**AHS BOOSTER CLUB**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2023**

**7pm - 8pm**

**AHS Library, Arlington, WA**

Called to order at 7:04 pm.

**BOD Members attending**: Kimberly Meno, Kim Deisher-Allen, Christina Carbajal, Deanne Moff, Kim Wilson, Kim Stevenson, Shana Newell, and Jessica Hill

**Members / guests attending**: Will Chronister, Riley Sheridan, Noah Heslider, Elise Birdsong, Kieren Raney, Kenna Langford, Todd McLaughlin, Anna Weber, Julie Martin, and Merilee Herman

**Welcome and Introductions**

* Booster Directors and Members introductions

The 4 A’s:  Academics, Activities, Arts, Athletics

* We are all encompassing - supporting all 40 (including us) clubs in this school. Sydney and Frank handle all the monies for all of them through us.

**Guest Speakers**

* Athletics speaker:  Kieran Raney, Boy’s Soccer
	+ Got soccer bags and JV jerseys updated through booster club funds. A feel of community began. It created an atmosphere that being “part of the Arlington boys soccer was a year round thing”. It has become something that he feels more proud of and is special to him. They boys do not feel overlooked anymore. They are now going into their 2nd consecutive winning season. There used to be a lack of diversity but now that they’ve gained some respect, they are becoming more diverse as well.
		- Ways to get involved: attend games and have people up in the crowd. It’s a huge deal to them. Helping with fundraising. Follow them on social media: ArlingtonHSBoysSoccer on both FB and instagram.  Participate in concessions.
		- When the team continues past the season, those games do have a possibility to be played here. The cost of attending games can be pricey and we cannot help with the cost but we can blast it on social media to help advertise and fill the stands. Our social media director is available to post advertisements for teams, clubs and groups when needed. Just reach out to Shana Newell.
* Activities speaker:  LGBT Club Officers Will Chronister, Riley Sheridan, and Noah Hesldier
	+ Main purpose: to have a positive and safe environment for the kids involved. Activities they participate in: start every meeting with checkings (naes/pronouns/highs and lows of the week, fun question of the week, arts and crafts like made bracelets and banners for homecoming parade. They talk a lot about fundraising, including for the Cocoon House. This is in the planning stages at this moment.  They are planning on getting together with other clubs to participate in activities together. Last year they did an information night for the community that consisted of information about the LGBT community. They do holiday parties and parties for the freshman for the first meeting.
	+ Meet on Wednesdays after school from 2:30 till 3:40, Mr Ford is the club advisor. In his room and in C208. If a student wants to join, they can just show up.
	+ They have an instagram account, though it may not be active right now.
	+ There are approximately 10-13 students in the club on average but they usually start out strong with 30 or so students. Unfortunately they lose members as the year goes on to different other clubs.
	+ Booster Club can help them with fundraisers and such to give the club members more options. Greer is the supervisor of the LGBT club at Haller and offered for their club to help out with the HS group to fundraise. They are in contact with Post currently and would appreciate the help from Haller as well.
	+ Their officers are voted in yearly.
* Guest Speaker:  Kenna Langford ASB “Character Strong”
	+ Partnership between schools and families
	+ Big 3 goals: Work hard, be kind, and be involved
	+ Focus: character development and social -emotional learning
	+ “Character Strong” video  -
		- In the study presented, 80% of parents feel they want their kids to be caring and kind over achievement; the kids thought their parents wanted them to get good grades over good people. Character Strong fills that gap
		- They have 8 characteristics they work on throughout the year, known as character dares. They include: commitment, forgiveness, honesty, humility, For commitment, they are chalened . For forgiveness, they are challenged to use teh process of forgiving. For moving forward, let someone know you’ve forgiven them and move on. For honesty, it implies showing respect and integrity. They do “mirror, mirror” where you look in the mirror and tell yourself youre awesome. For humility, which is a modest view free of pride and arrogance. Find an opportunity to . Kindless, being friendly and considerate. For example, give a genuine compliment. For patience, the dare is asking someone how their day is before shearing yours. For respect, the dare is “mad respect yo”, For selflessness they ask . Family matters: Do a chore without being asked. They do double up on the kindness dare in the year. The hope is to encourage the students to be better each day than the way they were the day before.
		- A goal we have as boosters is to support Character Strong by possibly giving certificates to those who embody those character strong qualities on a quarterly basis. Julie Martin said that would be a great thing and an incentive to look at these characteristics and be intentional about it. As a student, Kellen feels it would be a really good idea. It would advertise the characteristics more and boost the student’s morale. The consensus of students in the room was taken and they all agreed. From a teacher’s perspective, An idea was floated to have staff nominate students. It may be something they could get teachers onboard with if it’s quarterly. From a teacher's perspective, Julie feels this would be a good thing to do.  Merilee offered the idea of putting a community component out there as well. Possibly club advisors as well.
		- We can post character strong stuff on our FB and insta page as well. Please reach out to our webmaster at media@ahs.boosterclub.com for us to post things on our social media.
* National Children’s Day, Mr. Todd MacLaughlin (Mr. Mac), Sunday June 11th.

This is celebrated all over the world but just not nationally here in the US. The idea would be to have a big parade and involve all the schools in the district. Getting the HS clubs and community clubs set up in the park. Get art clubs to show off their art, etc. It would be a day to honor kids. Kim Deisher-Allen is involved in this and a few others as well. The Chamber of Commerce’s insurance policy will cover the parade. They are finalizing things with the city. It’s also been recommended to have DABA involved to have support on this. They’d be interested in getting the bands, jazz band, etc to play. It would be nice to have the media come out to cover this. It would be the first annual event.

It was also mentioned that we should be sure to thank the community for their support in this and all our events we sponsor.

**Old / New Business**

* The Directors Report was made available for attendees to take.
* Membership Meeting Minutes from the last general membership meeting were available for attendees to take and review as well.
	+ Motion to adjourn the membership meeting minutes for the last general meeting minutes made by Sydney Costello. Kimberly Meno 2nd. AIF. Passed.

Adjourn meeting at 8:01 pm.

**Booster Club Directors**

Kimberly Meno, President

Kim Deisher-Allen, VP & Fundraising

Jessica Hill, Secretary

Sydney Costello, Treasurer

Frank Stallons, Asst. Treasurer

Heather Swanson, Business Boosters

Kim;  Wilson, Academics

Deanne Moff, Activities

Kim Stevenson, Arts

Christina Carbajal, Athletics

Greer Verrier-Davis, Membership

Shana Newell, Webmaster and Media