

Sports Booster Meeting – February 7, 2022

Attendance: Derek Eglinton Manner, Carrie Purvin, Lori Norian, Alla Safir-Krause, Mike Mancino, Peggy Chagares, Robert Ebel, John Duschang, Tamsen Gallagher, Jessica Ramiccio, Merebeth Antino, Mary Beth Pesce, Maria Jolakian, Amy Livernois, Cristina Mosquera, Jennifer Taylor, Michele Delucia

Mike's Report:

Boys basketball 12-4. Girls 16-0 (ranked #5 in NJ) – both qualify for the state tournament
White out in honor of Coach Gibbs at Boys Varsity Basketball game – great turnout (over \$1000 in scholarship donations)
White out in honor of Coach Gibbs at Girls Varsity game – Tues night 2/8
Fencing teams – both won County Tournaments. Sara Charages won 200th match.
Both boys and girls fencing currently in state tournament.
Cheer – Big North Conference mini-meet 2/7
Bowling team doing well
Hockey 14-7-1. Big North conference next week.
Swimming girls 3rd and boys 4th.
Wrestling prepping for districts
Track big north meet 2/7
3/3 football dinner
Senior nights for basketball – boys this week, girls next week
Interviewing for tennis coach. Hoping to have a coach in place for next meeting.

Membership Report (Lori) – Membership 389 athletes vs. 300 last year, 326 families vs. 271 families last year. Lori is stepping down because her son is graduating. Looking for a new membership representative. Role entails overseeing membership and helping with rewards programs. Very straightforward and automated system.

Treasurer's report (Alla):

Expenses with online system is going more smoothly. Had \$600 in additional memberships since last meeting. Received \$2,500 check from Lions Club (in holiday fundraisers line).
Several teams had fundraisers. Concession stand: \$1,400 for the month (YTD \$26K gross, \$18K net)
Teams can sign up to run the concession stand online. There are two cash boxes that are available to use.

Updates/New business:

Winter sport teams – NJSI tournaments tickets can be purchased online – tickets will be sold at the door but there will not be cash purchases. You can use QR code at the door. It will be easier for schools that are hosting if you purchase tickets online prior to the tournament.

Reminder – Blood drive APTS is on 2/11 from 1-7pm in lower gym. There's a sign up code online.

Spring physicals are due 2/14. It's sooner than usual because extra time is needed to process covid forms.

Ron Anello sent thank you note. He thanked all the booster reps and members.

Spring sports begin 3/7.

Sandy Gordon had her 300th girls basketball win on Tuesday night. The game was also in honor of Drew Gibbs.

Girls basketball fundraiser to start week of 2/14 (if possible) – selling ornaments through Beth, mugs, sweat towels and key chains. Will potentially put a banner on the boosters website.

Twitter account – Derek is trying to find out who has admin rights for the twitter account. Vicky is willing to make updates on Twitter. @RamapoBoosters

Banners - Need to establish a list of banners. Derek to speak with Mike Mancino and understand what banners we have and which ones are needed. Every sport should have a banner. Also, promote students to support all sports.

Great discussion to establish a sub-committee to come up with ideas to promote ALL sports. Volunteers to email Derek if they would like to be part of the committee. Committee will put together a summary of what they are trying accomplish (support and recognition for all sports and athletes, build a stronger Ramapo community, have more of a rah-rah environment, etc.). This will encompass the Administration, Coaches, kids and parents. Ideas will be developed to motivate everyone to actively support all Ramapo sports, arts programs, etc. such as:

- Student Rewards program in which students get rewards for attendance at sports games, theater programs, etc.
- Passport (scan id)
- Communication to coaches to encourage the athletes to support other sports and Ramapo activities.
- Morning announcements to provide students with game/event information
- Digital board in front of the school with announcements, games, etc.
- Messages sent through APTS, morning brew, boosters, etc.
- Simple calendar of events on website

Once we have a recommendation, Derek and the committee will speak with Mr. Mancino and Mr. Smith. Then have a meeting with the coaches. This deserves real energy and push. Let's make it happen!

Derek distributed membership t-shirts to the teams for them to provide to families that signed up for the membership.

Next Meeting is Monday, March 14 in the teacher's cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.