

## **February 2024 Gridiron Meeting (02/13/2024)**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: led by Karen.

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Mueller, Tim Cunningham, Merry Stein, Phil Henschel, Jenny Chromy, Heather Piper, Angela Kallay, Katie Vallee, Gina Schiek, Lisa Koss, Rashel Walman, Jill Verges, Melissa DeNicola, Tony Hahn, Erica Krieger, Amy Lund, Kristen Beglinger, Rick Guenther, Coach Brown, Karen Martens, Christopher & Shelley Bloedel.

NOVEMBER 2023 MINUTES APPROVAL: Christopher Bloedel approved; Kristen Beglinger seconded.

BUDGET REVIEW and APPROVAL: (Cunningham) Coach Brown would like a 5-man sled and 2-man sled and these were added to budget; put \$12,000 there for those 2 sleds. Haven't had a 5-man since Brown has been a coach at FHS. Continually try to fix the sled we have each year. Hoping to talk with Franklin Youth and partner with them to use sleds – Jenny will talk with Andy (Chromy). Will only have to order 1 set of uniforms next year – will keep black ones – and get new white (away) Jordans. Spend \$40,000 per year typically on uniforms. Have to order pants for JV and freshman = \$5,800 approximately. Need 6 new JV jerseys (included in estimate). Now jerseys are \$165/each, +cost to get their names on the back. LAUNDRY for this year (VARSITY ONLY UNIFORMS)? Not in the budget at this point. Milwaukee Athletic Repair – picked up and dropped off and laundered and repaired. Question raised: Can we put fee for laundering in a miscellaneous line item for laundering/repair to be paid by each player's family? Add \$7,000 into budget for laundry/repair of Varsity uniforms? Question if we should vote for laundry service (and adding to budget at this meeting). Angela Kallay motioned to approve – Amy Lund seconded. APPROVED.

Thank you to Shawna and Heather for organizing the JV/Varsity Banquet last season. Mary Pekar volunteered to help with the Banquet for 2024 season. Kept changing date last year which made it more difficult – think about making the date official – week of Thanksgiving and that way it doesn't conflict with anything; will discuss at next month's meeting.

Dance Team went to State – and our football players brought donuts to the girls before leaving.

Cheer Team Liaison – Ashley Schultz – Cheer team going to State – leave morning of February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Senior Scholarships – need people to read scholarships and determine 'winners'. Heather Piper is liaison.

### **2024 season CHAIRS secured for:**

- Pasta Nights – Rochelle Wahlman/Dara Sievert
  - Camp Cookout – Leah Sladek
  - Website – Katie Vallee
  - Team Bonding – Lisa Koss
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### Open CHAIR Positions for 2024 season:

- DANCE
- SUBS
- CHARITY NIGHT – after March meeting – will talk about Charity Night
- Senior Night and SENIOR STUFF – need emails of Senior parents to coordinate together
- Banquets – both Freshman and JV/Varsity needed
- School Display Board
- Homecoming Tailgate
- Banners Chair
- PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED for Freshman and JV games.

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**COACH BROWN UPDATE:** Many kids playing other sports – big advocate for this. Getting 30-40 kids after school in lifting. Just got done maxing last week. Handful of kids that didn't max out last week – they'll be contacted by the Coaches. Overall, pretty solid from season to present; always have a Coach in the weightroom after school. As parents, pay attention to who your son hangs out with; encourage them to hang out with kids with similar goals. With as many Coaches as we have at FHS daily, we're able to stay connected to your sons. Diet is really important, especially with as much lifting as needed: a lot of protein, get a lot of sleep. Asking for 4 hours/week in the weightroom – not much actually. Two hours/ week in the weightroom if in another sport. Want kids who are 'all in'. Whatever you can do to encourage. Don't think we've lost a whole lot year over year, aside from a kicker and some linebackers. Not one game I've ever thought we were going to lose; we're excited for your sons to see what's coming up. "Clinic season" right now for Coaches. March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Coach Brown speaking at Iowa Clinic – have 8 Coaches going to that clinic; Creative and innovative practice and camp ideas. State of Wisconsin Football Clinic – have 8 Coaches going to that clinic as well. Three Coaches had babies this past year and another got engaged – lots of good stuff.

**Important Dates:** All camp info is on the website. July 22-25 and 26<sup>th</sup> Varsity travels to Homestead for morning practice (done by noon). Following week is off week. **PRACTICE STARTS AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>.** Make sure your son's physical is completed/submitted BEFORE the first day of practice. Congratulate the 7 seniors from 2023 season who will be playing division 2 or higher in college – maybe 8 with Cooper Mueller, once he decides where he'll be going to college. Have 3 kids for AllStar game so far – Teagan, Cooper and Manny – waiting to hear about 1 more.

Don't have a theme yet for 2024-2025 season. Will ask the school for helmets this year – at least \$10,000.

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Kickoff to Youth Football will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next Gridiron Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Library.