



Greeley Sports Boosters

Horace Greeley High School

Chappaqua, New York

Greeley Sports Boosters January Meeting Minutes January 23, 2018 7:30 pm Greeley Phys. Ed Classroom

In attendance:

Jason Semo
Laura Brail
Cindy Greenstein
Michelle Katz
Lori Townsend
Jeff Dorst
Ari Lindner
Lynn Neeck
Jennifer Bergin
Marilyn Rifkin

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Welcome: Laura Brail

Three officers missing from this meeting so we will hear reports from those people present

Financials: Cindy Greenstein

Latest financials presented and distributed.
Things are slow because there hasn't been a new season.
Cindy filed the tax return.

President's Update: Laura Brail

Facilities update:

We have a March start date for the bathrooms and hammer throw area.
Lighting will also be installed by the bleachers and from the Competition field to the bathrooms and the bathrooms to Field C.
We still have \$7000. from the original turf collection which will be used for equipment and possibly domed benches.

JS added that the issue with the domed benches is that they could cause damage to the new turf. JS will talk to some companies to see what our options are.

JS said we are hoping for the cage before the season starts on 3/5/18. The snow storm set us back. Joe Gramando is working on it.

Other facilities updates:

The electronic sign for Bell area is ordered and shipped. Working on a stone base to match the look of the school.

This is a shared sign with the town. It will have all of the messages we would normally have, plus some generally community information, all of it posted by town hall.

CPAC will be showing a concussion movie on 3/24 and will follow it with a panel about concussions. Laura needs a volunteer to hand out popcorn. Cindy Greenstein said she will volunteer Rob's help and she will work with him to get it done.

Tom Whalen Memorial Scholarship is in progress. This was initially set up while Pete Kuczma was here. Kyle Hosier is working on it with the English department.

Student Booster Club

Kyle Hosier and the advisors met to see who could head up this club. The concept is well received but needs an advisor. Future plans for this club are student support of Booster programs, including homecoming, Spring Homecoming, Walkathon, etc.

Athletic Director: Jason Semo

Thursday Jason will speak at the incoming 9th grade meeting about the athletic program in general and the Boosters Club. He will have a 6x11 postcard with information that will make signing up easy. The blast will also include information about signing up.

Jennifer Bergen mentioned it's not that easy to pay for the dues on the website or through a link, she will let Jeff Dorst know the specifics of where the issue is.

Posed question: can we link our registration to the PTA dues shopping cart?

Laura Brail - no, PTA is separate

Lori Townsend - there should be some way to make it easier.

JS said spring sports email was going out today. Goes out with enough time for people to get their physicals. On opening day, another reminder will go out, then a final reminder.

Coach meeting will be 2/13/18 at 3 pm

Meet the coach night is 3/20 at 7 pm in the gym, this is also the night of the senior musical rehearsal.

Wifi remains an issue and we are going to figure out a way to have ensured cell service, especially in the case of an emergency.

Other safety concerns

Treadmills had a circuit problem, they were shutting off and kids were falling off the back of them. Decided not to use them all at once. Later found there is a plug underneath for each one so they work well now.

New Gym at Greeley:

Plans for new gym and weight room are in the works. Our space and equipment is inadequate. Joe G and John Chow and JS are talking about upgrade options including taking over a back gym and relining the main gym to accommodate three working full courts. Trainer space also isn't adequate.

Estimated at starting price of 50,000 with another 50,000 in flooring.

Phase 2 will be mirrors for a dance studio.

Karen Yarasavage arrived 8 pm.

Greeley Week is March 26-29. Gatorade is trying to promote their product. They will come in and talk about hydration and give out their products.

9th Graders:

question posed:

What else can we do to make the 9th grade transition easier?

Idea:

Host a track and field event where the two middle schools come together and compete or compete against each other. JS also had tennis and dodgeball events when they ran an event like this for incoming 9th graders at hid old school.

Lori T, middle school liaison supports this idea and says to possibly include a teacher team at this event.

Captains

JS spoke with the captains to discuss their role as well as the role of the parents of the captains.

Marilyn Rifkin is a soccer captain parent, asked if we can get clothing online and also keep sample sizes so that we ave fewer mistakes.

Suggested:

Parent and captain meeting to talk about uniforms, responsibilities, merchant sponsors and to share ideas between sports.

Karen Yarasavage left 8:15 pm

LT asked about the possibility of contracting with the new Lifetime Gym that is opening up. Walking distance and a short term solution. JS said he would prefer not because we have a senior trainer on board now and it would be a waste of his talent and harder to justify having him here. Would prefer to redo our gym and keep everyone here even if it's a long way out. Also he worries that other local clubs would be upset if we chose one over another. Someone mentioned that because the new gym is so close and doesn't require busing like the others would, that those gyms would understand.

Website - Jeff Dorst

New student editor recruited - Matt Wasserman - to replace the current senior. Jacob Murakami took pictures at wrestling recently. We need more photographers.

JS to mention to incoming students that there are ways to either try a brand new sport at Greeley or be part of the team by reporting or photographing.

There is interest in collecting data on seniors interested in college sports.

Jeff mentioned having Rachel Marino do a video to show how the new equipment is being put to good use.

Laura Brail Misc:

Swim team wants to be in a program for sectionals. Cost is \$100. Asked if Boosters would pay for this. Consensus was this is not a good idea as then other sports would want us to cover various program costs. LT suggested instead, putting that money into bussing people to watch their meet.

Middle School Report: Lori Townsend

- Still need better commitment to modified sports

Selective Classification

Ari Linder asked what the status is.

JS discussed it at the prior night's BOE meeting. Survey showed we are one of the few schools locally not allowing this. JS proposed we get a committee to evaluate the necessity. Some coaches want or need it and others don't have the need now.

AL - some sports are easier to evaluate - track can use specific times and measurements.

JS said this could end up backfiring. Hard to take an 8th grader on varsity and cut a junior.

Jennifer Bergin - Could we do a year long stay to see how many athletes we are talking about and what resources need to be in place to accommodate this program.

Bylaws

Jeff Dorst will email them and ask everyone to take a look at them.

Senior Dinner - Lynn Neck

Deciding between printed invites and evites. She will need all the emails to do an evite.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm, with all other topics put on hold until the next meeting, especially in light of several officers not there to do their reporting.