



Buffalo High School Football Boosters Meeting

Date: January 17, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Buffalo Civic Center (Purple Rink Conference Room)

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:03 PM

Booster Roll Call			
x	Andrew Karels	President	Term Expires 2021
x	Jen Russell	Vice President *(open)	Term Expires 2020
x	Lena Gawtry	Secretary	Term Expires 2021
x	Erica Curtis	Treasurer	Term Expires 2021
x	Tammy Grossinger	Volunteer Coordinator	Term Expires 2021
x	Craig Lachowitz	Varsity Head Football Coach	
	Mark Lemen	Varsity Defensive Coordinator/Team/Booster Liaison	
	OPEN	Advertising Chairperson	
	OPEN	Member at Large	
	Lauren Phillips	Member at Large	

Guests: Erica Karels, Julene and Steve Vrieze, John Schmidt, Ted and Jill Radloff, Mike and Nicole Winfield, Nick Kelvie, and John "Kirch" Krcil

Reading of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The BFTL held their previous booster meeting on November 15th. There was not a meeting in the month of December due to illness and it being close to the holidays. Lena read the meeting minutes from November.. A motion was made to accept both the meeting minutes. 1st-Tammy, 2nd-Erica. No discussion. All Approved. (4-0)

Treasurer's Report

Reporting on the month of August

Current Booster Balance	\$16,423.71
Booster Expenses	\$3,690.63
Booster Deposits	\$601.80



(Coach) Gold Card Balance	\$28,042.41
Gold Card Expenses	\$315.96
Gold Card Deposits	\$0.00

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. 1st-Jen, 2nd-Lena. No discussion. Approved. (4-0).

Secretary's Report

(Lena - No updates.)

Vice President's Report

(Jen - No updates.)

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

(Tammy - No updates.)

Coach Lachowitz's Report

Post Banquet - went through inventory to see what needs to be purchased for the upcoming season. Some seniors have purchased their jerseys and others need to be replaced for wear and tear.

Coach has been doing check-ins with players that are in non-winter sports/activities: Grades, Leadership, and Weight Room (Meeting with Players/Parents)

Meet with College coaches - signing day is February 2nd; after that recruiting will start for the Juniors

- Signing Day - does the boosters do anything? - Coach talked with Mr. Guida and said that the Booster Club can take on the signing for February.
 - Open Gym Celebration before school (Coach will follow up with Mr. Guida to see what we can do.)
 - Invite Families, Teammates, Coaches

Coach Lachowitz is meeting with the Coaches - they are planning for winter and spring camps and also working on the summer schedule (7 on 7 league, camp..etc.)

Coach mentioned that he would like to add in some joint practices with other schools (we can have up to 11 per year). The plan is to try and get more competition, bring more energy to the field, he is working on dates and times.



- We had a discussion on what more we could do in Buffalo that would be better use of our funds instead of doing a camp like Bemidji. We felt that football camp is a good bonding experience for the kids - the team is together for 3 days with no distractions.
 - We went to Bemidji so we could play against some larger schools - larger talent pool.
 - Feedback - why did not all kids attend the camp? How do we get more kids to buy into the camps and summer programs?

Communication is great from Coach - having the schedule out to parents early is key.

Middle School Preparations (BCMS and St. Francis) - Talks to the kids about what to expect - maybe bring along current players to help talk to incoming players. Make them feel like they are a part of a family - not intimidating for the kids. Coach will talk about expectations and trying to get the older kids involved with the younger kids - more program cohesion.

President's Report and Meeting Agenda

Banquet Recap:

- The video was awesome! Thanks Tammy for working on that. A motion was made to give Tammy's nephew \$100 as a thank you for working on the video. 1st-Erica, 2nd-Lena. No discussion. All approved. 4-0.
- It was nice to have the banquet in person versus having it virtual like last year.
- With the kids moving up to the stage - there was a lot of transition time. We need to look at options for transition and the number of times that players are called up to the stage
- Highlight the seniors as much as possible.
- We need to take pictures of all the kids throughout the season - this is challenging. Maybe we have a few parents try to do this to get everyone covered.

2022 Elections for new Booster Board (from December 2021):

- President: Lena Gawtry
- Vice President: Ted Radlof
- Secretary: Nicole Winfield
- Treasurer: Julene Vrieze
- Volunteer Coordinator: Carey Kelvie
- Varsity Coach: Craig Lachowitz
- Varsity Liaison:
- Member at Large: Erica Curtis
- Member at Large: Jennifer Russell
- Member at Large: Jeremy Halek
- Member at Large: Nick Kelvie
- Member at Large: John "Kirch" Krcil



Coach Lachowitz thanked the boosters that are leaving and welcomed the new boosters.

Important Upcoming Events/Dates

Date	Event
02/21	February Booster Meeting
03/21	March Booster Meeting
04/18	April Booster Meeting

New Business

At the next meeting we will read over and sign the by-laws.

Next Football Booster Meeting

Monday, February 21, 2021 @ 7:00 PM at the Buffalo Civic Center (Purple Rink Conference Room). This will be our first meeting as a new board.

Meeting Adjourned

8:10 PM.

