

Edison Athletic Boosters
Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

Attendees: Kristyna Meyer, Maggie DeMello, Greg Dombrowski, Linda Pinkney, Rayline Pettit, Steven Carpenter, Carol Montoya, Annemarie McGavin, Laurie Best, Kim Britton, Principal Amanda Burke, Robin Christman, Paul Connelly, Amy Downey, Dara Dugan, Jim Dugan, Christina Jackson, Mark Ruthkosky, Shelly Naumovich

The meeting was called to order at 7pm

DSA Report/Greg Dombrowski: Discussed that the fall season was in full swing. Currently in the process of hiring a track coach and a baseball coach. The deadline for applications for both positions was the next day (September 12th). Interviews would start the following week.

On October 20th, Edison football will host a Feeder Night for middle schools feeding into Edison (Mark Twain MS and Holmes MS). We will hold a Fun Run that night. Middle schoolers will get in for free, as long as they are accompanied by a paying adult.

Greg presented the Athletic Department Budget and Request for Booster Funds. See New Business below.

In response to questions, Greg stated the following:

- (1) The school purchases only uniforms that remain in-house. Uniforms are purchased on a cycle.
- (2) Regarding HUDL, each team is responsible for its own filming.
- (3) Football helmets have a 10-year lifespan. The Athletic Department tries to buy 5-10 helmets per season, so they do not have to pay for them all at once.

Treasurer's Report/Carol Montoya: Carol presented the budget. See New Business below.

VP/Maggie DeMello: Discussed the Craft Fair taking place on October 14th. Asked Greg whether he knew the dimensions of the gym/tarp. Currently have 73 tables signed up. The goal is to have a well-rounded population of vendors. There are still tables available. We are ordering 6-ft tables from the County. The tables need to be ordered at least three weeks in advance. Greg will be taking care of this.

Teams wanting to earn money can volunteer to help.

VP Operations/Rayline Pettitt: Rayline's goal is to find one contact person for each team in order to find help from each team when concessions shifts need to be filled. The process for allocating shares related to worked shifts was explained to all in attendance. Historically, shares have been worth \$12-17 per shift. We discussed that JetWave Wireless is providing a MIFI to the Boosters this fall to assist with the Square reader for credit card purchases at the Concession Stands.

Rayline was open to adding new items to the menu, including some healthy options.

VP Membership/Linda Pinkney: Currently 539 members, which is phenomenal, since we usually only have 500 members per year. This year adult passes look different from student passes. We have 75 adult passes in stock. Student passes are on backorder, but we are hoping they will be shipped by tomorrow (September 12th) and that we get them in time for the game taking place on September 15th.

Linda noted that our sports passes are cheaper than nearby schools. Thanks to our sponsor, Better Termite who purchases the passes on behalf of the Edison Boosters.

VP Communications/Steven Carpenter: Steven's goal is to promote Edison athletes, the athletic department, and volunteers. Steven manages the Boosters' twitter (X), Facebook and Instagram accounts. The strongest platform is Instagram, then twitter (although the numbers are down) and then Facebook. He has asked teams to please reach out to him to promote our athletes.

Secretary's Report/Annemarie McGavin: No report.

New Business

Athletic Department/Budget: The Athletic Department has requested a total of \$45,000 from the Boosters for the year, payable in three installments of \$15K for the fall, winter and spring sport seasons. Please see attached **2023-2024 Edison Athletic Department Budget/Request**. In proposing the Budget and making the request, Greg discussed the following:

- Wants to purchase the Athletic Director package for HUDL. This would enable all of Edison's teams to use HUDL for training purposes. Additionally, it assists all Edison athletes in creating clips and promoting themselves for potential college recruitment. Edison currently spends \$5K on HUDL; the Athletic Department would increase that to \$9K.
- Edison needs a new Gator. It is primarily used for field maintenance of the baseball and softball fields, along with game management. The purchase would be made over a two-year period. Greg would put away \$5K and then obtain another \$5K next year for a purchase during 2024-25.

Booster Budget for 2023-24 School Year: Carol discussed the proposed budget. See attached. All the numbers are based on actual figures to date or past performance. Total budgeted income is \$75,345 with expenses at \$66,820.50.

MOTION (by Linda) to approve the Budget. Seconded by Rayline.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes from June 12th: Minutes from June 12th meeting are presented.

MOTION (by Rayline) to approve minutes from June 12th meeting. Seconded by Linda.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Sponsorship Support. The Boosters is looking for someone to handle sponsorship support. It involves soliciting local businesses, working with Shelley Edenhart and Steven to create banners for our sponsors and ensuring they are listed on our website.

Sherman Deck. Sherman Deck was a long-time employee of Edison who passed away over the summer. He graduated from Edison and played on the football team. He also served as a coach on the Edison football team as well as the Lewis HS football team. In memory of Coach Deck, Lewis and Edison have agreed to honor Coach Deck by naming their annual football after Coach Deck. The first Sherman Deck Memorial Game against Lewis will take place on September 29th. In conjunction with the game, a memorial shirt has been created and will be sold online. All proceeds will benefit the football team. The Boosters is facilitating the ordering and disbursement of T-shirt sale.

Gator for the Trainers. Tom Milosevich (Edison Trainer) has approached the Boosters to ask for assistance to purchase a vehicle for the Trainers. Tom has found the vehicle that he needs. It includes headlights and a utility cart in the back to transport injured athletes. This is an emergency expense and is necessary to keep our athletes safe. The Boosters have agreed to donate up to \$3K towards the purchase of this vehicle.

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