

Minutes from October 3, 2006 PAA Meeting

In attendance: Don DiFelice, AD, Mike & Laura McCarron, Linda Bolla, Frank Bolla, Deb Stephenson, Deb Webster Mary Guilmet, Carol & Ivars Jakobsons, Don Viselli, Kevin Sullivan, Leo Ouellette, Elaine Poretta, Deb Ago, Jim Potenza (Pentucket Youth Football)

Called to order: 7:05 p.m.

Athletic Director's Report

Gym Padding: Quote for padding \$7,661.57. Estimated installation will be first week of November 2006.

Girls Varsity Basketball Position: Committee of six people interviewed nine candidates. The committee referred two candidates to interview with Arlene Townes. She met with them yesterday and Don is awaiting her response/decision.

Fees: Tonight the school committee will be voting to raise the family cap to \$1,000.00. We anxiously await the outcome of their decision.

Ticket Prices: There has been a slight increase in ticket prices for the upcoming sports season. Adults are \$6.00, Students (Grade 1-12) \$4.00. Season tickets for individual sports (football, hockey, basketball) will be available for \$25.00. Athletes on youth teams wearing their game jerseys will be admitted free.

Individual Sports Booster Groups & PAA: We need to have these groups work together to help defray added cost of 2006-2007 fees to parents. How do we do this?

Open Winter Coach Positions: JV Wrestling, JV Boys Basketball and Freshman Boys Basketball. Positions have been posted and the deadline is October 27, 2006.

Fund Raising Requests: Football boosters: 50/50 raffle; selling blankets, T-shirts & hats; Youth Football clinic on October 9, 2006.

Pentucket Youth Football Request – Concession Stand

Pentucket Youth Football representatives Jim Potenza & Deb Ago asked the PAA for use of the High School Football concession stand. They have three games remaining for the 2006 season. The PYF has already spoken with the W.N. Board of Health and permits can be issued for each scheduled game; these would be one-day permits issued by the Town. Deb Ago and Jim Potenza stated they would take full responsibility for overseeing the facility and ensuring the concession stand would be maintained and returned to the PAA in proper, clean condition.

Mike McCarron, President of the PAA addressed the health issues and asked that all areas around the concession stand be cleaned including the field and bleacher areas.

Mike called for a vote of PAA Members: 12 in favor/2 opposed

Mike McCarron stated the PYF should contact Cathy Crawford who was not at tonight's meeting. She

would be the contact for the keys to the facility and they should work with Cathy to coordinate the use.

Pentucket Athletic Association Program Book: Laura McCarron reported on the PAA Program book which will hopefully be available for sale within the next few days. Littrell Associates did a fabulous design job this year with a brand new full-color cover for the Fall Sports edition book. Laura has asked Ellen Hart of the Art Department to see whether or not one of her students would be interested in designing a new cover for the Winter and/or Spring Books. This would be a nice way to combine the arts and sports departments. The cost of the book is \$2.00 and will be sold at all fall sporting events. Parents from the boys and girls soccer and girls field hockey teams have already volunteered to sell books at their children's games. Other volunteers will be needed for the golf, football and cross country teams. Please e-mail paa@pentucketathleticassn.org if you would be willing to take some program books to sell. Revenues from this fundraiser have increased 64% since the 2001-2002 school year. The increase is attributed to growing the number of advertisers in the book. (Please note, that the increase was done **without** raising advertising rates.) This year's ad sponsors contributed approximately \$9,600.

Concession Stand Coverage: Mike McCarron asked for volunteers for this Saturday's home football game against Lawrence. We continue to need coverage in the stand. All help is appreciated and coordination of scheduling is done through Cathy Crawford. Her e-mail address is cathycraw@comcast.net

Meeting Dr. Livingston / PAA: Mike met with Dr. Livingston recently to discuss the PAA. Rene Guilmet has prepared an analysis re: athletic fees and the family cap and is presenting tonight at the school committee meeting. There are many questions regarding whether to increase the family cap to \$1,000.00. We need to find ways to cut costs.

Kevin Sullivan – Soft Drink Sales: Kevin reported soft drink sales are good. There are new regulations regarding soft drink sales in schools. Since we sell only to grades 9 – 12 we are okay. Keys to the machine are with the Athletic Director, Main Office, Concession Stand and Kevin.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Bolla prepared a profit/expense report for the 2005-2006 school year. Fund raising events generated \$15,245.76 for the year. Disbursements were \$10,007.66. August 12, 2006 balance in the checkbook: \$10,529.40.

Budget Items Requested: Gym padding request of approximately \$7,600.00 .

Fund Raising Extra: Basketball PAA boosters representative asked permission to fundraise selling tee shirts for \$10.00. Logo will state "Sachems Super Fan" they will be printed with school colors and available for sale shortly.

PAA members agreed there has to be established dates for fundraising events. A few fundraising events took place on the same day in September which led to confusion among the people being solicited. (Soccer Gold Cards and Football Raffle.) Many people believed that had already given to the fundraiser when, in fact, it was a completely different item. We should discuss with Don DiFelice coordinating fundraising dates at the next meeting in order to avoid future consumer confusion.

Open Comment: President Mike McCarron suggested to PAA members that maybe once a year we

could purchase new uniforms for a team and continue on a rotating basis. Ivars Jakobsons is pursuing Puma's National Sales Manager for a possible sponsorship, he will let us know the outcome. PAA member Deb Stephenson believes this is not the charter of the PAA to purchase uniforms for athletes. Other members agreed it is not appropriate to have the PAA buy uniforms, it is the responsibility of the school to cover this cost.

Mike asked for suggestions to build school spirit and create positive energy in the Pentucket School environment. Mary Guilmet suggested the PAA give an award to the most "spirited class" the day before the Thanksgiving Day Game. The PAA would donate a sum of money to the class fund and a select committee from the school would be responsible for the judging of the event. Mike will bring the suggestion to Arlene Townes and we will have further discussion on this item at our November meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 p.m.