

Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Date: November 13, 2024
Meeting Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order at 7:03
2. Roll Call of Officers and Directors to ensure quorum (Currently 10 directors so 6 directors are needed to be present for a quorum per Article VI(I))

Andrew Katz	Present
Corey Ausfeld	Present
Frank Ferrucci	Present
Terri Dutcher	Present
Sarah Ciesinski	Present
Lori Birmingham	Present
Sarah Johnson	Present
Danielle Marquis	Present
Bill Vacca	Present
Larry Gillooley	Present

3. Minutes: Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes from our October meeting

All in Favor: 10 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

4. Officers' Reports

- i. **Co-President's Report** Corey Ausfeld Nothing to share
- ii. **Co-President's Report** Andy Katz
 - a. Stereo system has been purchased and added to the weightroom.
 - b. Hannaford is promoting the NABC in its monthly bag fundraiser sale.
- iii. **Vice President's Report** Therese Assalian
 - a. Hannaford is promoting the NABC in its monthly bag fundraiser sale.
 - b. BSN: booking into changing the storefront, adding different items. Possibly ending use of Silver Warriors name.
 - c. Website: Would like to add a Social Media stream to the site, make some updates for more relevance.
- iv. **Treasurer's Report** Frank Ferrucci
 - a. All financial reports were emailed and are also posted online.
 - b. Concessions are now showing a profit after the fall season.
 - c. Memberships have been increasing, especially after the last Parent Square.
 - d. We have been facilitating Fall sport banquets
 - e. Grants have been dispersed and quick turnarounds on financial requests (eg stereo, uniforms, etc)
- v. **Secretary's Report** Terri Dutcher
 - a. Please check the website for the Agenda and past minutes.
 - b. Minutes will also be emailed.
 - c. The Gala program of photos will (hopefully) be posted on the website soon.

5. Committee Reports

- i. **Banquet Committee** Sarah Ciesinski
 - a. Booster Club has assisted with fall banquets.
 - b. In the future, it would be better to have more specific guidelines and/or dates so it isn't always down to the wire.
 - c. Some locations have been Grano (good for small teams), Mohawk River Club, Mohawk Country Club, Union College.
 - d. Andy added that the Booster Club has funded some athletes with financial need when requested by coaches. This is in addition to covering the cost of coaches on the District payroll.

- ii. **Concession Committee** Lori Birmingham
- a. Outdoor concessions need to be cleaned out and winterized. Extra food supplies will be submitted to a community group in need.
 - b. Sign up Genius is being used for indoor concessions, which are primarily for basketball games.

- iii. **Membership Committee** Danielle Marquis
- a. Letters and giveaways for joining are going out.
 - b. 41 current family members. Behind last year, but that was also an 18 month membership drive given the newness of the club.
 - c. Considering in-kind donations for business memberships. For example, Uncle Ricos has provided 80-100 pizzas this past year at quite a discount.

- iv. **Fundraising Committee** Sarah Johnson
- a. The planning is underway for this year's Gala, to be held at the Desmond.
 - b. It will be held in early April, before April break.
 - c. Possible costs were discussed.

- v. **Budget Committee** Frank Ferrucci Nothing to report.

- vi. **Social Media Committee** Bill Vacca
- a. Help providing material has been appreciated.
 - b. Sarah J is still assisting.

6. **Athletic Director's Report** Larry Gillooley

- a. Successful fall seasons for our teams, with all but one qualifying for sectionals.
- b. The girls volleyball team won sectionals, the girls soccer team

made it to the sectional finals, and the boys soccer team made it to the semifinals.

- c. Some athletes made it out of the area. Sophomore Olivia Dartawan, who finished 2nd in the State tennis finals, for the second year!
- d. Swimming teams haven't competed in States yet, but a couple will be attending. The same case holds for XC athletes as well.
- e. Unified Bocce was a big help; Larry thanked Booster Club for the donation toward the court.
- f. Winter sports begin soon; numbers for participants are looking good.
- g. The coaches meeting is tomorrow, November 14.
- h. **Question for Larry:** will there be banners or any signage placed in the gyms or on fields recognizing league, sectional and/or individual achievements, as are in MOST every other Suburban Council school? Larry said Niskay honors Olympic, State, and Regional champions with banners; sectional plaques go in the showcases.

7. School Board Member's Report

Elisabeth Cococcia

- a. The Silver Warriors name needs to be removed from all turf and scoreboards by June 2025. There have been mixed feelings, this is something that the SED has determined must be done.
- b. Cell Phone Mitigation plan is in process, with emails going out to parents and surveys to follow.
- c. The Board has passed a resolution for the Superintendent to gather information from local departments on their use and implementations. The Niskayuna force is too small to put an SRO in all 8 buildings, so that is something to address.
- d. A decision will be made for budgeting purposes in this year's budget, sometime from Jan-March.

8. Team Director Reports:

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- i. Alpine Ski Boys Vacant
- ii. Alpine Ski Girls Vacant
- iii. Baseball Vacant
- iv. Basketball Boys Vacant

- v. Basketball Girls Vacant
- vi. Bowling Boys Vacant
- vii. Bowling Girls Vacant
- viii. Cheerleading Vacant
- ix. Crew Boys Vacant
- x. Crew Girls Vacant
- xi. Cross Country Boys Vacant
- xii. Cross Country Girls Vacant
- xiii. Field Hockey Vacant
- xiv. Football Vacant
- xv. Golf Boys Erin Massaroni
- xvi. Golf Girls Michael Barberick xvii. Ice Hockey Vacant
- xviii. Indoor Track Boys Vacant
- xix. Indoor Track Girls Vacant
- xx. Lacrosse Boys Christina Calabrese
- xxi. Lacrosse Girls Sarah Ciesinski
- xxii. Outdoor Track Boys Vacant
- xxiii. Outdoor Track Girls Vacant
- xxiv. Rowing Judith Fenlon & Beth Vaccaro
- xxv. Soccer Boys Vacant
- xxvi. Soccer Girls Jean Foti
- xxvii. Softball Jason Isabelle
- xxviii. Swimming/Diving Girls Karen Splendido
- xxix. Swimming/Diving Boys Vacant
- xxx. Tennis Boys Vacant
- xxxi. Tennis Girls Vacant
- xxxii. Volleyball Boys Matt Petrangelo
- xxxiii. Volleyball Girls Amanda Jeffs
- xxxiv. Wrestling Boys Vacant
- xxxv. Wrestling Girls Jocelyn Rockower

9. Unfinished (old) Business **Noe**

10. Privilege of the Members (Any member may raise issues, concerns, or ask questions for a maximum of 3 minutes per member and for a cumulative maximum of 30 minutes for all members. The President or other Directors should attempt to address any issues but this time isn't to debate with members)

11. New Business

- i. Approvals since October Board Meeting

