

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Academic Boosters on 5/2/19

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Spencer Brown, President. Spencer began the meeting by mentioning that Exam Prep, which is sponsored by the Academic Boosters, will be on June 2 from 6 to 8pm. Spencer pointed out that there is only one evening of Exam Prep in the spring versus two evenings in the winter. Spencer explained how someone from Academic Boosters checks in the students when they arrive at Exam Prep and then the students go see their teachers. However, if a student's teacher is not at Exam Prep they shouldn't worry, as the students can see the other teachers that are in attendance for help. Spencer also mentioned that the Academic Boosters will be awarding \$500 scholarships at the Honors Assembly on Friday May 17 to the three senior students that have demonstrated the highest GPA improvement from Freshman year through the first marking period of their senior year. Spencer went on to thank the three outgoing Academic Boosters board members, Susan Butler, Jill Jacobson and Ann Sheridan, for all that they have done. Spencer then handed the floor over to Craig Weigel, Principal, for the Principal's report.

Craig began by stating that this is a very busy time of year! Craig stated that letters went out yesterday with the registration dates for students in August. Craig explained that the administration is currently making the master schedule for next year, which is like a puzzle. Section numbers are based on the students' course requests and thus are driven by student course selections. Also, the administration is continuing the process that was started last year of working with students on schedule conflicts ahead of registration in order to avoid the "red schedules" (schedules with irreconcilable conflicts). Craig mentioned some new courses being offered next year. Gone Boarding is a course which is being supported by the EGR Schools Foundation in which students design skate boards, surf boards, or snow boards by the end of the year. AP Computer Science Programming, which has Algebra as a prerequisite, is not a programming class but more of a conceptual class. There is also a course called AP CSA, which is more programming related, has FST as a prerequisite, and can count as a senior year math course, a science elective or a general elective. Craig also mentioned due to low demand there will not be a drama class next year, and Intro. To Journalism has been folded into Journalistic Writing. Craig stated that there will be two sections of AP Chem next year, and there will be a couple of new chem classes next year: IB AP Chem which is a preparatory class for AP Chem and is a little more rigorous than honors, and Integrated Physics and Chem which is a little less math based. Craig then reiterated that the Honors Assembly starts at 9:30 on May 17, after some IB testing first thing that morning. Any scholarship awards must be reported to Mrs. Allaben in the Guidance Office to be included in the program. Craig mentioned that Mr. Johnston, Athletic Director, asked him to thank everyone for being patient with all the rescheduling of sports this spring due to weather. Craig went on to state that there are postings for a Music Teacher and a Special Ed. Teacher, with interviews beginning next week of candidates selected from their video submissions (the first step of the process). Craig then discussed the MI Supreme Court event that was at the HS last week and how proud he was of the students that were in attendance and how engaged they were. He also thanked Mrs. McKinney who organized the event. Craig also mentioned that the play The Addams Family opened on Thursday, which was excellent, and then the We The People team competed in Nationals in Washington DC over the weekend. Craig remarked that our team had such a command of the information and he was so proud of Mr. Horos and the WTP students. Craig

ended his report with some discussion of the safety issue that occurred at the school last week, and how the administration evaluated the situation.

Spencer continued the meeting by presenting the slate for the 2019-2020 Academic Boosters Board:

President – Patty Woodhouse
Vice-President – Jeannine Frazier
Corresponding Secretary - Angela Dahl
Membership Secretary – Sarah Kugler
Recording Secretary – Stacey Levitt
Treasurer – Sue Kirchgessner
Assistant Treasurer – Kathy Bego
Past President – Spencer Brown

There was a motion to approve the slate, the motion was seconded, and the slate was approved. Spencer then mentioned that the minutes from the last Academic Boosters membership meeting are posted on the website (egrps.org/academicboosters) as well as a hard copy being available at this meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved. Spencer stated that a budget review will be done at the next meeting, but he mentioned that it was a successful fundraising year and he thanked the chairs of the Progressive Dinner, Beth Huegeli and Julie Schultze, and the chairs of Winter Whirl, Jennifer Bruce and Jill Jacobson. Ann Mooney, Treasurer, added that there is still approximately \$700 available for additional requests this year.

Spencer moved on to the Book Club discussion of the book “The Self Driven Child” by William Stixrud, PhD, and Ned Johnson. The meeting on Thursday February 7 was supposed to be the annual Book Club Meeting, but that meeting had to be cancelled due to weather. There was much discussion of the book, including points covered in the reading such as letting go as parents, decisions and consequences, the importance of sleep, being self driven versus parent driven and letting our children fail, and balance. Some other recommended books that were mentioned during the discussion were: “The Defining Decade”, “Life After College” and “How to Raise Adults.”

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Levitt, Recording Secretary