Minutes for March 10, 2025 Booster Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Attendees: Jill Davidson - Boys LaCrosse April Gerkin - Girls LaCrosse

Sara Upton - Girls LaCrosse Cassie Doyle - Boys Volleyball

Casey Hunt - Softball

Kathy Jones - Cheer

Kelly Hoover - Boys Golf

Laura Schultz - Softball

Toni Youkilis - Dance

Mark Fada - Swim

Joe Robertson - Boys Golf Kate Shaw - Boys Basketball Gilberto Castillo - Bowling Karen Wheatley - Bowling John Landers - Girls Wrestling Stacey Keller - Boys Golf

Jill Meiring - Athletic Director

Board Members Present: Andrea Peake, Kevin Cooney, Courtney Woody, and Missy Dixon

Alert: several positions on the board need to be filled at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, if you are interested please reach out to us at: boosterslakotaeast@gmail.com

Approval of minutes for February 2025: Laura Schultz & Courtney Woody

Treasurer: The current account balance is over \$100,000. Bingo revenue has been down slightly, but a new machine was purchased. Over \$1,200 was raised from the gas pump last quarter, and a \$400 donation was received. In the last month, \$700 was collected from memberships and \$1,300 from spirit wear sales. During the Bingo semi-annual meeting, the team discussed increasing the number of machines from the current 28-30 range to 35. Scholarship checks will be issued soon, with funds already set aside. Payouts for any teams that worked winter concessions will be sent to Jill soon.

Memberships: Winter season rosters are now set. Any team that met 50% or more participation will receive payouts over the next several weeks. The funds will be sent to the athletic department for deposit into the team accounts. Spring memberships are starting to roll in, but rosters have not yet been finalized through the athletic department. Once the rosters are complete, they will be forwarded to the board to match memberships, and communication will be sent to the reps. Please continue to promote memberships for spring sports. The link to access online memberships is listed below.

Membership link: https://wedoauctions.com/tickets/lemembership/tix

Concessions: Winter payouts will be coming to teams soon. Winter concessions are finished, and there will be a two-week break before spring sports begin. A link for spring concessions sign-ups will be sent out soon, so watch your emails. Someone has expressed interest in helping with concessions next year, but additional help is still needed.

Spirit Shop: The spirit shop made almost \$1,000 in sales during the "Meet the Team" event. New shelving has improved the setup, and a spring sale is being planned. Senior parents are encouraged to donate to the Rehawk Shop—there is a basket in the spirit shop for donations.

Fundraiser: Reminders to sign up for Kroger Rewards and the Shell gas pump fundraiser. Follow the correct booster account on social media and tag them so they can share your posts. For fundraising questions, contact LEAB.fundraising@gmail.com or BoostersLakotaEast@gmail.com.

Team Reports: Winter Sports Recap

Boys Basketball: Freshman team lost in the semi-finals. Varsity finished 17-8 and were district champions but lost to Fairfield. Thanks to cheer for providing goody bags for varsity. Graduated 10 seniors. Trey Perry received awards for District 15 Player of the Year, First Team Southwest Ohio, and GMC Player of the Year.

<u>Girls Basketball</u>: Lost in the district finals to Walnut Hills. Graduating a lot of seniors. Finished 3rd in the league.

Cheer: Season ended with the basketball team. Graduating 4 seniors. Try-outs TBD.

Dance: Finished with season. Graduating 7 seniors. Banquet scheduled for Wednesday.

Bowling: Boys and girls finished regular season 6-3 in conference, placing 3rd. Boys set a school record with a 12-3 season — highest winning record for boys. A freshman made 1st team GMC and a senior made 2nd team GMC. Graduating 3 varsity seniors and 1 JV senior on the boys' team. Boys won the Conference Clash year-end tournament, earning the first school trophy in school history. Two boys finished 4th and 5th overall. Girls finished 3rd. A freshman girl was the top bowler overall at the tournament. Both boys and girls teams qualified for sectionals and finished in the top 7 to qualify for districts — first time for both teams. A freshman girl was the top bowler overall at sections and set two records (290 game and high series of 680 for 3 games). Girls finished 3rd overall at sectionals; boys finished 5th. At districts, boys finished 19/24 and girls finished 20/24.

Boys Wrestling: First time winning GMC Championship. Had 3 first-place finishes and 4 second-place finishes. Boys coach was named GMC Coach of the Year. Placed 3rd at sectionals. Had 8 district qualifiers, with 2 advancing to state.

<u>Girls Wrestling</u>: A female athlete became a state champion. Coach Landers was named Coach of the Year. All GMC teams won the tournament. A freshman girl won her dual to qualify for the tournament. The new program is doing very well.

Swimming: Boys finished 12th in state (improved from last year). Girls finished 44th in state as a team. Had two top-10 individual finishes. Boys relays are losing one senior. First Team All-Conference. Boys had two individual qualifiers and one relay. Girls set three school records; boys set three school records. Coach Beck was named GMC Coach of the Year.

Gymnastics: No representative present.

Team Reports: Spring Sports

Boys Volleyball: Varsity has 10 players, including 6 seniors, and JV has 12 players. They have completed scrimmages, and their first match is scheduled for Saturday against Beavercreek. The first home game is on Monday, March 24th.

Boys Lacrosse: The team has 18 seniors. Their first scrimmage was on Friday against Beavercreek, where varsity won 8-2, and JV tied 4-4. Their next scrimmage is against Bellbrook on Wednesday.

<u>Girls Lacrosse</u>: The team has 16 seniors. Their first scrimmage is at home against Loveland on Thursday. They play at Kings in a scrimmage on the 15th, and their first official game is at Seton on the 21st.

Baseball: No representative present.

Softball: Varsity has 14 players, including 3 seniors, and JV has 13 players. Their first scrimmage is at Joyce Park on Thursday. Their first game is on March 29th, and they play West at West on March 31st.

Boys Tennis: No representative present.

Track: No representative present.

Team Requests

- **Boys/Girls Lacrosse:** Request for a scorer's table totaling \$19,866. If Boosters pay half, the AD will cover the other half. Boosters approved up to \$10,000. Vote passed 21-1.
- **Boys Golf:** Request for an indoor Trackman for the cage and projector totaling \$10,579 (could reduce to \$9,579 if the team helps disassemble it). Jill is working on purchasing a gaming computer through the district. The \$1,000 transfer fee to transfer Trackman Licensure was waived. This will be shared between boys and girls golf. The indoor cage will be kept in the digital learning lab. Boosters approved up to \$10,000. Golf balls for \$984.50 were also approved. Vote passed unanimously.
- Wrestling: Request for Mat Boss statistics program (\$600) was denied due to annual subscription costs.
- Jill's Request: Approved for four championship rings and state banners for wrestling.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Please note April's meeting date changed due to spring break!!

Next Meeting: April 7, 2025 @ 7pm in room 200