

## **Whittell Boosters Minutes**

**September 9, 2015**

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

**Present:** Bronwyn Leeper, Raquel Norton, Kelly Krolicki, Kim Felton, Tahnie Weiser, Kevin Kjer, Kristy Kjer, Quinn Kixmiller, Daria Sharon, Kate Krolicki, Kim Aynedter, Suzan Van Doren and Crespin Esquivel.

**Minutes:** Kelly K. moved approval of Minutes for August 19, 2015. Kim F. seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly reported \$52,923 is our current account balance. We did receive a check for approximately \$800 in Safeway contributions for the month of August, bringing our escrow ytd to \$1,932.91. Membership is sitting at \$2,925 with our goal being to raise \$5000. Kelly introduced the new Winning Warriors Corporate/business sponsorship program. The program seeks businesses willing to support Boosters for \$500. In return, their Winning Warrior sponsorship gets them two passes to all sporting events for the school year, 2' X 3' corrugated advertisement sign on the snack shack, an ad in our weekly school email and recognition in the annual yearbook. So far, 5 have been sold.

### **New Business:**

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

1) David Caputo (Mens Soccer Coach) requested \$855 for home uniforms. Uniforms were last purchased (he believes) more than five years ago. The soccer team plans on a car wash this Sunday at the Kingsbury Chevron, September 13, from 10-2pm to help off-set the costs. Kim F. made a motion to approve funding for 20 new school uniforms for \$855 if the soccer team is not in the school rotation for new uniforms. KellyK. made a motion to amend the first motion stating that we fund the uniforms now but if they are in the school rotation, the funds be transferred to another program. Kim F. seconded. Approved.

2) Patrick Kelly (History teacher) requested \$149.99 for teacher supplies and a speaker for his classroom. Principal Esquivel discussed that SB133 applies only to certificated staff, which allocates \$102.73 per teacher. Kelly made a motion to reimburse Mr. Kelly the balance of \$47.26 after the teacher allocation is applied. Kim F. seconded. Approved.

There was much discussion about teacher allocation with one member asking each one to review the budget again and reduce the amount of allocation per teacher since they now get a portion from school funding. As of date, boosters funds up to \$250 per teacher/school year for classroom supplies. It was discussed that a firm deadline should be made to make teachers spend earlier in the year in order for boosters to better be able to budget. It was then pointed out that by having a soft deadline, teachers won't feel the need to rush and spend their money but rather use it when they actually find a meaningful project or necessary supplies. Several members felt the current allocation of \$250 is fine.

### ***HWY 50/Warrior Way Safety***

Raquel stated that newly formed HWY 50/Warrior Way Safety committee was developed in response to the increase in traffic, unsafe pedestrian crossings, congestion, blind spots and altogether an unsafe environment along the Zephyr Cove corridor. Parent, Shirlee Giacomelli, initiated correspondence to several invested parties, including but not limited to the Douglas County Manager, Douglas County School District, NDOT, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and the South Shore Transportation Management Association (SSTMA) back in November of 2014. Only one response, by LTBMU, did Shirlee receive to her letter.

LTBMU recognizes our safety concerns at the intersection of Warrior Way and Highway 50. As part of the county's annual 5 year transportation plan, they have identified a pedestrian/bicycle pathway that should be added to the bike and pedestrian facilities program; which is now being built by the Forest Service from the stop light to the stables but will not connect to Warrior Way. They recognize it is not a total solution but at least a step in the right direction and that the pathway may be completed as part of their 5 year plan.

This safety group believes that their first priority is to get some type of signage, slow school zone markings, etc, should go up now with the ultimate goal of reducing traffic speed and increasing both pedestrian and traffic safety. One permanent solution could be a round-a-bout at the intersection of Warrior Way/Hwy50.

Raquel will be researching the history behind the prior denial of installing a signal light at the location, as well as Nevada's citation/accident tracking statistics along the corridor. The Douglas County Fire Chief will also be asked for his input, as well as those who've had accidents along this route.. . Solutions to improve public safety will also be developed. Shirlee will be working closely with those who have a vested interest in traffic/pedestrian safety and will put together a petition along with a letter addressing our safety concerns.

### ***Tiki Team Off:***

Bronwyn reported she is in need of Senior class student volunteers for parking and selling 50/50 raffle tickets. She also needs tickets to be sold. For each student work hours, money will go toward their Senior Class Grad Night. Each sport's team is looking for donations for basket raffle. Each basket is to be valued at \$200.

Tiki Team Off will be held Saturday, September 19, 6-10PM at Ray Sidney's House and will include Dinner, Live Polynesian Dancers and more the moment you walk through the door! In order to help with our fundraising, Boosters is asking you, the coaches of the sports and academic teams, to please come up with a **basket valued at \$200 or more in raffle prizes that can will be raffled off at the event.** Please let your donors know that their donation is tax deductible and Whittell Boosters Club, Inc is a 501c3 #88-0145589.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Student Leadership:** Kate K. stated that the Powderpuff game is scheduled for Sept. 23, the Bon Fire and Pep rally Sept 24, games Sept 25 and the dance will be on Sept. 26th. Kelly Higgins will be in charge of the bon fire which will run from 6-8 pm and will be asking for \$5 donation to cover the costs of the food and smores.

**Faculty Report:** Patrick Kelly was not in attendance and is looking for another faculty member to take his place. Suzan Van Doren, English teacher, volunteered to be the faculty representative. Kim F. made a motion to approve Suzan Van Doren as the Boosters Faculty Representative. Kim A. seconded. Approved.

Suzan went on to thank Boosters for their support in sending both her and Ms. Kronk to STEM Camp and AP Environmental Science Camp.

**Public Relations:** Daria Sharon had nothing new to report but did state that she and Kate Warner were still working on ads for the schedule of games and getting a picture of the New Gym to Rotary, along with a thank you ad.

**Snack Shack-**Dana wasn't in attendance but Bronwyn reported that Dana is still in need of volunteers to work the shack at games. Tomorrow, September 10th is the first day the snack shack will be open for the 2015-16 season.

**Sunshine Committee-**Lauren Desota was not in attendance. No report given.

Next scheduled meeting will be held October 14th.

Meeting adjourned 6:46pm