

RHAM SPORTS BOOSTERS

Board Meeting November 6, 2017

RHAM High School - 7:30

Board Attendees: Vin Colonna, Steve Turco, Mary Cochefski, Alexandra Smith

Guest Attendees: Sandra Riehl, Ian Holme, Wendy Dietz, Bob Fraleigh, Lara Bordick, Dan Barry, Daphne Wompold

Welcome/ Public Comment

Committee Reports:

Secretary- 10/2 minutes approved

Treasurer report- Balance is \$18,457.91

Open Positions

Membership, Communications- still open

Operations update-

- Tennis court resurfacing has been completed

RHAM Admin.

- State budget was passed, so that RHAM is clear on what funds are available for the year.
- Due to Special Education costs, the RHAM budget is in a deficit of \$1.4 million
- In order to rectify the deficit, the Superintendent suggested that spring sports be cut
- A BOE meeting will be held Nov. 14 where the budget and other ideas will be discussed
- Pay to Play (self funding) - Dr. Law supports the idea of teams self-funding for the season.
- Dr. Law would like a Commitment Letter from Parents outlining their commitment to funding the team. A deadline is needed so teams know when to start their fundraising.

SPORTS teams update:

Hockey

- Sandra Riehl, a hockey parent, had concerns about the potential budget cuts
- 16 RHAM students play in the program
- Mostly self-funded, hockey is budgeted \$5,000
- Hockey will move forward with season and look to fundraise for the \$5,000

Freshman Basketball

- November 15 deadline according to Dr. Law. Funds need to be raised and paid to RHAM before try outs and the season gets underway.
- Budget is \$8,500 a team, 9 games, and 20 students per girls/ boys team
- Fundraiser taking place December 2 and 3 (family holiday photos)
- SB board agreed that it would be helpful for the Varsity basketball programs to help fund the Freshman teams as well.

Apparel – Current Inventory, Rhampage shirts

- To date, 125 Rhampage shirts have been sold
- \$15 to print, selling for \$20 each
- Need to re-order small/Med for basketball season and sell at games/lunch waves

Special Events

Coaches vs Cancer

10/6 and 10/7

- 600-700 attendance at Friday's soccer game. 1,000 at football on Saturday
- Friday concessions was \$800 and Saturday around \$1,050
- SB expenses included lights (\$1,900) DJ (\$150) Signs (\$) Videographer (\$100)

Wine tasting

- Proceeds to be included in the general SB fund
- Vin to email coaches about tickets, and will place an announcement in the Rivereast
- Lori Tarka to pick up flowers from Its so Ranunculous
- Set up for the night is 6:15. Blackledge and Rich V. all set.

- Raffles include: Tiffany's necklace (Carol Connelly), Ted's gift card, Blackledge Gift Card, In Home Wine Tasting from Rich V.,
- Tickets for raffle, \$20 for 9, \$10 for 3.

Senior nights

- Soccer seniors boys and girls will be recognized 11/7
- Volleyball will be 11/8

CIAC Leadership Academy

- Roughly 45 students from RHAM participated in a leadership day sponsored by the CIAC
- Students who were asked to participate included those involved with student council, DECA officers, sports team captains
- SB helped offset food costs
- Leadership Academy will be presented once a semester

MS Ice Cream Social - 11/2

- Well attended and the kids, parents and coaches all appreciative of the event
- Alex Smith, Wendy Dietz, Jen Boehler, Vin Colonna and Deb all contributed to coordinating the event

Athlete of the Week

- Need to get this established for the winter sports season

Funding Requests

- Kevin Kenitis, middle school AD, asked for \$80 to cover costs of a plaque recognizing the MS Girls undefeated soccer season
- SB board approved the request

New Business

- HS Sports Banquet - 12/5 Dinner from Gina Marie's
- Next Meeting - 11/27 7pm