

Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Date: October 11, 2023 – 6:30 pm
Meeting Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order at 6:33

2. Roll Call of Officers and Directors to ensure quorum (Currently 11 directors so 6 directors are needed to be present for a quorum per Article VI(I))

Andrew Katz	Present
Corey Ausfeld	Present
Therese Assalian	Present
Frank Ferrucci	Present
Terri Dutcher	Present
Greta Jansson	Absent
Lori Birmingham	Present
Sara Najafipour	Absent
Danielle Marquis	Present
Larry Gillooley	Present

Also in attendance: Jessica LaFex (Board of Education), Sarah Ciesinski, Jean Foti, Amanda Jeffs (sp?)

3. Minutes: Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes from our September 13th at 6:30 pm meeting

All in Favor: 7 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

4. Officers' Reports

i. President's Report Andrew Katz

- Met with the Superintendent recently, plan to connect to the Warrior Project in the future as it connects to athletic leadership through the Council of Captains.
- Banners are here for inside and outside events; the sponsors will also be announced at games.
- Spring event and sponsors discussed.
- Suggested purchase of another Keurig and a popcorn machine for concession stand; moved and approved.

ii. **Co-President's Report** Corey Ausfeld

- Turnouts for football were incredible, a good boost through concessions.

iii. **Vice President's Report** Therese Assalian

- Warrior Project and Council of Captains discussed.
- Fundraising Chair needed: someone sociable with time available.

iv. **Treasurer's Report** Frank Ferrucci

- Reports posted on the website
- Concessions was a big highlight, \$6000 in September
- 2 new sponsors, more in individual donations
- Spoke to coaches about tournaments

v. **Secretary's Report** Terri Dutcher

- Assembling fall team records and highlights for newsletter
- Mentioned concession work/outcomes for 2 events (supplies, backlog on items, time!)

5. **Committee Reports**

i. **Banquet Committee**

- Looking for more options that won't nickel and dime, but offer quality (Grano will be used for the golf team, good for smaller teams).

ii. **Budget Committee** Frank Ferrucci

- Documents are on the website

iii. **Concession Committee** Lori Birmingham

- We've purchased a BJ's membership for tax purposes. That includes "free" delivery
- More hands needed, possibly even a Chair for both Indoor and Outdoor? Running concessions for both simultaneously is a lot! It will calm down once outside activities end, but the last one is November 16!
- The Broken Inn and Kona Ice both contribute

10% of sales to the Booster Club. Adirondack Kettle Korn contributes 20%.

- Many events to cover between now and the November meeting.
- Question: do coaches know about the ability for teams to work at Concessions for % to team? Yes, though if it is shared to all is uncertain. This also was only discussed with fall teams; coaches should update at Winter/Spring team meetings as well as mentioning Booster Club signups to teams/parents.

iv. **Membership Committee** Danielle Marquis

- Tables at Iroquois and the HS Back to School Nights were good for awareness of the Club, though more at Iroquois than the HS; it's pretty hectic at the HS that night. Next year, being present at Iroquois and VA would be worthwhile.
- Sponsor banners have arrived, as well as a flag for outdoor use. We now have 16 corporate sponsors.
- 6 new individual memberships since last month, now at 74. These tend to increase after Parent Square announcements.

v. **Nomination Committee** Corey Ausfeld, nothing to report

6. **School Board Member's Report** Jessica LaFex

- Approved storage building at the entrance to the stadium; cost is being donated and work will be done in house.
- The architect and contractors will meet with BoE in November about VA and elementary school building project updates.
- Homecoming and field dedication was lovely!
- Committee meeting coming up on Fundraising policies; this will be addressed to us in a future meeting.

7. **Athletic Director's Report** Larry Gillooley (given first, because of field hockey game to attend)

- Good start to fall sports season, now heading into sectional play
- Hosting 1-2 football games and All-Star game
- Hosting soccer games for both boys' and girls' teams
- Need for concession stand volunteers for those events
- Softball field work has been completed; baseball field is waiting for paving then grass and fencing will be completed. This is due by mid-November.
- Winter sports sign up: October 13; Nov 13 start of JV/Varsity tryouts and/or practice; Nov 18 modified begins.

8. Team Director Reports

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. Soccer Boys	Vacant
xxv. Soccer Girls	Jean Foti
xxvi. Softball	Jason Isabelle
xxvii. Swimming/Diving Girls	Karen Splendido
xxviii. Swimming/Diving Boys	Vacant
xxix. Tennis Boys	Vacant
xxx. Tennis Girls	Vacant
xxxi. Volleyball Boys	Matt Petrangelo

xxxii. Volleyball Girls Amanda Jeffs
xxxiii. Wrestling Boys Vacant
xxxiv. Wrestling Girls

9. **Unfinished (old) Business** None

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. Report on items from the September meeting
 - a. Approval for purchase of Booster Club Sponsor Signage
 - b. Approval for Booster Club Blaze Pizza night on Monday, October 30.
- ii. **Adoption of meeting schedule** for remainder of 2023-2024
 - Motion by Frank, second by Corey, all approved the schedule below:

1. Wednesday, November 15th
2. Wednesday, December 13th
3. Wednesday, January 10th
4. Wednesday, February 7th
5. Wednesday, March 13th
6. Wednesday, April 10th
7. Wednesday, May 8th
8. Wednesday, June 12th

iii. **Topics from the floor**

12. **Executive Session** None

13. **Announcements from the President**

14. **Adjournment** at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted.

Terri Dutcher