

Independence Athletic Boosters

Meeting minutes from February 17, 2010

Attendees:

Joe Kanyok, Jerry Narduzzi, Dave Linscott, Lisa Kemenyes, Bob Juran, Tim Skoczen, Tony DiGeronimo, Mark Suhay

Meeting minutes recap (provided by Joe Kanyok):

- Minutes approved from January 2010 meeting.
- Athletic Development Corporation has made a follow-up visit to review our weight room equipment, and will provide a quote to Tim Skoczen. ADC presented their training system, designed to enhance athletic performance, at the January 2010 meeting.
- Wrestling competition mat purchase for high school will probably wait until next school year
- Athlete of week pictures for website; Tim Skoczen to follow-up and provide pictures

Treasurer's Report (provided by Dave Linscott):

- Current balance of \$26,322
- City has provided a check for their share of the baseball field upgrades from Spring 2009.

Athletic Director updates (provided by Tim Skoczen):

- Opportunity presented to Tom Skoczen, by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers. They would provide a new scoreboard for the Varsity baseball field, if Boosters agreed to cover the cost of installation. Initial estimate for installation is \$4,000/scoreboard valued at \$11,000. Tim will confirm costs.
- Swim teams – a successful season as the most individuals qualified for districts in school history.
- Wrestling sectionals up next week.
- Boy's basketball to compete against Wickliffe at the Painesville Harvey site.
- Girl's basketball to compete against Brooklyn at the Wellington site.
- Boosters have agreed to provide financial support of \$4,000 toward the purchase of a new John Deere Gator tractor. Boosters request that 'Independence Athletic Boosters' appear on the tractor.
- Request has been made to move the two cross country state championship banners to the rafters in the competition gym. This would require new two-sided banners. Tim to explore quote for new banners.

- A request to display the Harold A. Meyer sportsmanship award banner in the competition gym was made by Jerry Narduzzi.
- Tim Skoczen, responding to questions posed by an individual, asked the group to recap their reasons that led to the decision to not purchase individual state championship rings for the cross country teams. The reason for the decision was based on the thought that this is a 'personal' choice for athletes and coaches.
- James Jackson was named the Independence high school football coach.
- Craig Polman was named the high school track coach.

Old Business

- Athletic Boosters agreed to provide support for Record Board individual alphabet letters.
- Athletic Boosters are looking to re-start sales of advertising banners for the football field. Joe Kanyok volunteered to help out and recruit individuals for the effort; he will contact Linda Orlando and Bob Fields.

New Business

- Agreed to determine a date by end of March for the 2010 Spring walk-around
- Wine tasting event is scheduled for April 24, 2010. Looking for each board member to sell 10 tickets.
- Basketball alumni tournament scheduled for the weekend of March 12-14, 2010. Eight teams have signed up to date. Friday night games will be held at the middle school; Saturday-Sunday games at the high school. Boosters agreed to manage admission table at front door on Friday night, starting at 5pm and Saturday, starting at 9:30am. Fees are \$15 per player and admission fees of \$5 per adult; \$3 per student/seniors; those under the age of 6 are free.
- Discussion on the creation of "articles of incorporation" and/or insurance for the organization has been tabled, pending the Independence Educational Foundation decision. There is potential to merge the Athletics, Music and Educational boards