

Gridiron Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

Welcome and Introductions – Karen Martens

Persons in attendance – Michelle Reifschneider, Tim Cunningham, Angela Kallay, Keith Chastain, Kim Mueller, Rick Guenther, Ernie and Patty Timm, Jean DeStafanis, Jill Kleinschmidt, Heather Tait, Kim Czarnecki, Todd O'Brien, Christopher and Shelley Bloedel, and Karen Martens.

Meeting Minutes Approval - Heather Tait approved minutes; Christopher Bloedel seconded.

Budget Review and Approval – We currently have \$34,000 in the bank and we will have enough for jerseys, community service award, and senior scholarships. Last season, we increased the amount for the JV/Varsity Banquet, due to the number of seniors. At the May 2022 Gridiron meeting, we'll need to decide if we should increase the banquet budget again for the upcoming season. We'll also need to approve the budget for the upcoming season (Tim will provide numbers), taking into consideration an increase for new jerseys. We currently don't know the number of incoming freshman players; however, we're working on obtaining a current list.

Photographers – We currently do not have enough PHOTOGRAPHERS! JV/Varsity has ONE photographer. Please spread the word to your friends and family – we will need AT LEAST another photographer for JV/Varsity and another photographer for freshman games. Additionally, we'll need pictures of ALL players taken during BLITZ DAY, as these photos are used for parent night. PLEASE let Karen Martens know if you're interested in becoming a game photographer – you get an outstanding view of the games from the sidelines!

Team Bonding Event on August 9th – Tina Rock (chair) – volleyball tournament and pizza party.

Important Dates:

- **July 12th** – Summer Gridiron Meeting @ The Hideaway
- **July 18th – July 22nd** – Football Camp – **ALL PLAYERS**
 - **July 21st** – Camp Cookout/Picnic after practice
- **July 21st – August 13** – **GOLD CARD SALE**
 - **ALL money due on August 13th (also picture day)**
- **August 2nd** – **First Day of Practice!**
- **August 6th** – **GOLF OUTING @ MUSKEGO LAKES**
- **August 9th** – **Team Bonding Event (morning)**
- **August 26th** – **Charity Night Game (first home game)**
 - **Community Service Award Winner will be recognized**

CHAIRPERSON(S):

Team Bonding – Tina Rock

JV/Varsity Banquet – need chairperson(s)

Charity Night – Bloedel Family, Medrano Family, Nichol Family

Homecoming – need chairperson(s); Gridiron hosted a tailgate last year after parade; please contact Heather Rivard.

Senior Night – need chairperson(s): last home game of the season; Jordan Hein gets banners; we'll need pamphlets/beads/"stuff" for parents.

Banners – Heather Cunningham

Scholarships – Kerri Glynn; these were due April 22nd; Fran, Karen, Jolene, and Shelley volunteered (at March Gridiron meeting) to review submissions/make award selections.

Senior Posters - need chairperson(s); didn't have a Senior poster last season.

Update from Coach Brown – thank you for the Gridiron's support for the clinic he/other Coaches were able to attend. Mark calendars for Monday, June 13th (@ 4:00 p.m.) – this will be CONTACTG DAY for football; there will also be a 5th day of CAMP at Homestead High School – will do stations: special teams, speed/agility, etc.,

Football schedule and practices is on the website. The weight room is also open in the mornings – calling it the "breakfast club" – get 15-20 kids in the morning for lifting. If kids are in another sport, they should still be lifting 2x/week. After school, Coach will start calling-out kids he hasn't seen lately – there are lots of lifting spots available – need the kids to get to them – don't want kids to get lazy. KIDS SHOULD BE WORKING OUT WITH THEIR TEAMMATES!

Summer Workouts: AM/PM on Monday through Thursday – will count as summer school enrichment program (no cost). Sign-up will be posted for ALL students to attend. Duration will be about 75 minutes.

PRESS BOX – trying to get this updated/extended because it's too small; would like to put Coaches on either side with media in the middle; working on getting bigger bleachers and stadium development project. Matt Fox is currently working on helping to make this a community effort – would like to privately fund, if possible.

VIDEO – David Koziel – would like to have him be the video supervisor in charge of endzone/sideline. Currently, have Coaches scrambling to fix issues with the cameras, which takes them away from the football field, where they need to be. David would attend each game to make sure video equipment works properly. David would also train two additional people who would be filming. Coach Brown proposed we create a spot for David and we vote during the MAY meeting.

RING CEREMONY – very well done; was attended by some very important people who are proud of the program; was a great way to send the seniors out and get the younger kids excited for the future.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS were invited to tour the facilities – Debbie Larson attended. Debbie has had 5 kids in FPS and she's been on the Board for 18 years. Debbie didn't know about the money the District was given as a result of COVID; she toured the weight room and other areas and was shockingly disappointed at the size and quality of the facilities. We would like parents from the Gridiron to tour the facilities (during the May meeting) and then bring the topic to a School Board meeting soon.

Update on GOLF OUTING: we need sponsors (existing sponsors on the website); \$250 for a hole. Contacted three pages full of businesses; don't have to be Franklin businesses. Families can also sponsor a hole, sponsor raffle basket, etc. Need 15-16 hole sponsors. Email with form attached for sponsors.

GOLD CARD: Please EMAIL the Gridiron with any businesses that want to be added on the gold card and would like to promote their business!

NEXT MEETING: MAY 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Library!