

Oxford High School Booster Club

Oxford High School -Media Center
61 Quaker Farms Road
Oxford, CT 06478
December 9, 2009
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Executive Board Present

Mr. Frank Samuelson, Principal OHS
Kathy Weisgable, President
Maria Alter, Vice President
Jennifer Crooks, Fine Arts Chair
Laura Niski, Treasurer
Donna Duclos, Secretary
Connie Adamski, Public Relations Coordinator

Others Present

Tom Adamski
Jean Hovan
Dawn Tolomio
Cari Camarra
Trish Bogan
Dave Cypher

Ms. Weisgable called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. wishing everyone a happy holiday and congratulating everyone for all the accomplishments over the past year.

Principal's Report, Frank Samuelson

- Student Council sponsored a very successful Spirit Week including a bonfire, powder puff football game, semi-formal closing with the final football game of the season.
- First Mr. Oxford pageant was held, sponsored by the Yearbook. Tim McCullough was named Mr. Oxford with Tyler Black coming in as the runner-up.
- Perspectives on Race are organizing a Holiday Concert to raise funds for field trips.
- The 3rd annual Festival of Trees will be held December 12th.
- An informational meeting will be held to discuss the World Challenge Expedition to Costa Rica tentatively scheduled for 2011.
- A ski trip to Okemo Mountain in Vermont is scheduled for February 27th.
- 247 senior transcripts have been sent to colleges with more on the way.
- A College Information night was held for junior parents on November 19th.
- A Financial Aid seminar for senior parents for held November 16th.

- A PSAT review session is planned by the Guidance Department as well as monthly classroom sessions for all OHS students.
- The cast of “Grease” is set and rehearsals are underway. Ms. Crooks will address the production in further detail.
- The OHS Marching Band received 2nd place in the Seymour Christmas Parade.
- A collection is underway for soldiers “Soldiers Socks” sponsored by Ms. Vallena’s Advisory Class and others.
- An informational meeting is planned for parents and students to discuss the Spain trip scheduled for February 2011.
- Teacher-Parent Conferences were well attended November 17-19th.
- The Perspectives on Race Class will be going on a field trip to see the film Precious and a speaker will also be in to discuss experiences of inner city schools.
- Community Access students have three upcoming field trips, Christ Church Pre-School, Ansonia Nature Center and Smith Stables.
- Art and English students will take a field trip to New Britain Museum of American Art.
- Italian and Latin students visited the Knights of Columbus Museum to see an exhibit of modern paintings and Yale Art Gallery to see Roman coins.
- Spanish students went to SCSU to see a performance of Latin American Music.
- The AP Calculus audit has been approved by College Board.
- Mass emails to parents are now available through Power School.
- OHS has just finish “Ally Week” all students and faculty signed on as an ally with a pledge to not use anti-lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender slurs. Making every school safe for all students. And fire and intruder drills continue to be executed monthly.

Fine Arts Report, Chair Jennifer Crooks

Ms. Crooks understands the concern of the Booster Club with the production of “Grease”. The total estimated cost is \$15,775. Many fundraising events will take place and will continue through out the year now that a Drama Club is in place 50 members strong. Comments were also made to consider addressing the Board of Education for funding the Arts in the next budget. Ms. Crooks has a good feeling about this performance, it is a well know show, Corporate Sponsorship is being considered and publicity for the show will be addressed.

Fundraising Requests:

Drama Club – Candy Cane Grams

Ms. Niski made a motion to approve the fundraiser to sell candy canes for “Grease”. Ms. Duclos seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Drama Club – Movie Nights

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to approve the fundraiser of Movie Nights to help off set the production of “Grease”. Ms. Adamski seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Drama Club – Ticket Sales

Ms. Alter made a motion to approve the ticket sales at an estimated average cost of \$7 each for the production of “Grease”. Ms. Niski seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Drama Club – Coffee House with Concessions

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to approve the request by the Drama Club to have a series of Coffee House events to off set the expenses for the production of “Grease.” Ms. Niski seconded the motion. The motion was approve. (All in favor)

Drama Club – Concession during the Production

Ms. Duclos made a motion to approve the request by the Drama Club to sell concession during the production of “Grease”. Ms. Alter seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Drama Club – Tee Shirts and Souvenir Cups

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to approve the request to sell tee shirts and cups for the production of “Grease”. It was discussed to try to pre-order and not over order any items. Ms. Duclos seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Drama Club – Ad Sales for Program

Ms. Crooks will work with Ms. Weisgable to determine what businesses may be limited for sponsorship. Ms. Niski made a motion to approve the request to sell ads in the program for “Grease”. Ms. Duclos seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Drama Club – Talent Show

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to approve the request to run a talent show with concessions to fund musicals and productions in the future. Ms. Adamski seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Wrestling – Concessions

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to approve the request to sell concessions at all the home wrestling meets by the Takedown Club. Ms. Alter seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

All Clubs/Teams need to check concession availability to insure there is no overlapping of events.

Girls’ Basketball – Concession Sales

Ms. Duclos made a motion to approve the request to sell concessions at all Girl’s Home Basketball Games. Ms. Adamski seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Boys’ Basketball – Concession Sales

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to approve the request to sell concessions at all Boy’s Home Basketball Games. Ms. Crooks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

President's Report, Kathy Weisgable

The Booster Club is going to set up a meeting with Mr. Jamie Cone from the Greater New Haven Community Foundation in January to discuss setting up an annuity account for the OHS Booster Club and any other Teams/Club that may wish to fund scholarship. Ms. Weisgable will advise everyone when the meeting date is set.

Dr. Palmer brought to the Booster Club's attention "Teen Safe Driving Week", did anyone want to consider a program maybe working with Officer Ives. Mr. Samuelson advised the students would again have the "Take a Stand" program in May with Seymour High School in conjunction with the Prom. The Booster Club determined that program would be sufficient.

Treasurer's Report

Opening balance	\$ 63,300.54
Ending balance	62,478.13
Booster Club Balance	\$12,279.76

There was discussion of needed to made a motion to move funds from football concession to Post Prom 2010. Mr. Samuelson made a motion to authorize Ms. Niski to transfer funding, as she deems appropriate within accounts. Ms. Duclos seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor) Ms. Niski will inform the Booster Club of transfers.

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to approve the monthly report from the Treasurer. Ms Alter seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

Minutes November 18, 2009

Mr. Samuelson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and place them on file. Ms. Adamski seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

New Business

Mr. Samuelson introduced Ms. Buswell from the Travelers. The Travelers have their leadership teams prepare projects within the corporation similar to the capstone project our seniors are working on. Ms. Buswell as well as additional personnel from the Travelers has volunteered to judge the seniors on their projects.

Coach Cypher requested a detail of the Girls' Volleyball account. Ms Niski will email a detail spreadsheet.

Mr. Samuelson advised the Booster Club that \$1,000 could be loaned to Ms. Crooks from an activity account allowing the Drama Club to rent the music books for "Grease", \$600 rental fee \$400 deposit returned after the books are returned. Mr. Samuelson advised the \$1,000 would need to be refunded back to the activity account when fundraising has occurred. Mr. Samuelson made the motion to approve the \$1,000 loan with the funds being reimbursed after the first fundraiser. Ms. Adamski seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor, Ms. Crooks abstained)

Marcus Dairy, new business to Oxford, has run one of the largest Car Shows around. The Booster Club is considering asking them to organize the Car Show in conjunction with Oxford Day. This will be discussed at length during the Oxford Day Planning.

Memorial Scholarship-

The Booster Club discussed setting up a Memorial Scholarship for those lost. We will discuss at length after the meeting with Mr. Jamie Cone from the Greater New Haven Community Foundation.

Old Business

Festival of Trees – There was a lack of participation from the Student Council this year. We may wish to rethink the organizing of this event in the future. Maybe work with the advisory classes as a team building experience and open up to non-profit organizations.

Post Prom – Next meeting is January 11th at 6:00 we will meet twice a week as needed if anyone is interested please come at much or as little as your can.

A Graduation Celebration survey is being prepared to see what students and parents think of a class event.

Ms. Adamski requested the Booster Club consider selling something other than balloons for the OHS Seniors. They have a negative impact on the environment and Oxford should not contribute to that impact. Ms. Alter will look into signs stating “Oxford Grad Lives Here” and will report at the next meeting.

Other senior activities will into collecting photos of students from parents and preparing a photo collage to be displayed at the school. Also displaying college pennants of all schools seniors are attending so they can sign their names on their future school.

With no other business to come before the Booster Club Ms. Alter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Adamski seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (All in favor)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary