

## Whittell Boosters Minutes

August 19, 2015

### Meeting Called to Order 6:00pm

**Present:** Bronwyn Leeper, Raquel Norton, Kelly Krolicki, Kim Felton, Kristy Kjer, Kim Aynedter, Tanya Eklins, Keith Byer, Shirlee Giacomelli, Dana Buchholz, Kevin Kjer, Lauren Desota, Crespin Esquivel, Kate Krolicki, Daria Sharon, and Quinn Kixmiller.

**Minutes:** Raquel moved approval of Minutes for May 13, 2015. Kelly seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly reported having with a committee that included Raquel, Kate Warner (past treasurer), Kim F., Bronwyn, and Tahnne in regards to setting the 2016 budget. The goal is to aim to balance the budget in which we will spend \$52,000 and will in turn raise \$52,000 in funds. In order to accomplish this, we will need to raise \$15,000 this year. This will leave approximately \$18,000 in the bank if we stick to this rule. At this time we have no money set aside for any capital projects.

A new snack shack that had running water and electricity, possibly restrooms, was one capital project discussed. Keith volunteered to head it up.

Kelly also brought up teacher vouchers, where in years past, teachers received vouchers valued at \$250 each to cover classroom expenses. We had budgeted \$7,500 the last two years with teachers spending only \$3,999 on average, as many teachers didn't use their full vouchers. This year, with the new law (SB 133) that passed the last session, teachers are to be reimbursed for school supplies for the next two years with the requirement that teachers turn in receipts for reimbursement to guarantee funds are being used for school necessities. Crespin was asked to look into how that will run. We, boosters, request that teachers use these funds first and then request funds from boosters as we have an estimated \$15,00 shortfall due to the fact that Albertsons has discontinued the escrip fundraising program.

Boosters will require receipts and district approval/denial of teacher applications before booster funding. Boosters is encouraging teachers to go to the district for funding first prior to coming to Boosters with funding requests.

Escrips is no longer. The program was discontinued as of July 31, 2015. There is the possibility that we will receive one more disbursement for August but this revenue, approximately \$12,000 will need to be replaced. Ideas such as Chevy/s and Applebees fundraisers, etc were discussed.

Current checking account balance is \$50,946.48. Kelly stated the parking lot fundraiser earned \$18,170 and WHS Boosters netted \$12,614.80.

Stella Roper has agreed to do Boosters taxes next year.

Kim Felton motioned to approve the 2015-16 budget. Kim Aynedter seconded. Approved.

**New Business:**

***Funding Requests:***

1) Estella Gerlinger (Counselor) requested \$3000 for both Naviance subscription and ACT Prep. \$1,495 is the cost of renewing the Naviance and Estella estimated the cost for the ACT componet to be around \$1500. Discussion included whether or not would be enough student drive to take an ACT class, that many can find free online ACT classes, etc. Kim Felton made a motion to approve renewing the naviance licensing of \$1495, excluding the ACT portion. Kelly seconded. Approved.

***November Meeting:***

Bronwyn pointed out next Booster meeting to be held falls on a holiday. Kim F. Raquel moved to approve Tuesday, November 10th as the scheduled November Booster meeting. Kim F. seconded. Approved.

Booster Meeting dates will be as follows:

September 9, 2015  
October 14 , 2015  
November 10, 2015  
December 9, 2015  
January 13, 2016  
February 10, 2016  
March 9, 2016  
April 13, 2016  
May 11, 2016

***Fall Fundraiser:***

Tiki Team Off fundraiser needs to be scheduled in September. Bronwyn suggested the Saturday before Homecoming or the Thursday of Homecoming as there are only a few dates that the entertainment is available. Kim F. made a motion that the Tiki Team Off fundraiser be held September 19th from 5pm-9pm with the location to be determined at a later date. Lauren seconded. Approved.

***Warrior Way:***

Shirlee Giacomelli would like to create a committee regarding a critical school safety issue. She expressed her concern, along with many other school parents and community members, regarding the high speeds of Highway 50 traffic and the intersection of Warrior Way. She has written many letters to

NDOT, including our very own Superintendent, with no response. In years past, NDOT has stated that there have not been enough deaths YET to warrant a light and will not put in a light within 100 feet of the nearby ZC Lodge/Resort light currently in place. Both the Senior Citizen Center members and the Fire Dept can attest to the dangers of this intersection as we have all seen beach goers, pedestrians, school buses and our school faculty, and families attempting to pull out across four lanes of traffic (and with a blind spot). Shirlee Giacomelli will head up this committee. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Shirlee at shirlgirl333@aol.com or Raquel at rnorton5@charter.net.

***Board Elections/Committee Chairs:***

Kim F. mentioned that Lindy Palant is no longer apart of boosters and will need someone to replace her.

**Committee Reports:**

**Student Leadership-** Quinn Kixmiller stated they've only been in school 3 days so there was nothing to report.

**Student Report-**Kate Krolicki echoed Quinn...nothing to report.

**Faculty Report-**Patrick Kelly was not in attendance. No report given.

**Rewards Programs-**Kindle Craig was not in attendance, however, Kelly stated that the program was discontinued as of July 31, 2015. There is the possibility that we will receive one more disbursement for August. Kim A. reported that Safeway/Albertsons has a one grant per year program and handed the application to Kelly K.

It was mentioned that Rotary raised an unprecidented \$75,000 during this year's St. Patrick's fundraiser vs. \$35,000 in years past and they will be looking for possible capital improvement projects.

**Echo No More-**Kevin Kjer stated the sound panels have all been hung and will want to observe teams during practice before making a decision on whether or not additional sound panels will be needed. If we do, we will need to raise more money for capital improvements. Boosters would like to publicly thank Kevin for his dedication and hard work on this project.

**Public Relations-** Daria Sharon met with Kate Warner and will run an ad each month beginning with (September) covering Homecoming, the Gene Upshaw award, 1:1 school, international students and thanking Rotary for the gym and culinary arts room. An ad will also run covering WHS being ranked 3rd in Nevada schools as part of the US NEWS.

**Snack Shack-**Dana reported that the snack shack will be ready for the first home football game. The snack shack has historically been a way for the Junior class to raise funds for their senior trip as well as a way for others to raise funds for their specific sport. Dana will continue to chair snack shack but would like to pass the baton to a parent of an under classman. All games have been entered online and is ready for volunteer sign ups to work the shack.

**Banners-** Kevin stated he was awaiting an email response from Steve Maltase, Athletic Director, regarding whether or not the banners were hung. After a tour, they were visually confirmed as hung. Kevin also ordered two yard signs to replace the two stolen last school year.

**Logo Wear-** Lauren stated that logowear will be available at back to school night and will increase prices by \$5.

**Sunshine Committee-** Lauren stated that she needs to come up with a schedule.

Next scheduled meeting will be held September 9th.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm