

Husky Booster Club Minutes - September 7, 2016

Welcome and Introduction:

At 7:15pm Wayne Franklin welcomed approximately 35 people to the meeting, comprised of parents, students and OPRF staff, Dr. Joylynn Pruitt, interim D200 Superintendent and Fred Arkin, D200 School Board Representative

Minutes of May 4, 2016 Meeting:

Approved with no changes

Guest Speakers:

None this meeting

DISCUSSIONS

D200/OPRF Presentations

Huskie Spirit Council--Katie Prendergast and 2 students thanked HBC for the rally towels donated last season. Plans for this year's football season include a Hawaiian/tropical night where leis were passed out to Freshman students on Kickoff Day and to remaining students at the first game. The group is looking to create a "spirit pack" for students that can be purchased at a reasonable cost for students to have the opportunity to support OPRF sports teams in a unified and fun way. Ideas to include in the pack are a t-shirt, sunglasses and temporary tattoos. Next year the Huskie Spirit Council would like to introduce colored t-shirts for each class to wear. They are further reaching out to the Huskie Athletic Council to encourage more school spirit and buy-in from the respective teams to support each other as well. The club is planning a fundraiser for this year and will seek appropriations from HBC as well.

D200 Administration Report-Mike Carioscio shared student achievement items of note from the Huskie Bulletin. The students will be participating in emergency preparedness drills this week. Chrome Book distribution is complete. Neoprene cases are still available in Room 276 for students who want them. OPRF was ranked #13 in a recent Chicago Magazine article on area high schools.

Student Activities--Regina Topf reported that clubs are underway for the new school year; Activity Fair was held today, which should result in new memberships and participation. 9/13/16 will be the Girls Softball Championship assembly. Homecoming plans are finalized—there will be a daily theme for the week for students and staff; a Community Pep Rally will take place in the Field House before the Varsity game. Invites for this event have been extended to D97 students and the community at large.

Dr. J Pruitt commented that she is impressed with all of the offerings at OPRF and the students who are "well rounded and well grounded"

Faculty--JP Coughlin commented that the year is off to a good start. He encouraged the HBC and its members to continue to dialogue any needs to the faculty.

D200 School Board--Fred Arkin reported that this summer the School Board has conducted discussions on the issue of equity within the community; more to continue. Dr. Joylynn Pruitt was selected as Interim D200 Superintendent; there is a survey on the website to gather community information to assist in the search for a permanent replacement. Meetings and information will be gathered from the community and other stakeholders for this important task. 9/24/16 is the date for the Board's annual retreat and goal setting. A facilities plan for the Pool project and Referendum was prepared and passed. Voting on the Referendum to take place in November 2016.

Applause--Tisha Swigart shared that the first meeting of the year has taken place and plans for the fundraiser are underway. An "all performing arts" trip will be offered/take place to Spain in 2017. The next theatre production will be "The Diary of Anne Frank"; Studio 200 auditions are taking place; "Mary Poppins" has been chosen as the Spring Musical. The Marching Band is presenting a Mardi Gras theme for their halftime and competition production this year.

Treasurer--Fred Brandstrader proposed an amendment to the HBC Bylaws to align the HBC fiscal year with the school's fiscal year. Discussion ensued. Motion for this amendment was made by **Eric Neville**, seconded by **Vic Vanek**. This year will run on a shortened 10-month fiscal due to the change, from 9/1/16-6/30/17. Going forward, the HBC fiscal year will be 7/1/xx to 6/30/xx. The formal Bylaw language will be included in the revised/updated Bylaw process. **Fred B** reported that the last fiscal year for HBC has closed \$14K under budget. Booster Ball income was down from expectation; Merchandise sales increased; additional expense was incurred for accountant's fees and tax filings to bring all reports into compliance with the State, etc. Current cash on hand is \$145K; \$103K is currently being held for satellite accounts.

Appropriations--Eric Neville reported that an audit of 2015 appropriations and their respective fulfillment has revealed 6 items that are still in the process of being purchased/acquired and \$4K will be returning to HBC operating funds for unfulfilled items. This money will be available to augment the total for 2016 appropriations. **Anthony Sevejda** sent an inquiry asking if unused funds could be spent immediately to purchase an instrument (marimba) for the Band. Eric informed that a 2016 Appropriation Request could be completed to meet this need if approved.

Membership--Vic Vanek commented that the new school year membership drive is off to a great

