AHS Booster Club

Membership Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

Board of Director present (including their roles for the 2022 – 2023 year): Kimberly Meno / President, Kim Deisher-Allen / Vice President, Sydney Costello / Treasurer, Jessica Hill / Secretary, Heather Swanson/ BAB Director, Deanne Moff / Activities Director, Shana Newell / Webmaster, Kimberly Stevenson (Shamrock) / Arts Director, Greer Verrier-Davis, and Christina Carbajal / Athletics Director

Additional Members present: Merilee Herman / Principal, Erin Robertson, Anna Webber, Miangu Su, Cecilia Smith, William Webbe, Anissa Ekstrand, Tracy Oberg, Crystal Hernandez, Jon Murray, Andrea Mistiano, Eric Fournier, Erich Lish, Kellie Lish,  and AFJRTOC Booster Club representatives: Dwayne Scott, Brian T. Pollack and Melissa Zimmerman; plus zoom (1 member: Eveleen)

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: Kimberly Meno (President), Jessica Hill (Secretary), Shana Newell (Director of Social media & Webmaster), Kim Stevenson (Arts Director), Christina Carbajal (Athletics Director), Kim Wilson (Academics Director), Heather Swanson (Business as Boosters Director), Kim Deisher-Allen (Vice President), & Erin Robertson

Welcome and Introductions: Board of Directors & Membership

The 4 A’s: Academics, Activities, Arts & Athletics (Kimberly Meno)

We support all of AHS and try to be actively engaged by supporting all of the 4 A’s.

ACTIVITIES GUEST: ROTC Duane Scott

* We gained 37 new freshmen to get us to 138 members. We are still on probation this year but the goal is to make it to October. Located in the portables in the D wing but moving to C12 soon. Meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month.
* Major Blue and Senior is new. Scott is a retired lieutenant of the US Navy. VP Brian Pollock. Secretary Melissa Zimmerman.
* Mission Statement: to enable and prepare
* Questions:
  + They make the purchases and give the receipts to Sydney and as long as they meet the requirements, it is processed. Sydney explained the process. Her partner is Frank Stallons, the assistant treasurer and is a big help.
  + What do we do to have concessions run at events? The track team doesn't have concessions run. Can we have that? They’d like to possibly do something with track and ROTC. Our recommendation is to start with talking to track coach Judd Hunter, make sure you work out the percentage, etc, and if he approves, then go to Roys to see if he’d approve. He may be open to this as he’s asked us to come to a meet before.  They would like to maintain a brat stand throughout the year. We recommend checking with Snohomish County Health Department since its not pre-packaged.
  + What is the profit they would get? The profit is whatever they make. If they want to incentivize with a team, they can do that as well.
  + Regarding setting up Baristas at school events is to talk to Roys. You can't do it at school because of the DECA stand. Final answer: it doesn't hurt to ask, but we are not the venue to answer that question. You must go through Royce.
  + Electronic payment options: Paypal. It is up to the group as to their own money management and then that group would do a transfer to the Boosters.
  + They have a completion in February, how can they set up a food truck. Please speak to Kim Wilson about that.
    - Date: February 11th See handed calendar for other future dates
    - Could use help from Boosters for security walking around the school, food trucks, etc. Major will reach out to us for help.
* Our question to ROTC: How can we support you? Kimberly recommended that if ROTC has a need for volunteers our webmaster, Shana, can post the volunteer sign ups for them.

ATHLETICS GUEST: Coach Jon Murray, Cross Country

* Who we are: Co head coach with Mike Shurk; other coaches are Chrissy Kolbeck and Ann Marie Goden; ? and Nathaniel Alexander; Casey Barton is a helper as well.
  + 7 coaches total
  + 61 kids this year
* What do we do? Run! We support integrity, commitment, and being kind. Travel to meets all over Washington. The club travels to Boise and raises money there for the booster club, organized by parents.
* Activities: Summer camp, put on lead championships, a 12-hour relay that happens at the start of the season that helps outfit the students so all runners are fitted with their uniforms and have equity.
* The kids need volunteer hours so if we need any help, please reach out to Coach Murray and he can help arrange that.
* Kimberly asked: Is there anything Boosters can help to volunteer? Coach Murray will reach out to us to ask. If they have a need, they can reach out to us and Shana will post on our website.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL: Merilee Herman

* Working in the district for 18 years, 1st year as principal. Started out in the district as a custodian, worked in the elementary schools and Post Middle School. Teacher at the HS here too. For the last 4 years was the freshman principal.
* Mom of 4, elementary kids and babies
* Vision: “When I say Every Eagle, It's about every single eagle.”  Teachers, staff… because we're family. To support our students, we need to support our staff. I want my students to “work hard, get involved, and be kind.” Also, academic rigor. Opportunities for our kids.” “Preparing kids that are reliant, preparing kids that can see the possibilities. I want relationships and I want community.”
* Office is always open if you ever need to chat. Book your appointment with the secretary
* Homecoming - changing homecoming. We are the last district that was running it the old school/traditional way. This year the staff will be nominating kids so it’s not a popularity contest and will be based on things like who embodies the characteristic of being kind -  to get a wider variety of our kids and who they are, We will have 3 top royalty: 2 kings and a queen or whatever version of this. Looking for the top kids of our seniors that are working hard, getting involved and being kind.
* Brought back discipline and behavior policies. These policies are not new, they were always here but they are now being more enforced. During covid we were being much more gracious but it is now time to get back to the standards.
* The current count in AHS is 1560 students. Close to 130 staff.
* No technical king or queen. Going with characteristics and who embodies it.
* We are doing Character Strong. Boosters have ideas on how we can support that with what we are doing. Merilee can get Deanne/Shana the list of the Character strong qualities so we can work with that.
  + At our retreat, we spoke about how we can help support the RAP or Student of the Month using Character Strong. Talk to Deanne about it if youd like to help with this.
* Recommendation from parents: arrows to show flow of traffic.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

* Copy Room, Homecoming Chili Feed (October 14th), HOCO dance decorating, Hoco chaperones, and Website. Visit website: ahsboosterclub.com
* For more information - follow us on our website and social media (FB, instagram).

\*\*We are going to be changing our website as we are aware of its challenges

* You do need to register with SafeVisitor; it needs to be renewed yearly.
* Conferences (Deanne) Soup Feed - please sign up and Deanne will be in contact with you with more information and help. Just bring it the night before if you need and Deanne will bring it in for conferences the next day.

COMMENTS or QUESTIONS

* General Membership Dates at the AHS Library, 7pm - 8pm
  + Nov 8, Jan 10, March 14, and May 9
* Board of Director Meetings are every month at 6pm. Members are always welcome to attend.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Kimberly Stebvenson, Deanne Moff 2nded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.