

Galena High School 5-Star Boosters

Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 17, 2022

In person meeting: Galena Library

ATTENDING: Michelle Simmons, Kristine Kinne, Cynamon Heide, Allisanne Steele, Janna Rager, Lynda Sohl, Dorothy Bell, Heather Cole, Stephanie Campbell, Debbie Moreno, Michelle Christy, Kara Griffin, Tanya Lenon, Stephanie Peterson, Joulene Burnett, Debra Cuddy, Kari Benoy, Tracy Cason, Brian Cason, Jay Salter

1. **CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS:** Meeting began at 5:35pm
2. Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2022: Janna Rager made motion to approve and Allisanne Steele seconded the motion, all approved.
3. **PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Michelle Simmons initiated introductions; welcomed tonight's good attendance and new members.
Motedioned to approve nominee Angie Revels to chair the Hospitality committee. Second by Janna Rager and all approved.
Motedioned to approve nominee Stephanie Peterson to Scholarship committee (this chair can not have a Sr student). Second by Kari Benoy and all approved.
Position vacancy for co-chair with Linda Sohl, Fundraising (Dollars for Scholars), preferably with a Jr or Sophomore student.
Reported on success since last meeting in May: Boosters supported Senior parking spot painting, approved \$4500 Science Department Autoclave, Two printers, and \$3000 (with \$3000 matching) for Art Department Pugmill to replace the old one, it has been purchased, but not yet shipped. Reminder given that purchases through Amazon using Amazon smile directly provides a percentage to Galena. Group should start thinking of Booster projects 22-23'.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kristine Kinne reviewed the 2023 Budget draft, beginning fiscal year July, with details shared on paper copies. She discussed that this 2022-23 start of school year we have already raised \$6400 in online Booster Dues memberships + another \$1640 through Venmo + ~\$570 in checks which is more than double this time last year. Budget is always available upon request. John Lane posts for Treasurer after approved. Debra Cuddy made motion to approve 2023 budget, Kari Benoy second. All approved.

Kristine made motion to pass along credit card processing fee to members; Michelle Simmons second the motion. All in attendance approved.
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **MEMBERSHIP:** Tanya reported membership is up likely due to online access and 4 section Google form vs old paper forms. She has added Board and Committee position information. Committees can retrieve demographic/interest from this new data collection. Info can be sent as excel doc and sort membership databases, for ex. Extracurricular paid members, goes to easy entrance at Football games. No ID Booster cards for members needed this year. Volunteers requested for upcoming Friday night game to sell swag; clarified PTO has separate swag inventory.

Reiterated Venmo preferred for new members to avoid credit card processing fee. Square has low fee and manual cc entry is mid level fee.

- b. **TEACHER APPRECIATION:** Debra Cuddy and Kari Benoy reported good turnout for Back to School Teacher breakfast. Staff sat, ate and visited and seemed to enjoy it as an icebreaker. Also Grizz Snack Attack will continue in Sept, but it's a secret. In Oct we will do another Witches Brew. It was a hit last yr so think of what soup you want to bring and help with that. They will have another Snack Attack coming in April, skipping March due to 2 weeks of break, and considering larger luncheon in May '23 for Teacher Appreciation week.
- c. **HOSPITALITY:** Angie Revels reported with excitement to have baked goods at upcoming Open House; first in 2 years. Sign up genius used with limitation so as not to overload members.
- d. **GRIZZLY GROWL:** Carolyn and Michelle use simple Google docs form. Reported upcoming deadline for committees to submit for email and Facebook roll out.

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Jay Salter introduced himself and joked he's a recruiter of teachers in the current hiring crisis. Admins focused on filling teacher spots. Filled most positions. Mr Trethaway coming back to pick up level one classes. Mr Cope will be doing second yr classes. Mr Hillhouse coming in. New Geologist coming who'd been on oil rigs and has a long resume. Couldn't find aerospace teacher. Environmental sustainability students this year will be able to hopefully take aerospace next yr. PLTW becomes 2yr instead of 3 in the future. He reported good news on STEM program rebuilding. Building partnership with Tesla. The school has a power wall already and Salter toured Tesla recently to work with them on a 5 yr plan. First day of school was mellow and kids cruised in well. "Our kids are nice and that's just awesome". Sky Tavern had mini lessons (? for staff training). Academics will focus on what student knows instead of attendance/tardiness. Coach Walker coming in as new Dean. Lt Gov was here yesterday, former principal. She was impressed at our students being polite and courteous. Success Skills not just study hall, but offering guitar, fly fishing, Speech and Debate, etc. Ann Marie Red from FL, worked in GA, has been full district level coach and will train staff on project based learning to honor the requests for less multiple choice testing. Culpepper moved on to principal an elementary school and will be missed. Mr Bodine still in charge of Athletic and Activities. Open house will be department presentations in hallways with displays of textbooks, QR codes for contacting teachers, and not the bell and rotating class schedule to meet and greet. Trying to bring in businesses that reflect our STEM emphasis, like aero electronics. Science department should put on some exciting experiments. Ultimately Open House will showcase departments. Also club drives will be open. 7th period weights are open to all athletes not just football players. If it gets too full may have to limit to Varsity. Coach Amatia is the best weights coach and he'll be in there.

Next meeting location to be determined and whether In person or zoom depends on school activities as attendance often declines during the school year and we're aiming for best attendance. It's great to see so many here tonight.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Next general meeting will be Wednesday Sept 21, @ 5:30pm, location TBD

Michelle Simmons motioned to adjourn, Jana Rager second, all approved and meeting ended at 6:30pm.