice (sent out at the end of the 2006 school year, but not in 2007) was, in fact, valuable to membership efforts. Finally, a Booster Club membership solicitation by email approximately 2 weeks before the Back to School BBQ was ineffective. This email was sent only to 2006-2007 families who were returning to BAS but whose Booster membership had expired. A recommendation was made to increase Booster visibility and inform community members concerning "what the club does / services the club provides." Word of mouth was also recommended to all present to engage community members and let people know about Boosters/inquire about joining. The Vice President added as the PTSO Membership Committee chairperson that of 105 PTSO memberships initiated at the BBQ, approximately 25 memberships were dual Booster-PTSO. The Administrative Representative added that 63 memberships might very well reflect the number of high school athletes out of 100 total students when multiple siblings and non-participating students were taken into account.

Enrollment statistics will be examined to determine whether or not 63 memberships are representative of the BAS student-athlete population.

### **Sports Banquets**

Three-item tombola A large ticket item for the 3-item tombola outlined in the May minutes has yet not been identified. An iPod Shuffle was purchased for \$79 and the new hooded Brigands Wear sweatshirt was proposed as the two lower priced tombola items. Any ideas concerning a hot ticket item for the tombola were solicited. Scheduling for the Fall Sports Banquet The Fall Sports Banquet is currently scheduled for Thursday 8 November, although there is no school scheduled for either 8 or 9 November. A proposal was put forward to change the Fall Sports Banquet date from Thursday 8 November to Wednesday 7 November. The Sports Banquet Chairperson will arrange to schedule with the office and report back concerning this date change.

Sports Banquets as they are currently scheduled:

November 8<sup>th</sup> (although with a proposal to change to 7 November)

February 28<sup>th</sup>

May 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Publicity – no report**

### **Athletic Director**

The fall sports schedule has been finalized and has been distributed with no changes. There are no drafts for the winter/spring sports schedules. Division IV has officially been created within our Conference. Division IV schools will include BAS, Alconbury, Menwith Hill, and Hanau. This difference changes the way BAS plays football. BAS will no longer field 11 players, but will now field 9 players (accomplished by removing the two tackles). Other teams outside our division, such as AF North in Division III, will play 9-man football against BAS. The Vice President noted that the Athletic Director was extremely instrumental in the creation of this new Division and personally thanked him. Finally, there is not yet an announcer for the football game. Last year's announcer was proposed for this year along with other gentlemen. The Hanau football team may be staying over night and breakfast may need to be provided. There was some discussion concerning the hierarchy of different school groups vs. community nonprofits when fundraising opportunities arise at BAS. The Administrative Representative stated that fund-raising opportunities for fall sporting events were covered. The Athletic Director will check with Hanau and report back concerning whether or not breakfast is necessary.

### **Student Representative**

The Student Representative reported that elections were imminent and that the student council would be meeting soon. A suggestion was made that possibly the student council could promote / publicize Spirit Day and that they could designate every Friday as Spirit Day. The consensus reached was that this decision should be student initiated / promoted.

### **New Business**

The Information Fair at USAG is this Friday 7 September. A number of Booster Club meeting attendees offered to help out.

### **New fundraising and involvement ideas:**

**BAS Boosters Sports Clinics** BAS varsity athletes could meet with elementary/middle schoolers and offer their experience through hands-on training. Need to check with CYS, who already offers such a program.

**Sports Equipment Swap** Community members could bring in their used sporting equipment and swap for other equipment, or community members could “consign” sporting equipment, with proceeds going to Boosters.

**English Book Sale at NATO** Boosters could collect donated books and sell them at NATO HQ. This proposition would require parent involvement and lots of storage. Boosters could solicit/collect books starting mid-April from PCSing families and schedule the sale for end of May. Check with Boy Scouts (who sell books in the fall) and Odyssey of the Mind.

A lifetime Booster Club member attended the meeting and raised issues concerning volunteer coaching staff and sports sponsors. She was referred to the administration.

The minutes of the May 2007 Booster Club Meeting were accepted as written.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary