

**Dakota Boosters General Membership Meeting  
May 10, 2016**

Board members Maureen Lafleure, Diane Micale, Grace Caporuscio, Christina Akoma, Jackie Ribbentrop and Blair Malian were in attendance.

Board members not present: Kelly Swanson, Michelle Alfred, and Scott Zmija.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Maureen Lafleure, President.

**Administrative/Athletics Report: Given by Mr. Fusco, Athletic Director.**

Mr. Fusco thanked the Booster Board on behalf of himself and Mr. Sibley for their service throughout this year.

The Dakota Athletic Department will be hosting a presentation by Rob Miller on Proactive Coaching on August 1, 2016. This is a phenomenal program which is relative for all school leaders, coaches and teams encompassing athletes, band/choir, and student activities. This is open to all students and their parents as well as coaches and teachers. Mr. Fusco requested that the Boosters post this event to Facebook and Twitter.

The first freshman, junior varsity and varsity football games of the season will be at Dakota vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary on August 25th at 12, 3 and 7 p.m. respectively.

The second home games are on September 1st vs. Eisenhower at 12, 3 and 7 p.m.

Homecoming will be October 14th vs. Romeo.

The first boys' soccer games will be Wednesday August 24th –JV at 4 and varsity 5:30 p.m at Dakota.

Volleyball Invitationals will take place the weekends of August 19/20 and August 26/27 at Dakota. There will be 16 teams participating.

**Treasurer's Report: Given by Christina Akoma, Treasurer.**

Please see attached Treasurer's Report April 13-May 10, 2016. Current balance on hand is \$24,048.61.

**Donations Report: Given by Diane Micale, Donations Trustee.**

Diane listed the Spring credits earned per group for 11 events up to and including May 4, 2016. This is as follows: Band 3, Baseball 1.5, Girls' Basketball 1, Choir 3.5, Cross Country 17, Football 3.5, Model U.N. 0.5, SANP 1, Spanish Trip 7, Stugo 1, Track 3. Total=42 credits

**Fine Arts Report: Given by Grace Caporuscio, Fine Arts Trustee.**

Marching Band is having their first meeting tonight for new members.

**Service Report:** Service Trustee Michelle Alfred working concessions at this time. No report available.

**Old Business:**

Booster Meeting Minutes from February and April 2016 were approved by Sheila Dettloff and Kitty Vallee.

**New Business:**

Coaches/representatives from the following sports/groups were in attendance to request Booster monies for the purchase of HUDL for all teams/groups in the school:

Boys' soccer, volleyball, girls and boys basketball, football, wrestling, band, softball and swimming. The total cost for HUDL for the 2016-2017 school year is \$4299.00 per Coach Baur and is due June 30th, 2016. Boosters granted the request and will make that payment in full.

Coach Tocco proposed a request for 2 new pieces of equipment, the VertiMax and Shoot-A-Way. The equipment description and quotes are attached. The VertiMax is a platform training system which focuses on core training. This would be beneficial to every sport and would be stored in the weight room. This could also be used in the Phys Ed classes. All other schools are using this system. The price for this equipment ranges from \$3000.00-\$4600.00 depending on the model. The other coaches also supported the value of having the VertiMax.

Shoot-A-Way is a training tool for basketball. The price ranges from \$5,286.00-\$6,086.00 depending on model. The other schools also use this for training their basketball players.

Maureen Lafleure stated on behalf of the Boosters that we would consider assisting with monies toward the VertiMax possibly early next school year once our account balance is higher. The Boosters would consider donating towards the VertiMax as it would benefit all groups as opposed to the Shoot-A-Way which would only be pertinent to the basketball teams.

Coach Tocco voiced his limitations as far as raising money towards "extras" as players and their families are already taxed with other costs such as pay to play fees. He also doesn't have the benefit of having a large number of parents such as football which has 200 players where basketball has about 45. Maureen suggested having the players' families work concessions and possibly earmark

those funds towards the purchase of the Shoot-A-Way.

Mr. Fusco added that the Athletic Department has very little discretionary funds due to budget reductions over the past 10-15 years. The available funds will usually be applied towards the purchase of uniforms. Maureen asked why new uniforms are required yearly.

Mr. Fusco suggested being proactive as far as requesting items for the 2016-2017 school year. He felt it would be easier to fundraise towards earning money to buy something as opposed to providing quotes at the end of the school year to purchase an item.

It was brought to Mr. Fusco's attention that a team had their own concession table in addition to the Boosters' concessions. He does not support this practice and would like this be brought to his attention if the situation presents itself again.

It was requested by the coaches that the notification process for need for concession volunteers be improved as they are receiving last minute emails which makes it difficult to find their volunteers that quickly. Christina Akoma stated that our Sports Trustee has been in the position for one year and has greatly improved communication between the Boosters and the coaches/group leaders. This is a work in process and will only improve as Scott Zmija is the Sports Trustee for next year as well.

Maureen announced that there are four open Booster Board positions for the 2016-2017 school year. These positions will be posted on the Dakota Boosters website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Maureen Lafleure. This is the last meeting for the 2015-2016 school year.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Blair Malian, Secretary.