



AACT Booster Club Meeting

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Agenda

- Call to order and Approval of the Previous Minutes by Scott Chatham, seconded by Mimi Sombatsiri.
- Student Report: Salem Neufeld for Leadership:
 - This week kicked off with a successful spirit week
 - Tuesday: AACT Apparel Day
 - Wednesday: Squad Day
 - Thursday: Class Colors Day
 - Friday: Pajama Day
 - Friday is also the Senior Sunrise event starting at 6am. Keeping it low key. Donuts and Hot Chocolate with pictures for kids.
 - Friday also will be an Ice Cream sales event to raise money for the upcoming Homecoming dance.
 - Due to the current Covid Surge, Homecoming plans are as follows:
 - Date has been moved from October 28 to October 15th.
 - This is the Friday school resumes after the Fall Break Oct. 4-8.
 - Time will be from 7:00-10:00pm
 - Homecoming will take place outdoors to increase the mitigation efforts of social distancing etc...
 - Plans have been made for a Tent person.
 - Booster Club is needed to support Homecoming in the following ways:
 - DJ suggestions. Price range they are looking for is \$200.
 - Andrea Hurley was contacted and www.djfunnreno.com information was relayed to leadership
 - Chaperones for outside and inside with snack area.
 - Coat check as in years past.
- Principal's Report:
 - New Staff Member for Safe Schools Grant Present and introductions
 - Erin Levenberg Marriage and Family Therapist
 - Here to support students, family and the school with mental health concerns.
 - Looking to develop a parent support group and wanting to focus on parenting teens and Covid concerns.
 - Student support with Social Skills
 - Art Therapy

- Any other School support needed.
 - School Performance Plan is being developed and written
 - Parent input is needed for AACT school goals.
 - A connect-ed and email will be sent out with survey information.
 - Schools testing data is being evaluated.
 - ACT test score goal for AACT students is 22
 - 3 years ago score average was 20.1
 - 2020 school year score average was 21.7
 - 2021 school year with HYBRID schedule score average was 22.4
 - District ACT score average is 18.
 - UNR and TMCC require a score of 18
 - Class failures last school year increased significantly due to the Hybrid schedule.
 - 2nd semester intervention and summer school helped students pass needed classes to receive their credits.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Balance is \$23,891.91 as of 8/31/2021
 - New balance adds \$2,165 from new membership
 - New balance subtracts 3,000 from payouts for 3 scholarships.
 - New balance subtracts \$225.00 and \$217.88 for 100 Booster Club t-shirts.

Old Business

1. Virtual Showcase 2021 donors banners for businesses were hung in the Quad area of the Commons this week.
 - a. Old banners from the previous year are still hanging and it will be determined what to do with these by the board at a later date.
2. Membership drive for the Boosters now that there was only a virtual Back 2 School Night Open House event.
 - a. Ideas needed for generating new members and interest in the Booster Club.
 - i. Booster information and membership form is up to date on the AACT school website.
 - ii. School-wide email with a link to the Booster form will be sent out via the connect-ed system.
 1. Draft of the email will be sent to Ms. Lee from Scott Chatham.
 2. Booster forms for membership will also be refilled at the school Booster Box.
3. Virtual Open House Night

- a. Good learning experience in preparing for the event before it went virtual.
 - i. How to arrange and book with the different food trucks.
 - 1. Be sure to give those two food trucks (Rita's Italian Ice and Potluck) the 1st opportunity to come to us for future events.
 - 2. How to collect the information and get bids was invaluable experience for potential Spring events.

New Business

- 1. Committee Sign-ups
 - a. Spreadsheet developed from the booster membership forms to organize and list members of the Booster Club for their Committee membership.
 - i. Still need to have a finance committee as Mimi will be handing over the reins after this year.
 - ii. For each Committee a Board member will be assigned to kick start the Committee meetings with an email and get the ball rolling within the committee itself. That board member can then fade back to let the committee members take on the roles.
 - iii. Malia: Heading up Prom/Dances and Teacher Appreciation
 - iv. Nicole: Heading up Showcase and Teacher Appreciation
 - v. Scott: Heading up Junior Interviews and Grad Night
 - vi. Samantha: Heading Up Prom/Dances and any other area needed.
 - vii. Tabitha: Heading up Grad Night and Graduation
- 2. Junior Interviews will be held on October 18-19.
 - a. Last Year was a 75% in person event with Zoom options.
 - b. This year moving forward with an In Person event with the Flexibility to have a Zoom option if needed.
 - i. Time slots will be sent out via the Sign-up Genius.
- 3. Teacher Appreciation
 - a. Committee needs to get up and running. Goal is to have something planned for the teachers each month.
 - i. Pot luck ideas etc...
 - ii. Adopt a staff member. Maybe 4 times a year do something nice for them within a specific dollar amount.
 - 1. Would need enough Boosters to support this.
 - a. Staff members=40
 - 2. This will be determined with the Committee members to get more parents involved.
 - iii. Olive Garden did have a free teacher staff lunch available.
 - 1. Nicole will follow up with the Olive Garden
 - iv. Bistro Habanero family restaurant has a student at AACT in the Culinary academy. Scott will reach out to them for a meal option.

- v. Thai food was always a hit! We can definitely use them again with Mimi's connection.
 - vi. Start with a catering meal in October.
- 4. Prom and Grad Night is being headed up by Ms. Lee.
 - a. Grad night meeting with Safe and Sober. They take care of all logistics for that event.
 - i. Other Grad Night options: Disneyland. We are on a waitlist and there are different mixed messages coming from Disney. Communication is poor and Covid may be the contributing factor.
 - ii. 6 Flags could be a viable option and is closer and cheaper.
 - 1. To help out with students that can't afford there will be "Scholarships" to pay for their tickets. With 6 Flags we can help more students to attend.
 - 2. Price for the 6 Flags night would be just over \$100 per student.
 - b. Prom, Lee will be getting a committee together forthcoming.
 - i. Covid is still an issue with having a Prom off campus.
 - 1. Most venues will want large non refundable deposit of \$3000.
 - ii. Reality is prom will most likely be at AACT and the worst case scenario is it will be outdoors like Homecoming.
 - iii. Committee will be meeting for Date planning etc...
 - 1. Junior Senior Prom event, each student has a +1 option for a date for number calculation in food, ticket prices, etc....
 - iv. Prom needs to be as simple as possible because Covid is a reality still.
- 5. **Next meeting will be on October 13th at 5:30**
 - a. **Location will be determined at a later date either in the Compass or again virtually via the zoom link sent out prior to the meeting..**

Thank you everyone for attending! Adjourned!