

1st & 10 Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2016

Meeting held at Norton High School Picnic Tables Outside of Café.

In attendance: Stacey Bernritter, Jan Marie Combs, Jackie Hunt, Michelle Petersen, Deb Pereira, Sharon O'Brien, Denise O'Neill, Tammy and Pete Freeman, Leah Lebel, Michael Reynolds, Cathy Goyette

President's Report:

Michelle welcomed the group and stated this is the last BIG meeting before the season starts.

Michelle met with Dr. Baeta recently and shared that they had a great meeting. The NPS will try to run some programs to increase attendance at the games, especially with younger kids. NPS may utilize National Honor Society kids to visit elementary and middle school(s) to get the kids excited and NPS will announce games, distribute event calendars each week, host purple and white Fridays, and may do an LGN and JCS night, etc, at home games. NPS will encourage middle schoolers to attend games as well and the parent requirement to also attend no longer exists so hopefully that will help. There is a concern that the games are not well attended even by high school teachers and administrators, thus it would be nice to have those in the high school community attend as well, such as the Principal(s).

The NPS may continue to discuss merging the booster clubs in the future, but right now 1st and Ten will remain separate. They also discussed the concession stand being used by other groups/sports, etc, not just by 1st and Ten.

Michelle reported that in the past there were some issues with senior class night 1st and Ten did not notify the school that they had scholarship money and intended to pass it out that night. We need to be sure this year to communicate our intentions with the school so that the next class night runs smoother next year.

Secretary's Report:

Jan reported that packets have been put together for the BBQ and include an August Calendar, Game Schedule, Spaghetti Supper Instructions, Friday Night Meals List, Welcome Letter, and an Encouraging Words Flyer and Order Form.

Jan will be at the BBQ and will distribute packets to all players.

Treasurer's Report:

Stacey reported that there is a balance of \$5,811.78 as of today in the account. There are currently no outstanding bills or debits. Practice gear has been paid for in full already. There is \$300 allocated to purchase water as needed and the second Hudl bill will also be coming in soon.

Concession Update: Pete said things are in good shape for the upcoming concession season. Pete also purchased two coolers for the football program today.

Grade Parent Coordinator Update: Tammy updated that she has been in touch via email about upcoming spaghetti suppers. She wants to be sure that the three Captains stay after each Spaghetti Supper and take anything that is left over and check in with Tammy to see what needs to be done with the coolers for the next

day for practice. Tammy and Pete will oversee the cooler filling/icing for the Friday afternoon practices and coordinate with Captains to assist as necessary.

Fundraising and Program Update: Beth was unable to attend as she is in the hospital, thus Michelle passed along info for this update. Beth is looking for someone to run the helmet fundraising program so volunteers are welcome. We will relay this info at the BBQ as well in hopes that someone will step up and take this on. Beth had planned on doing the program, but may need assistance.

Coaches Report: - No coaches were present, so Michelle passed along an update from the coaches. Big news! Darren Doucette has officially been hired and will be the Freshman coach (taking Bob Cabral's spot). Kids seem to really like him and the conditioning/weight training has gone well thus we look forward to him joining the coaching staff.

Team Kick-Off BBQ Update: - There will be plenty of food, we can always use more volunteers to assist with set up and clean up. There are three guys who are all set to grill. Pete will pick up soda for the BBQ and anything left over can be sold at the concession stand. Jackie has everything under control and feels like things are in good shape. She will make one more BJ's run tomorrow and pick up cheese and any other needed items. Deb Pereira will pick up a sheet cake to go along with the other desserts being made by senior parents. Michelle stated that a separate meeting will be held with freshman parents in addition to the general meeting so that freshman parents feel welcome and can ask any questions. Jan, Michelle, and Stacey will hand out practice gear at the BBQ. They will label bags for each kid and distribute gear accordingly.

Practice Food Update: Denise set up a Sign Up Genius account to get food donated for practices and some families have started to go on and sign up. Please follow same protocol that we have in the past with regards to peanut/nut free policy. Let's air on the side of caution. Jackie mentioned that Pillsbury has a mix that is peanut free, so a good option for those that wish to bake for the players. Roche Bros and other markets all seem to have "nut free" items in their bakeries as well.

Practice Meals Update: - For the practice on 8/22 we will be looking for donations from player families and will count on Denise's Sign Up Genius to track those donations. Deb Pereira and Jan Combs will come on Monday 8/22 to help with food organization around 2 pm and get ready for players. Also at this practice, Jan will also begin all player and coach portraits and team photo following the senior pictures with photographer. The practice on 8/25 will be covered by Olive Garden. We do need a volunteer to pick up the food from the Olive Garden and deliver to the NHS. The practice on 8/26 will be covered by Downtown Pizza. On 8/27 (Scrimmage), ice cream will be coming in for both teams following the scrimmage and prior to the scrimmage, bagels and cream cheese from Back Bay Bagel will be supplied.

Michelle mentioned that volunteers are needed for summer food, on game days, for team meal deliveries, for Chain Crew, and for Senior night (Jr. Parents).

We discussed some new ideas and suggestions for fundraising and shared that we would love for additional folks to step up and volunteer and/or share ideas about new fundraising ideas. Gold cards will be done again but that is done by the coaches, although they will give a percentage back to 1st and Ten. Last year we received about \$3000. Michelle encouraged people to give new ideas about fundraising.

That about wraps up the meeting!

Looking forward to the football season ahead!