

## **Whittell Boosters Minutes**

**October 8, 2014**

**Meeting Called to Order 6:00pm**

**Present:** Crespín Esquivel, Bronwyn Leeper, Raquel Norton, Kate Warner, Kim Aynedter, Kim Felton, Lindy Palant, Kristy Kjer, Kevin Kjer, Dana Buchholz, Kelly Krolicki, Kelly Higgins, Keith Byer, Lauren Desota and Tahníe Weiser.

**Minutes:** Kelly Higgins moved approval of Minutes for September 10, 2014. Kim F. seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Johns was not in attendance. Kate stated balance currently sits at \$66,869. Receipts for back to school supplies purchased by teachers using their \$250 vouchers are still being turned in.

### **New Business:**

#### ***Calendar Adjustment:***

Leticia notified Bronwyn that December's 10th meeting would now conflict with Ms. Littrell's Winter Music Concert having to be rescheduled. Bronwyn suggested in be moved to Tuesday. Kim F. made a motion to move the December 10th Boosters meeting to December 9th. Kate seconded. Approved.

#### ***Banners:***

Kevin reported that Steve Maltase, athletic director, ordered 6 3'x5' middle school, 8 3'x5' high school and 1 4'x6' high school banners. Kevin stated the company, Cloud 9 Sports, quoted \$2065 for banners made of WHS opponents. Original banners were removed from the gym. The quote includes making 6 vinyl banners (3x5) for middle school sports teams, 8 vinyl banners for high school (also 3x5) and 1 large, 4x6 banner of WHS. Middle school banners cost \$119 each, with the high school banners costing \$129 each. The cost would come out of our sports promotion budget. Kim F. moved to approved the full amount of quoted, \$2065, by Cloud 9 for production of our school opponent banners. Kelly K. seconded. Approved.

#### ***Festival of Trees/Barton Auxillary:***

Bronwyn was contacted regarding WHS donating a tree for the December 4th fundraiser. It was suggested that boosters approach leadership students to address the student body for interest in volunteer work. Bronwyn will contact Sean Noyes and Michael Gardner of student body council, along with Ms. Wines and Mrs. Johnson.

#### ***Funding Requests:***

Tom Esposito, Girls Basketball Coach, requested \$1600 for Varsity Basketball uniforms. Since Tom wasn't in attendance, boosters has asked Bronwyn to reach out to Tom and Mr. Maltase, athletic director, as to where WHS is in the cycle with the District as to when WHS is the recipient of new uniforms furnished by the District. Also, what fundraisers has the Girl's Varsity Basketball team participated in to help offset the cost of the uniforms. Kate made a motion to approve \$1000 fo the \$1600 requested after we find out the cycle and how much the kids have fundraised. Kim A. seconded. Approved.

Kristi, Volleyball Coach, requested reimbursement of \$550 for two tournaments: Rail City tournament (\$350) and North Tahoe Tournament (\$200). Kate moved to approve the requested \$550. Kim F. seconded. Approved.

Bronwyn stated that the Lake Schools Study Group found that we need to improve our orientation to new parents. Since Teachers and Administrators are overloaded this school year with the accreditation process, it was suggested that parents or booster members act as ambassadors for WHS and to be on hand to answer questions and hand out supporting documents such as a brochure with WHS profile.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Leadership:** Sean Noyes and Michael Gardner were not in attendance. No report given.

**Student Report:** Max Primo was not in attendance. No report given.

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

**Christmas Tree Fundraiser:** Jennifer Ruby reported the Baseball team is interested in working this event as a fundraiser for their team. Due to the difficulty in facility use permit process, it is suggested they find an alternative location. Kate stated she would approach the Fire Chief for possible use of their back parking lot.

**Stanford Camp:** Kim F. reported it's a go. The team/trust building event will be held October 20 for the 7 grade to attend Stanford Camp for a full day at Fallen Leaf Lake. last year the bus cost \$243 and will drop off kids at Fallen Leaf Fire Dept. Kim is looking for chaperones. The event will include activities, possible ropes course, and lunch. Chaperones should contact teacher Kathy Johnson.

**Rewards Programs:** Kim Aynedter reported \$941.47 in Escrip/Safeway contributions for the month of August. Subscribers look like they've resigned up.

**Audio:** Kim A. and Kevin handed out the quote given by Moon Lighting and Sound. The quote, \$31,172.32 includes 60 panels, grids and labor/installation. Kim A. suggested we look at another fundraiser, community programs, and asking Rotary. Kim F. made a motion to type a letter to the community asking for donations specifically for the sound paneling system. Kate mentioned a personal call is important. Kim will draft a letter with final revisions being mailed out by October 24th. Kim A. suggested we contact another company for a second bid. Crespin will check on District Policy of having 3 bids. Kelly K. suggested someone call North Tahoe School District and ask what contractors they used for

the building of their gym. Tahnje made the suggestion of contacting Hard Rock Hotel regarding their theatre demolition for salvaged sound paneling. Kelly K. will contact them. Kim F scolded. Approved.

**Homecoming-** Kelly Higgins is still awaiting the Fire Department for approval, but that everything is a go. The bonfire will be held October 22 at 5:30 pm at ZCES park and will cost \$6 adults/ \$3 kids for bratwurst, rootbeer and smores. Games, lights, music, cheerleaders etc will be on hand to add to the festivities. Last year bratwursts were donated by the firemen. Kelly H. asked what her budget is and needs volunteers for the event.

**School Board/Grants-** Kelly K. stated the next school board meeting is October 14 at 3:30 and will be held at the Lake Tahoe Visitors Center. On the agenda are class size reduction and alternate plan, pupil counts, and there may be a possible interested buyer in the KMS campus. Interesting note: Kindergarten is capped at 25, yet ZCES has a kindergarten class of 28.

At the last school board meeting, it was decided the valley middle schools would no longer be closed but that 6th grade would move, making them 6th, 7th, 8th grade by 2015 with 9th grade moving to the high school. The board also started a committee to review the music and art departments. Journalism is not considered to be a fine art elective; nor is yearbook. WHS juniors are now deficient a fine arts credit necessary for graduation. And by 2018, grading policy for AP classes will no longer be weighted 5 points. All grades will be rounded to the third decimal point.

WHS has been awarded \$432,000 grant for technology; putting laptops in the hands of all students. Contingent upon district approval.

**Public Relations-** Kate stated an ad will run for homecoming in the Wednesday Tribune, using "Home game tonight" artwork designed by Kevin Kjer. There will be a follow up ad 30 days later with a thank you to Rotary using the same logo. Kate requested any information or ideas for the next ad be sent her way.

**Snack Shack-**Dana asked for volunteers. A temporary snack shack will be set up at Kahle October 17th for the middle school championship meet. As a general rule, it is expected that each family work 2 hours per sport, per season. To volunteer, call Dana or check the website. Dana is also looking for volunteers for Homecoming. November 7, WHS will host the soccer state champs and will be an additional opportunity to volunteer.

**Banners-**Kevin ordered signs for the home games (have no date or sport, so as to use cross sporting events), 5 signs for \$152. Kevin will order more. He also ask that volunteers, when notified, will display banners in key locations.

**Logowear-** Lauren and Dana reported \$700 in logowear sales. They are on the third batch of stadium chairs. Maltase just ordered more chairs and logo wear. The various colors and new designs have been well received.

**Sunshine-** Lauren reported she met with Leticia and Crespin on scheduling of dates and found not all faculty members were present on in service days. The first one will be held November 14, when lunch

will be held only one period, the same time, for both middle and high school students. It will be held in the library.

Additional Notes:

Keith Byer suggested streaming our games on the internet so when families can't attend the game, they can listen to it online. Keith has already donated the \$8 broadcast fee, the school has wi-fi, so all that is needed is a broadcaster and a laptop. Keith is willing to train that person. Just needs a volunteer. Kevin will introduce Keith to Dan Slater and hopefully can find a solution.

Senior portraits are due next Wednesday.

Next scheduled meeting will be held November 12.

Meeting adjourned 7:02pm