

Executive Board

Dan Sommers & Michelle Lanza
Co-Presidents
Amy Neumann — Secretary
Rob Robinson — Treasurer
Chris Welter — Membership
Jennifer Hong — Social Media
Jamie Machel — Spirit Wear
#30Strong #GoKnights

Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 14th, 2023

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Welcome and thank you for coming to the kick off 2023-2024 Boosters!

II. Executive Board Report

- A. Co-President Report Dan Sommers/Michelle Lanza
 - –Welcome. Thank you for coming. This will be Dan's 7th and final year as Boosters President. Michelle is joining him this year as co-president. For next year 24-25 we will be in need of a treasurer.
- B. Treasurer Report Rob Robinson Balance is currently \$65,000. Pd. Out \$13,000 over the summer with \$35 K still outstanding commitments to pay. Boosterships doing well.
- C. Membership Report Chris Welter
 - –Boostership Update Good start to Boosterships this year. Up at this point in money raised so far (\$15, 684). Hopefully will continue getting more in. Please keep recruiting for members to join. Placed table tents at area restaurants to promote. Membership packet pick ups will be at Scrimmage Night and at Parent Curriculum night. If you have ideas to increase boostership levels please share. All of the different levels are on website and you can join with QR code.
- D. Social Media Report Jennifer Hong Currently at 827 Facebook followers and 312 instagram. Please add and share. Will continue to post links to Booster events.
- E. Spirit Wear Report Jamie Machel First sale will be at the Scrimmage Night. Will also be present at all home football games. We will also have booth at curriculum night. If anyone is willing to help sell, please see Jamie. Membership items will be set aside for pick up on scrimmage night that will be outside of the stadium at a Booster table. Another LuLu Lemon sale was brought with suggestions to increase the sizes available and run near Christmas time to use as gifts. Jamie said she will look into. Please feel free to email with suggestions or questions on spirit wear.
- III. <u>PHS Athletic Department and Administration Report</u> Scott McDermott Shared a video that highlighted Prospect Athletics. Scott spent the summer getting to know the people involved here in Athletics and is looking forward to supporting the athletes and Boosters. He has come back to Prospect

after spending time in other schools. In total we have 1, 665 total athletic participants which means over 38% participation of total student population. Continue to provide athletics as an important way to bring joy, laughter, belonging and commitment to the school. This year we are using "Every Knight, Every Day" which focuses on attendance. It is found that there is a strong correlation with grades and attendance. We want our kids in the building and this includes athletes as this impacts their team. This Friday night is our scrimmage night. All fall athletics will be participating. The U shirt will be sold. Let's try to pack the stadium and support our student athletes. We want to be sure to push attendance at all sporting events this year and fill the stands. We have 29 athletic programs and want to encourage participation for our students at every level. We have also added a t-shirt cannon this year and will launch t-shirts at various games and events.

IV. Standing Committee Updates

A. Twitter – Laura Ryerson – Please follow twitter if you don't. Fun to see what the teams are doing. Lots of retweeting of what teams are sharing. If some coaches share a lot, that will be retweeted so may seem uneven so encourage coaches to tweet their events and such. Will need a new Twitter Chair for next year as Laura's daughter is a senior.

B. Golf Outing – Brendan Friar – Shared a flier with date set as October 8th Please take extra flyers and share. Share the information with coaches and families. If interested in volunteering the day of please see Brendan. There are also sponsorship opportunities – so reach out to any local connections you think may be interested in. Will add to the school newsletter.

- C. Note on Fund Request Process Dan Sommers Coaches must request donations. Before it gets to Boosters to decide it goes through a vetting process with athletic directors and coaches. List is prioritized and shared with us. School buys it and Boosters reimburses. All the money that is raised is spread out among the sports teams. This year alone received \$49,000 in fund requests. Strive to keep it equal among all sports/boys/girls etc. You can always go online to see a history of what has been donated.
- D. Boosterpalooza will continue to look into at future meetings and will form a committee to run. Last year was most successful year ever with around \$20,000 raised.
- E. Re-UKnight Ann Cantieri continue to collect and donate items please

V. Athletic Team Updates

Girls Tennis – Just starting the season and looking forward to it!

Boys Swim and Dive – Off Season currently but working hard with their swimming clubs.

Cheer- Side line going currently. 50 athletes are in the program and will have first performance at scrimmage night

Football – Season just starting – looking forward to scrimmage night. Over 50 kids came to freshman try out – which is so great!

Boys Cross Country- First meet coming up on the 29th with a dual meet

Boys Lacrosse- Had a great summer camp and hope to continue to grow in the success of the program

Girls Volleyball – Monday the 21st 1st game with varsity at 6. Love the partnership with football team being encouraged to come to the VB games

Boys Golf – Won their first meet this last weekend. Looking to be competitive again this season

Boys soccer- Had a great summer league. Looking forward to first game this weekend.

Girls Cross Country-Looking forward to a strong season ahead. 1st meet will be on the 22nd.

Girls Golf- 1st invite was on Friday and did well. Around 15 freshman girls tried out which is great for the program. The next match will be tomorrow evening.

Dance Team – Good competitive summer camp – season starts end of October. Now in season for Poms performing at home football games

- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business

VIII. Adjourn Meeting