

**Dakota High School Boosters**  
**GENERAL Board Meeting: 2023/2024 Term Year**  
**Agenda: Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 7:30pm**

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**Board Members Present:** Michelle Steinhebel, Dawn Schlitt, Rachel Lasater, Karri Rogers, Joyce Cronin

**Board Members Not Present:** LaShira Wade, Shari Burnham, Stephanie Gorecki

**Student Trustee:** Mario Quaglia, absent Anthony Vernengo

**Administrative Present:** Mr. Koskos

**Participants:** Kimberly Heugh, Joan Abraham, Heather Khami, Tricia Hemeryck, Dawn Tocco, Kim Gualdoni

- **Call to Order & Welcome-** Michelle Steinhebel, Vice President
  - Meeting called to order at 7:36pm
  - While Shari is unable to attend the meeting tonight, Michelle will be leading it.
- **Committee Reports/ Old Business**
  - **President Report-** nothing to report.
  - **Secretary's Reports/Approvals-** Joyce Cronin
    - November's general meeting minutes were presented. Motion to approve made by Kimberly Heugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Schlitt. Motion carried.
    - There was no meeting in January due to weather. In December it would have only been an Executive meeting.
  - **Treasurer's Report/Approvals-** Dawn Schlitt
    - Treasurer's Report for November, December and January presented.
    - Motion made to approve November's report by Kimberly Heugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tricia Hemeryck. Motion carried.
    - Motion made to approve December's report by Heather Khami, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Gualdoni. Motion carried.
    - Motion made to approve January's report by Karri Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kimberly Heugh. Motion carried.
  - **Vice President Report-** Michelle Steinhebel, nothing to report.
  - **Sports Trustee Report-** Karri Rogers
    - All winter coaches were contacted via email with contact information for Karri, as well as information regarding donation request procedures.
    - Compiling a list of spring sports activities/coaches to email them.
    - Dance team traveled to Orlando and competed in the Union National Championships: JV placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pom and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jazz. Varsity placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jazz and 1<sup>st</sup> in Pom, earning back-to-back National Championships in the Medium Pom Division.

- DHS wrestling team won Team Regionals, defeating Chippewa Valley and Romeo to qualify for Team States next weekend in Kalamazoo.
- Boys baseball/Girls softball season will begin both their seasons with an informational meeting for all interested players: Baseball meeting is March 6th in the community room and Softball meeting is February 29<sup>th</sup> in the community room. Both will be held after school.
- Donation requests received from Softball and Dance.
- **Cultural and Fine Arts Trustee Report-Michelle Steinhebel**
  - Mamma Mia! Sold out 2 performances. First time since before Covid has this happened.
  - In January, solo & ensemble choir, 4 students achieved a perfect score (Alaina Carlson, Dante Dagati, Sal Vitale and Nadia Bronzino) All 4 will compete for All States at state solo & ensemble April 12th & 13th.
  - Choir Festival is March 4th.
  - A Wrinkle in Time will be performed April 18th-20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Spring Spectacular is May 17th, senior song voting ends Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Band and Choir students from Dakota & Chippewa Valley band students will be in NYC in March.
  - Fine Art All Night Party is scheduled for May 31st.
  - In January solo 7 ensemble, 32 band students received a #1 rating, 10 students received a #2 rating. Many will be competing at All States on March 16th.
  - Drumline & combined Winter Guard show will be February 26ht for friends and family.
  - Competitive season is starting in March, check DakotaBands.com website for dates and locations.
  - Guard is currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place by 10 points.
  - Marching band meeting is February 27th.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> annual cheesecake fundraiser going on now, link is on PaySchool Events. Delivery is before Spring break.
  - Vertical Raise starting end of month for upcoming marching season.
  - Band Festival is hosting Middle School March 1st & 2nd and high school March 7ht & 8ht, up to 10 different schools competing each day.
  - Band Spring Concert is May 19th, 4 staff members will be getting pies in their faces due to Win the Band ticket sales.
- **Service & Scholastic Leadership Trustee Report-Vacant-nothing to report.**
- **Volunteer/Donation Trustee- Joyce Cronin**
  - Drumline requested \$1,157.95 for drumheads. This was approved electronically January 29.
  - JV Football requested \$401.06 for undefeated championship t-shirts, request was approved.

- Softball requested \$100 for a cornhole sponsorship + a blanket to raffle at their fundraiser. Donation was approved.
  - Dance inquired about championship t-shirts. They were advised that they will need to complete donation request form and submit it.
  - Winter payout # 1 for earned credits up to 01/13 was paid out for a total of 69 credits valued at \$2,760.
- **Marketing Report-** Stephanie Gorecki, nothing to report.
- **Concession Report-** Rachel Lasater
  - Thank you goes out to all volunteers who continue to support Boosters by volunteering.
- **Craft Show Trustee Report-** Shari Burnham
  - Show is sold out.
- **Student Trustee-** Mario Qualgia
  - Fight Cancer week was successful. Collected \$2100 from bottle drive, and \$1700 in t-shirt sales and online donations. Collected \$350 from ice cream sales. Overall \$4100 donated to fight cancer.
- **School Administrative Report-Attending Administrators-** Mr. Koskos
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester has started, things are going well. Curriculum night was this past Monday, it was well attended.
  - Mamma Mia! Was a great show. Also attended the wind ensemble at the Devos Center in Grand Rapids.
  - Dakota fights cancer week went well with their fundraising.
  - Euchre tournament this week. It went fast with 16 teams playing in 1 ½ hours.
  - 4 teachers were awarded a mini grant from CV Foundation.
  - Parent teacher conferences will be after winter break. There will be one virtual day and 1 in person.
  - Community scholarship applications are due 03/01.
  - NHS blood drive is 3/15.
  - Spring craft show is 3/16.
  - There is a proposal to have an advising period, 80% of the teachers need to support it for it to pass. The advising period would be 1x per week, flexible as to what the time is used for, it could be a catch-up time as well. The program would be different for each student/teacher, it would be based on needs. It's projected to be in the middle of the day, possibly lunch period on Wednesdays. The ratio would be 1/22: teacher to student, but the teacher assigned to a group might not be a regular teacher of the student. The idea is to have a different adult that the student can go to that isn't an influencer to their grades/classes.
- **New Business Update-** nothing to report.
- **Open Discussion & Attendee Questions**

- Dawn Tocco provided that the Daily 3 fundraiser is right now for SANP. The last day to purchase tickets at the discounted rate is 4/29. SANP will still be held at Dave & Busters on June 9 after the graduation ceremony. They need volunteers for the event.
- Dawn asked what Boosters had donated in the past.
  - From Joyce, we had donated \$1000 that was used for the punch board and candy guessing game. A donation request form will need to be filled out and submitted if you are going to request the funding.
- Question was asked from Kimberly Heugh: are the application available yet for senior scholarships?
  - It was announced that we are working on the publication of them. We anticipate that they will be available soon.
- **Adjournment**
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.