

MINUTES from APRIL GRIDIRON MEETING dated April 9, 2024:

Introductions led by Karen: please welcome incoming freshman parents when you see them.

Persons in Attendance: Kristen Stamborski, Amy Lund, Tammy Hertel, Leah Sladek, Gina Schiek, Jenny Chromy, Dara Sievert, Mary Pekar, Jill Verges, Judy MacKay, Andrea Boldrey, Tim Cunningham, Angie Miller, Ashley Schultz, Joe Timmer, Rick Guenther, Heather Piper, Angela Kallay, Lisa Koss, Kristen Beglinger, Erica Krieger, Katie Valle, Jenni and Mike Kostowicz, Coach Brown, Karen Martens, and Shelley Bloedel

April Minutes approved by: Kristin Beglinger and Erica Krieger seconded.

Budget Review – Tim Cunningham: no changes from what was approved last month. All we paid since last meeting was for a few clinics for coaches.

Need photographers for Freshman games; believe 2 have stepped up for JV games; have 2 with a backup for Varsity; will need photographers at the Blitz Day because that's when we need to take pictures for Parents' Night buttons.

Dance Liaison needed – Mary Pekar said she could stay on this year. Banner making and having the boys come to that; girls come to camp week.

Pasta Night - Dara updates: thinks everything is the same from last season - cost \$25 per JV/Varsity player.

Golf Outing – Angela Kallay: need sponsorships – if anyone can help call/share flyers. (We're behind where we were last year.) Not everyone returns as a sponsor.

Senior Scholarships – Heather Piper: haven't received any submissions yet.

Gold Cards – Amy Lund: in the process of handing over to shadows to run this season – connected them with Todd. Can reserve tables now/soon for the gold card handout at the cookout.

Cookout - Leah Sladek: (Tina Strupp will not be helping because her son isn't playing football next season) – let us know what you need. Boys will be done with practice around 6:30 p.m. that night.

Team Bonding – Lisa Koss: Rashel Walman also said she would help; Tuesday, August 13th in the morning.

Charity Night – Jill Verges, Gina Schiek, and Kirsten Hefter will lead.

Parent Night – Heather Piper and Michelle Borreson

Away Subs – is Julie Drajkowski still going to help? Katie Vallee said she would also do it and Erika Krieger said she'd help too.

July 9th Hideaway Meeting – will start 6:30 p.m. – bring alcohol to donate for the golf outing.

Football Camp – flyer is posted; sign up!

July 26th – practice at Homestead – Varsity only

Blitz Day – August 17th – turn in gold card money

August 4th – golf outing

August 6th – 1st day of practice – physical MUST be updated.

August 13th – Mom’s Practice (around 5:00 p.m.)

COACH BROWN UPDATE:

- Getting a new scoreboard this season – got approved by the Board – should be ready by first home game!
- Clinic season just ended this past weekend. Brown spoke at Iowa Clinic; Coach Walton spoke at Wisconsin Dells clinic; Coach Ambrose spoke at clinic in Madison; 10 Coaches went this past weekend to Madison for another clinic. Waunakee Coach whose retiring this year – heard him speak at Madison clinic. Felt good about where we’re at as a Program, hearing what he does that’s similar to what ‘we’ do.
- 5-man sled was delivered last week
- 2024 Senior jerseys are in – names still need to be put on the back.
- Camps: need to attend OUR Camp in July – please don’t schedule vacations that week. Learn what and how we do what we do. If you want to send your boys to camps – send them to camps that have a lot of Coaches present. Want him to learn versus feeling like he’s running through a bunch of drills, etc.,? WFCA combine good for numbers on a spreadsheet. If it’s a CAMP, it’s learning. If you have a specific question about what camp your son should participate in – reach out to Coach.
- Coach’s Calendar – most of it is done – need to get 2 additional JV games scheduled. Doesn’t look like Park or Horlick will have JV teams.
- The offseason is going pretty well – think this is a group that knows they have to do it together.
- If your son is out for a Spring sport – next Tuesday and Thursday we’re going to start morning lifts at 6:30 a.m. each of those days.
- Maxing on weights again in July. Going to get bracelets – black, gold, and black/gold together for thresholds for bench, squat, and 40-time. Going to present those to the kids in July.
- I recently talked with the boys about pride – making their parents proud of them. If you’re seeing good things from your kids – let them know you’re proud of them – it goes really far with them.
- Franklin is hosting the 4-team rotation scrimmage this year – August 16th .
- 7 on 7s will be on Wednesdays in late-May/early-June; information will be posted in the weightroom.

Next Gridiron Meeting will be held on May 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Library