

**Sandpiper Boosters, Inc. Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., Central time**  
**Teacher's Lounge**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m.

**Members Present**

Jamie Lynn, Jennifer Gray, Ashley Templeton, Miranda Jordan, Melissa Lott and Nick Whitehurst.

**Approval of Agenda**

The board reviewed the agenda. Jamie Lynn made the first motion to approve. Ashley Templeton seconded.

**Approval of Minutes**

The board reviewed the minutes. Jamie Lynn made the first motion to approve. Ashley Templeton seconded.

**Old and New Business**

**Fun Run Update** - Jamie Lynn stated that the 2023 annual Fun Run was our best fun run fundraiser to date. The school raised approximately \$131,735.00 and profited 62 percent - approximately \$81,676.00. All board members are happy with using Boosterthon again for 2024.

**Kindergarten Roundup** - Jamie Lynn stated that we are all set up for Kindergarten Round up, Thursday, March 9th at 4:30 p.m. Decorating and setup will take place at 2:30 p.m. Mingle and Sweet Henrietta's are booked.

**Spring Book Fair, April 10th-20th** - The Boosters are waiting to hear from Rachel Carroll on what is needed regarding decorations. Otherwise, the book fair shift sign up genius has been created and distributed. There have been several parent sign ups.

**Playground Sunshade Canopy Quotes** - Nick Whitehurst came to speak with us regarding two different quotes gathered for the new playground sunshades for the seven courtyards surrounding the school. One from We Can Shade It and one from Emerald Coast Shade Sails. We Can Shade It has a better price, but the reviews aren't great. Emerald Coast Shade Sails has better reviews and presented more detailed

quotes, but their price is much larger. Nick had also gathered pricing from Dreamscapes for astroturf in specific areas on the playground. The board reviewed all the quotes and also inquired of a possible pavilion for the area back behind the basketball court where picnic tables and benches could be placed. Nick stated that he is meeting with Jill Smith with the district to discuss additional district funding to go towards the project and the district's approval of the project. In addition, Nick and assistant principal, Kristen Kane, will gather teacher/faculty feedback on what the school actually needs and what areas are the most important in terms of shading. He will have that survey information collected to present the week of March 13th.

**Atlas Greenhouse Project** - Nick Whitehurst also wanted to discuss the possibility of funding a DLE greenhouse project. He stated that Freeport HS got a \$500,000.00 grant for Aquaponics and built a 30 ft by 120 ft greenhouse structure with those funds. Nick would like DLE to consider a Hydroponics greenhouse to provide food for our lunchroom and to additional schools. Nick stated that his first estimate received for the structure came in at approximately \$47,645.00. He is wanting to get a revised quote on a smaller greenhouse and is also looking into grant funding.

**Gardening Committee/Club** - Nick Whitehurst discussed the addition of a school Gardening club for 2023-2024. His wife and DLE kindergarten teacher, Georgia Whitehurst, will head up the club. South Walton High School has a gardening club that can come to help out and Boosters also offered to help get this up and going.

**Bylaws Review - Reimbursements and Outside Organization Donations** - Jennifer Gray heard back from Amy Coleman and she said reimbursements are okay for us to make. The Boosters officers will just need to approve all reimbursements. The Bylaws will need to be amended to clarify the expense reimbursement policy. Regarding outside organization donations, we will leave the Bylaws as is exclusive to our school.

**Bathroom Project Update** - Jennifer Gray and Ashley Templeton are asking Runnels Orthodontics and Foy Dentistry for toothpaste and toothbrush donations. The front office bathrooms are almost done and the lamps are on their way. Only items left to purchase are two more art pieces. As of February 28th, the Boosters have spent \$3,370.66 of the \$5,000.00 budget. There is about \$400 left in expenses so we'll be \$1,000.00 under budget upon completion.

**February Financial Update, Receipts, Venmo Payments, Bathroom Update Purchases** - Jennifer Gray stated that as of February 28th, the Boosters bank balance is \$82,739.00. We have already received \$8,123.00 of the profited \$81,676.00 from Boosterthon. The final profit for Daddy Daughter was \$9,677.00. Jennifer also stated that the Boosters recently received two random venmo payments - one on 1/17 for \$46 and another on 2/24 for \$20 and we don't know what they were for. All receipts have been received to date.

**AmazonSmile Program** - Jennifer Gray stated that the AmazonSmile program will be discontinued at the end of May 2023.

**T-Shirt Inventory and Potential New Merchandise** - The board agreed that we will need to do an updated t-shirt and merchandise inventory count. Several shirts were distributed for the 2023 Fun Run and sold at the Kindergarten Round Up event. Jamie Lynn stated that the Coast Hippie adult hoodies will be posted online for sell very soon. The board also agreed to move forward with adding a DLE adult and youth hoodie to roll out at 2023-2024 orientation.

**This Month's Teacher Luncheon, March 16th** - Jamie Lynn mentioned the need for a \$750 sponsor for the March 16th teacher luncheon. Chick-Fil-A is catering. Regarding the April luncheon set for April 7th, Madden Law is sponsoring and Amigos is catering. Suggestions for the May luncheon included Olive Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse.

**Cafeteria, Custodial and Specials Staff Recognition Luncheons** - Jamie Lynn is getting potential dates in April and the number of attendees. The board is currently looking into Olive Garden as a catering possibility. The board also all agreed to have room parents assigned for these areas for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Room Parent Appreciation Breakfast** - The board agreed to make this recognition event apart of the upcoming Sandpiper Boosters General meeting on Tuesday, March 28th. The board is looking into Blue Mountain Bakery for breakfast pastries and/or donuts and coffee.

**Potential Field Trip Financial Support** - Miranda Jordan spoke on potential financial support for field trips. There are currently two 5th grade students needing financial support to attend their April field trip to the Gulfarium. After discussing, the board decided this wasn't something the Boosters could fund, but that the room parents from each grade could come together to support these students.

**Next Sandpiper Boosters Executive Meeting Date - Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Next Sandpiper Boosters Board of Directors Meeting Date and Room Parent Appreciation Breakfast - Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Dismissal**

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.