

May 3, 2016  
Bethel Park Football Booster Mandatory Meeting

Coach Metheny opened the meeting congratulating Nick Kwiatkoski on being drafted to Chicago.

Coach Metheny addressed the incoming freshman parents and booster members. Coach reviewed booster goals and reiterated the importance of a community football program. Our football goals are teamwork, responsibility, hard work, caring about others. He encouraged all parents to get involved in the booster program.

Coach addressed that we are now in the 6A category.

The players will receive gear. The players are encouraged to participate in the Color Run.

Attendance: Students cannot be absent more than 20 days because they will be ineligible. Academics: During season – 1 failing grade you are on probation, 2 failing grades, you are ineligible for 1 week.

Seniors – Should be taking the SATs early and often. Seniors should see Mr. Knapp in the guidance office.

Summer Strength program – M-Th – Speed development, team building. School will be closed on Fridays.

35 players participated in the Lions Park Clean Up Project this past Saturday. Coach Metheny said it was the best one ever.

Player Enhancement – Intermurals/Spring Ball

Booster members are reminded to look at the dates for camps and the JV and Varsity game schedules are in the packets.

Heat Acclimation – WPIAL mandated is August \_\_\_\_\_. The next week is full practice. Parents, please make sure you get physical.

Coaches Fundraiser needs turned in May 23. Shirts will be given to the middle school players and for freshman, JV, and Varsity.

Spring Ball is happening now in the morning from 5:45-7am.

Concussion testing – TBA for 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Camp AIM is July 15 – Adaptive camp at Carlynton. The players are encouraged to participate.

Coach Metheny addressed the booster members in regard to the school board. Spring Ball and Summer Conditioning may be taken away. Our coaches are very dedicated. The coaches are going to coach spring ball and summer ball no matter what. Coach's main concern has always been is to make the program better. Athletics are not the top priority. The coaches have not gotten a raise in 10 years. Administration does not care about athletics, in particular football. Coach Metheny suggests that the boosters get together and speak to the board. There needs to be a total booster effort in order for all extra curricular activities to be valued.

Sharon is requesting that all parents sign a petition. Coach is recommending that we gather 8 or 10 former booster parents to speak as well as the current booster parents. He is suggesting that we save the players for later. The next board meeting is May 24. Coach Metheny will help to give former player's parents' names. We should request a meeting prior to the board meeting. Other booster club memberships are trying to do the same thing. (Volleyball, lacrosse). The more voices win. Vic DiPrampo suggests that we email the board. The booster board will send out bullet points and the email addresses of the board. Christine Schipani explained that when other programs were going to be cut, parents, former students, and current students visited the board meeting to show their support of the programs they were trying to cut. She thinks that to be heard in a public forum is very good. She is suggesting that we email, ask for a private meeting, and also visit the board meeting. The board will keep the members updated as to options that we have. There will be another board meeting in June when the state budget should be passed.

Board members were introduced:

Sharon Rogers – President  
Kim Gmitter – Vice President  
Deb Hultz – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Pam Kwiatkoski – Treasurer  
Carrie Busch – Treasurer  
Heather Fontana – Secretary

All booster members received a packet this evening.

Important dates:

- Picture Day – August 19, Freshman 10am, JV & Varsity 11am.
- Meet the Players Dinner – August 25, 6:30
- Concussion Testing for 7<sup>th</sup> grade only TBD
- Physicals – June 11, 8-11am at Cool Springs AHN Facility. Physicals are to be done after June 1 and need returned by August 1. The \$50 fee needs paid by August 1. If these are not done, players will not be able to participate in heat acclimation.
- Freshman (concessions) and Sophomore (50/50 and sticks) reps are needed to act as a liaison between the board and the parents. If you are interested in being a rep, please email Heather Fontana at [bethelparkfootballboosters@gmail.com](mailto:bethelparkfootballboosters@gmail.com)
- Meals – Freshman are fed if their away game is 1 hour away or more, JV also gets fed 1 hour away or more. Freshman and JV will get water and a granola bar. JV and

Varsity players will be fed Pasta Too every Thursday night prior to home games and away games 1 hour or more.

- Volunteer Sign-Ups – A link was sent out to volunteer for the various programs that the boosters support. Please sign up to volunteer.
- Meet the Players Dinner – Players receive gifts. Cheerleaders are also recognized by their coaches. Catered dinner.
- Community Day is September 17. Pink out t-shirts will be ready.
- Senior Night – coordinated by junior parents
- Year End Banquet in December
- Thursday night dinners – Volunteers are needed to serve the JV/Varsity players
- Bar Bingo – This even was a great success last year and we raised \$8,000. This is the biggest event that we need help with. We were able to provide the players with a little extra because of this.
- Fundraising tickets – Coaches fundraiser is to be returned to Coach Metheny by May 24. Booster fundraiser tickets are to be turned in at our next mandatory booster meeting on August 2. If the fundraiser tickets are not returned, a player will not receive the same gifts as other players.
- Program Ads – Business and personal ads will be accepted through the end of July.
- Booster meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month to be held in the teachers lounge by the cafeteria. The next mandatory meeting will be August 2.
- Website – [www.bpblackhawksfootball.org](http://www.bpblackhawksfootball.org) - user friendly site and all dates will be updated in the near future. Board minutes will be posted to the website.
- Paul Studt is our sports photographer and these photos are posted on our website. You can go to his website also to download photos free of charge.
- All fundraising checks will be cashed on August 5.