

## PRAIRIE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 7:00pm

### Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the PRHS Booster Club was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00pm in the PRHS Library.

**Board Attendees:** Sieglinde Savas, President; Tatiana Gray, Treasurer; Shannon Vrbancic, VP Operations-Concessions; VP- Spirit Wear; Katie Czarnecki, Secretary, Margie Palmer, Kevin Koeppen, Vice Principal and PRHS Booster Club Liaison

**Call To Order:** Prairie Ridge High School Booster Club President, Sieglinde Savas, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023, Booster Club meeting was made, seconded and carried.

**Vice Principal Report:** Kevin Koeppen welcomed everyone to the first Booster club meeting of the school year. He reported a great start to the school year with sports, clubs and activities in full swing. On Dr. Koch's behalf, he reported on the new "Wolf Way" initiative which was designed as a foundation to modify and heighten "good student/person" behaviors in students, while embracing the shared core values of Integrity, Respect, Inclusion, Resilience, and Empathy within the PR community. Parents are encouraged to discuss these character elements at home and to apply the core Wolf Way values as a sounding board for behavior at home. Parents were also encouraged to explore and participate in the Parent Advisory Council ("PAC.") Meetings typically coincide with scheduled School Board meetings. They are designed as a forum for parents to voice concern, ask questions and propose change. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17 at 5:30pm. Mr. Koeppen provided a few examples of some of the positive changes/results from the group meetings, including the installation of safety measures for students in the surrounding school areas.

In conclusion, Mr. Koeppen noted a very busy schedule of events for the coming weeks, including:

September 25th	Epic Race
September 26th	Pack the Place for Boys Soccer
September 27th	Inaugural Powder Puff Football Game for Juniors and Seniors (\$1 donation for admittance. Donations to offset Prom costs.)
September 28th	Pack the Place for Girls Tennis
September 29th:	2pm: Pep Assembly (parents welcome, students seated first) 4pm: Homecoming Parade. Administration would love to see more floats and walking groups. Call the office for a spot in the parade to walk as a crew or group in the parade. 7pm: Varsity Football Game
September 30:	Homecoming Dance: No admittance after 8pm. Students will be searched upon entry. Tickets go on sale Monday. Tickets: \$20/each; \$10 for t-shirt; (\$30 at the door.) Theme is Ken & Barbie.

**Attendee Introductions:** A round of self-introductions followed. It was nice to see so many new faces of our Freshmen class.

### BOARD REPORTS:

**President Report / Fundraising Report:** Sieglinde reported on Booster Club efforts, noting the busy months of August and September. During this time, she and other Board members spoke at several parent meetings, including all the fall athletics and fine arts activities to provide information about the Booster Club events, support and opportunities for getting involved. Another round will happen in the Winter and the Spring. She noted the success of Distribution Days, especially for Spirit Wear. Many thanks were given to Katie Czarnecki, for her hard work in selecting items that people seem to love. Likewise, concession sales during the fall athletic season have been very

successful! Shannon Vrbancic was thanked for her ongoing efforts of ordering and keeping all of the stands stocked. Fundraising efforts are also strong, and the new Roster Program Book is completed and in print. Thanks were expressed to the program book designer Kelly Demakis, as well as our printer, Brian Coyle at the UPS Store. Sieglinde thanked Tatiana Gray, the Booster Board Treasurer, for her efforts in filing the Booster taxes. Margie Palmer, our Secretary, was thanked for her organizational skills with behind the scenes Booster documents and for working on that Boosters Bulletin Board in the downstairs hallway. In closing, many parents expressed their gratitude for having the credit card option for concession sales.

Sieglinde emphasized the current fundraising effort of the Chick-fil-A Chicken Wars against Cary-Grove. She reminded everyone of PR's victory last year and hopes for continued success this year. There is a very healthy rivalry between the schools and she commended the infrastructure of groups within PR that have enhanced the spirit of competition. She thanked the Super Fans for decorating Chick-fil-A, and noted the many videos that are being posted on PR Facebook. Jackie Sebastian was thanked for her efforts in designing those videos.

**RidgeFest** is October 21 at the Dole Mansion. The Dollar Giraffes will be performing, ForkIT Foods will provide catering, and Summer Moon will be our coffee sponsor - donating their delicious coffee.. Athletics, Activities and Clubs are coordinating raffle baskets. There will be a signup genius for set-up slots and other jobs related to the event for those interested in lending a helping hand. Tickets are on sale, so everyone was encouraged to purchase online. There is a link that takes you right to the ticket sales on every Friday email. We also encourage you to buy your raffle tickets early in the same online transaction...pre-printed for you! To date, many sponsors have been secured, but more slots are still available. The planning committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 21st at 7pm at Lucky Lulu's. Thank you again to Johanna Donahue for your leadership. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In closing, Sieglinde encouraged parents to provide content and pictures for upcoming events, accomplishments and FYI's for relevant athletics, clubs and activities events and happenings. Parents are encouraged to send information celebrating our students directly to Sieglinde. Shelly Voight was thanked for her tireless support of the website.

**VP Operations Report:** Shannon Vrbancic reported on concession sales for the school year, thus far. To date, there have been three home football games. The first game resulted in a total sellout of an entire pallet of water. Overall, sales have been strong. This is the first year that Concessions is able to accept credit card purchases, which has contributed significantly to strong sales. Concessions Sales were reported as:

\$8800 Jacobs

\$8500 CLSouth

\$9600 Huntly (Important to note: \$2200 of the Huntley game was credit card)

Due to exorbitant fees, a minimum of \$5 is required on credit card purchases. This fall, Concession Sales is also running during Volleyball and Boys Soccer. The Sebastian Family was thanked for their leadership efforts with starting up Boys Soccer concessions again. Going forward, Concessions will be available during the winter and spring sports season, as well. Shannon explained the signup process for individual sport concession sales and how teams can earn 50% of the evening's net sales. Given the significant sales associated with football games, those concession allocations are handled differently (teams working full shifts earn \$800; and half shifts earn \$400). A question was asked regarding concessions during the musical. It was noted that the Fine Arts department typically spearheads its own efforts on a smaller scale. The idea continues to be explored on what expanded opportunities exist.

In closing, it was noted that the concessions sale during soccer games continues to experience a shortfall due to the lack of a credit card reader. It was agreed the possibility would be explored in the future, however, due to budgetary constraints, it is not feasible to purchase/rent another card reader for this purpose. In some of the smaller stands, where revenue isn't as high, it's not worth it. Possibilities do exist for sharing modems outside the hectic fall season and will be explored during winter and spring sports.

In closing, the Board was thanked for purchasing a grill for the soccer field concessions. Lastly, Shannon noted the new partnership with Crystal Lake Dunkin' Donuts hot chocolate. The first venture resulted in extinguishing five

gallons of hot chocolate in one football game. Going forward, Dunkin' Donuts will provide personalized coffee cups indicating "Wolves Run on Dunkin'".

An idea from the floor: Suggested that the signups for the concessions sales get posted on the website. It was agreed to pursue. Shelly Voight will be working on that.

**Spiritwear Sales:** Fantastic sales for Distribution Days (doubled from last year). We sold out of a lot of our inventory. We were able to provide many new options for purchase. Total sales during Distribution Days totalled \$15,000. Spiritwear Sales have also been strong during football games. Sales during the first three home games totalled \$8,400. The Boosters have started charging the service fee for spiritwear purchases paid by credit card. Prior to this, we have lost \$1,000 fees by not passing the fee along to the purchaser. So far, no one has complained nor has it affected sales. This year, Boosters provided support in selling the football team fundraiser military shirts. It was an exceptional year, as we sold out of all the inventory. Parents were thanked for their commitment in volunteering which enables Katie to be able to watch her sons play. Two new items will be debuted at RidgeFest.

**Treasurer Report:** Tatiana reported that the Boosters fiscal year began with a balance of \$28,831, and since then we have had over \$68,000 in sales. Expenses have been \$51,000, have included an infusion of spiritwear inventory, concessions inventory, as well as needed equipment. As of today, the Boosters has just over \$53,000 in our account. So far, we are doing very well.

**Teams and Activities Reports: Nothing to report**

**Booster Club Meetings this year:**

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec – no meeting, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Other Important dates to note...**

Chick-fil-A Cross Town Competition! (Monday, Sept. 18 (6:30AM) through Friday, Sept. 22 (5:00PM.)

Ridge Fest Planning Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7PM at Lucky Lulu's

Homecoming Game, Friday 9/29, Dance 9/30

RIDGE FEST Saturday, October 21 at 6PM

**Raffle Winners: Horton Family for Fine Arts & Choir**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Palmer, Secretary PRHS Booster Club