

**DRAFT**  
**Booster Club Minutes**  
**September 19, 2016**

**Members Present:** Maja Beckstrom, Ann Borgwardt, Ann Rutten Commers, Magalli Gamino, Kevin Huepenbecker, Shawna Jones, Aaron Kerr, Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Anne Levin, Anne Neal, Shayne Miller, Ruth Ann Willard

**Attending:** Theresa Neal, Principal

**Introductions:** Introductions were made around the table and returning members welcomed all those who were attending their first Booster Club meeting.

**Minutes:** 5/16/2016 minutes and 8/15/2016 minutes were reviewed.

- Are the Kleenex donations noted in 8/15 minutes happening? Principal Neal advised that yes it is. Mary Helen in the AD office is coordinating. While it was supposed to end in September, the plan is now that it will be ongoing – this way they don't have to store all at once.
- Will Como's email newsletter be coming out? Principal Neal noted that Sandy Kestner will be starting the newsletter and a student from the Genius Squad will take over eventually. The email newsletter goes out to every parent whose email the school has, and also by Schoology once that ramps up later this year.
- The 5/16/2016 minutes and 8/15/2016 minutes are approved.

**Homecoming:** Those who have attended previous Homecomings shared a brief history/background of Homecoming at Como. Homecoming has weeklong events, with Saturday being the big day.

- Saturday Homecoming Activities.
  - Parade, picnic lunch, Girls' pick-up football game
    - This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the reinstated parade
  - Bus goes to the Como football game at Griffin Stadium
  - Dance for students in the evening
  - In past years have invited neighbors, elementary schools in addition to Como students and families.
- This year, the Saturday of Homecoming is October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Maria Cocchiarella is the new Homecoming advisor from the Como staff and the Booster Club will do some more planning with her.
- When Como has a new stadium, hope to have Homecoming events on Friday afternoon and evening -- maybe have a soccer game in the afternoon and the football game at night. Will have to see what the stadium is like.
  - It was noted that Como's new stadium as planned won't be like Central. It will have a smaller footprint with the field and some lighting. A second round of development could include a press box and night lighting.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Principal Neal shared her appreciation for parents attending the Booster Club meeting on a busy night. She noted that the upcoming Parent and Community Council meeting would have more detail, but at the regular Booster Club meetings she shares some info about events at the school in a brief form.
- It is week 3 and there are 18 new staff members and 4 new counselors becoming acclimated to Como. There are currently about 1387 students – the count on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> will be used for basing the budget. There is a hope for additional staff and budget, but depends on overall SPPS budget. There have been 2 full time staff reductions.
- Facilities Master Plan – the district will provide an update on Tuesday at the Parent and Community Council meeting. Another update will come in December. Plan is to begin work in the spring with mechanicals and then main work in summer.
- Upcoming meetings at school:
  - Tues. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> - Parent and Community Council Meeting
  - Tues. Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – All School Open House, 5-7 pm – see the school, meet teachers, learn about Schoology, parent portal, and extracurricular activities. There will be a banner and cards for the Booster Club.
    - There will also be a Senior meeting that day where parents of Seniors meet collectively.
  - Oct. 1st - counselors discuss a pathway to graduation for each grade.
  - Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Conferences, 4-7 pm
- Como gets Title I funds for free and reduced lunch, but need all students to fill out the forms. Forms are online or in office.
- Friday Newsletter – Need submissions by Wednesday end of day, though Thursday might be ok. Can call in or send Laurie Payton an email. Sandy Kestner will take info too as parent liaison.
- Homecoming – posters are up for Homecoming Week. The Booster Club will work with Maria for the Saturday Homecoming Day.
  - Laura noted that 2 years ago for the parade they got District insurance, but last year Principal Neal handled the parade as a walking field trip. Laura asked if Principal Neal would do this year's parade as a walking field trip and Principal Neal said yes.

### **Concessions Report:**

- Kevin reported that the Booster Club's concession stand at the Como football game at Central made \$387. The Booster Club will cover just that one football concession this year. The AD will take the total of the concessions from all the games and give each group the share for the amount they worked.
- Volleyball is coming up next – those concessions are at the Como Snack Shack. Booster Club has some of the Snack Shack shifts - Kevin will send out an email with open dates for BC volunteers.

- The Booster Club sold Spirit Wear at the soccer teams' Mayor's Club event. There was a huge crowd.

### **SignUp.com:**

- The Booster Club is using SignUp.com (formerly VoluteerSpot) to track events throughout the year. Each event will show volunteer shifts and people can sign up as they are available. Anne L. will send an email with the Booster Club's SignUp.com link.
  - There are shifts for the All School Open House on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, Teacher Conferences on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, and for Homecoming on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Homecoming – Oct. 8th:**

- There was an initial Homecoming planning meeting in August. There won't be class floats this year – isn't enough interest from students. Booster Club is coordinating parade and lunch at Como. Plan to sell advance meal tickets at the Open House and the Conferences.
- Would like to use Square/PayPal – easier for people who don't carry cash. Need to check status of Booster Club's Square from last year.
- Homecoming Flyer has been updated from last year – final input needed on name for pick up football game after lunch. Ann C. will check with Maria the staff advisor.

### **Booster Club:**

- Big Events:
  - Homecoming
  - Give to the Max – November 17<sup>th</sup> in 2016
    - Do announcements in Como Newsletter, Robo Calls, Facebook posts. Margaret H. has prepared great documentation from past years. Use again and update.
    - Consider how to reach families, tap into alumni and former parents.
    - In past, drawing for a Como jacket for those who donate at a certain level.
  - Senior All Night Party
    - Aaron K. noted how he had helped with the Murray decorating crew and what a good time they had. He's interested in helping this year.
  - Grants -- to clubs, teams, etc.
    - Fundraising supports the grants. Many grants made last year to a wide range of clubs, teams – a little bit can help a lot. There is a list in the Como newsletter.
- Rolls for Booster Club members:
  - Open positions to fill -- -chair, volunteer coordinator, fundraising chair, chairs for the various events.

**Budget:**

- Laura passed around an initial budget for 2016-2017 for review. There was discussion around possible adjustments to be made. Give to the Max day amount is a high goal – last year just made \$2,500. Taste of Como (potluck dinner) expense for BC was \$0 in 2015/16. Don't want to do a donation bucket as goal is an event to build community, not for fundraising. This year BC could set aside \$150 toward paper goods/supplies. Anne L.'s recollection was that 2016 Senior All Night Grad Party brought in more money than was spent for the party – Anne and Laura can review last year's Grad Party budget. Kevin noted that Spirit Wear is too high, \$500 might be better estimate. Continue with budget review at the next meeting.

**Next Booster Club Meeting:** Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (\*this is changed from usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> due to conflicts)

- It was noted that while the Booster Club meetings last year were usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, that could be open to discussion among this year's Booster Club members. And there are already conflicts in January and February due to holidays.
- For Agenda: Budget, Recruiting for open Booster Club positions