

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Academic Boosters on 10/4/18

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Spencer Brown, President.

Spencer welcomed everybody to the meeting, and began the meeting by giving an example of one of the things that the Academic Boosters do: Exam Prep. Spencer noted that last spring's Exam Prep was attended by 277 students which resulted in 663 individual visits to teachers. Spencer then turned the floor over to Craig Weigel, Principal, who began his Principal's Report by reporting that Parent-Teacher conferences are in October this year rather than November. Monday Oct. 22 conferences will be scheduled between 4-7pm, Wednesday Oct. 24 will be open conferences between 4-7pm, and Friday Oct. 26 will be scheduled between 8-11am. An email will be going out on Monday Oct. 8 at 7pm with the information to sign up for the scheduled conferences. Craig went on to discuss how proud he was of the students during the lockdown at the High School a couple of weeks ago due to an outside threat. Craig said that the students were patient and kind, they all got fed due to the fact that they couldn't leave for lunch, and he thanked the parents for trusting the High School to handle the situation. Craig finished his report by mentioning that it is Homecoming this week, including a pep rally tomorrow and the parade tomorrow afternoon. Tickets are \$10 and Craig encourages getting the tickets beforehand, but they will be available at the door.

The floor was then turned over to Mr. Tim Farmer, a math teacher at the High School who is in his tenth year as the advisor for the National Honor Society (NHS). Before beginning his presentation on the National Honor Society, Tim thanked the Academic Boosters for the success of the Exam Prep sessions. Tim's NHS presentation included the following slides:

- Invitation to Join – sent out by 10/1 to juniors and seniors who had a weighted GPA of 3.75 or greater at the end of their sophomore or junior year and no disciplinary actions on file for the last two years; 2018 invites went to 122 juniors, 24 seniors, with 90 returning members
- Application Process – Nov. through Jan., all online through EGRHS (not through nat'l org), due 1/18/19, four tenets: scholarship (GPA); character (5 teachers identified by student to recommend); leadership and service (must have 10 activities in High School for at least 10 hours, min of 3 leadership and 3 scholarship, student gives summary of each)
- Formal Invitation/Induction – existing members hand deliver invites on an unannounced day in Feb., Induction on March 5, 2019
- Member Expectations – uphold standards, min. of five hours service per month (self monitored)
- Governance/Discipline – extensive process involving a faculty council and the student
- Dues – no longer doing fundraiser, \$10 junior year and \$20 senior year

The floor was turned over to Steven Wojciechowski (Wojo), Assistant Principal, for his presentation on 2018-2019 clubs. Wojo reported that there are 25-35 clubs each year, some returning, some new. None of them are dues collecting, and this year there seems to be a trend toward clubs that involve self-help and voicing concerns. Wojo's presentation included the following slides:

- How are clubs created – student driven, student based, must have an advisor, application must be approved by Asst. Principal
- How are clubs publicized – announcements, flyers, school newspaper, TV in HS hall, social media, Eighth Grade transition day
- Funding – club driven, fundraisers
- List of 2018-2019 clubs

Wojo also mentioned that the online East Vision (school newspaper) plans on listing all of the clubs available. There will be a blast with the link sent to students and parents as soon as it's ready.

Spencer moved on to the business portion of the meeting. Stacey Levitt, Recording Secretary, reported that the minutes for the meetings are going to be posted on the Academic Booster's website going forward. The minutes for this meeting and the September meeting will be posted soon and will be approved at the November meeting. Anne Mooney, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed Academic Boosters budget for the 2018-2019 school year. Approval of the budget will be voted on at the November meeting. Spencer proceeded to give the committee updates. Spencer reported that it looks like we have a host home for the Progressive Dinner cocktail party (Jan 26, 2019), and he will let us know next month. The event still needs a co-chair to work with with Julie Schultze, and Ann Sheridan, Membership, stated that she might know of someone to do it. Winter Whirl will be held on February 2 and Jennifer Bruce volunteered to co-chair with Jill Jacobson. Jill stated that the same DJ as last year will be there. The Awards Ceremony will be held on March 25 and will need volunteers. Mindy Seufert volunteered to work with Gwen Barnes on chairing this event.

Craig read a quick update from Lori Johnston, Director of Guidance: the PSAT will be given next Wednesday to all juniors and 168 sophomores, and there will be a College Application night on October 18 at 6pm at the High School. Spencer concluded the meeting by stating that the next meeting is on November 1 at 9am. It is a joint meeting with the PTO and the topic will be the Guidance Office Annual Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Levitt, Recording Secretary