

Minutes 1/16/2024

16 January 2024 / 7:00 PM / Rouse High School Athletic Study Hall

ATTENDEES

- Jaime Caro - President
- Alonzo Soliz - Vice President
- Suzie Meier - Secretary
- Jacqui Niedzwiedz - Treasurer
- Shannon Soliz - Concessions
- Coach Krampin
- Coach Perez
- Coach Lapaglia
- Wayne Lauritzen
- Multiple baseball parents (See below for list of attendees)

Motion to Start Meeting

- Motion to Start Meeting by Ashley Knight
- Seconded by Suzie Meier

AGENDA

1. Jaime Caro opened the meeting and got the motion to begin the meeting.
2. Wayne Lauritzen, Personal Trainer at Rouse, spoke first.
 - a. The personal trainers are there to help your child through any injury.
 - b. Notify Wayne and his team when your kid gets injured even if it's not at school
 - c. Wayne and his team work closely with specialists and physical therapists and can help get you in with the right person for your child's injury.

- d. Baseball players are typically seen in the athletic trainers office first thing in the morning so they do not miss the baseball period at the end of the day.
 - e. If your child has to go to the doctor, they need to have written documentation from the doctor that is handed into Wayne and his team before they will be released back to play that day.
 - f. Every follow up appointment needs documentation. The athletic trainers office has forms your child can grab before they go to the doctor.
 - g. Please do not send in a parent note. That will not be accepted.
 - h. All pitchers go through a post game pitching routine with the trainers the day after they pitch 30 or more pitches. This is typically done in the morning but if they are a PO and Coach says it is okay, they can go during practice.
3. Appointments – Coach Krempin
- a. Please do not take your child out of baseball period for appointments such as dentist appointments or other appointments like that during the Spring.
 - b. It is important kids are in practice every day during the Spring.
4. Spring Break – Coach Krempin
- a. The baseball players play through Spring Break.
 - b. They will have the Thursday through Sunday at the end of Spring Break off.
 - c. Please do not plan vacations over the first half of spring break.
5. Jacqui Niedzwiedz went through the budget.
- a. Financial Reports can be found on the website at rousebaseball.com
 - b. Treasurer's report for December 2023
 - i. Income in December was \$2,952.13.
 - ii. Expenses were \$1,669.15.
 - iii. Beginning balance on December 1 was \$50,173.02 in checking and \$959.63 in savings. Ending balance was \$52,415.75.
6. Suzie Meier spoke about Second Semester Player Fees
- a. The baseball program only receives \$7,000 from the district each year. We are responsible for maintaining the entire baseball area including field, dugouts, bull pens, batting cages, etc. That alone takes thousands of dollars. We are also responsible for purchasing and the upkeep of all equipment including bats, baseballs (which cost over \$100 per dozen right now), rapsodo,

etc. This all takes so much money which is why we have to ask for parents to chip in for player fees. We try to keep them as low as possible though.

b. We ask that each player pay a \$200 player fee for the second semester by January 31.

c. These fees cover:

- i. Baseballs
- ii. Volt App
- iii. 2 Caps
- iv. Protein Shakes and Bars
- v. Water and Gatorade throughout the season
- vi. Field Maintenance Costs
- vii. General Program Costs

d. Dues can be paid on the website or through Venmo.

7. Pancake Breakfast – Suzie Meier

a. Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, January 27 at Mighty Fine in Cedar Park, TX from 7:30am to 9:30am

b. Asking for all players to sell 10 tickets each at \$10/ticket.

c. Cash/Checks can be handed to Suzie by the boys at the beginning of the baseball period on Wednesday, January 24

d. Money can also be paid on the website via credit card or via Venmo.

e. All money must be turned in by 5:00pm on Wednesday January 24th! This is when we have to turn in the meal count to Mighty Fine.

f. Volunteer Schedule for Boys

- i. 7:15am to 8:00am – JV2
- ii. 8:00am to 8:45am – JV1
- iii. 8:45am to 9:30am – Varsity

8. Hit-A-Thon/Chicken Dinner – Suzie Meier

a. With the cornhole tournament being cancelled, we are bringing back the Hit-A-Thon/Chicken Dinner to help raise money.

b. It will be held on February 27

c. Boys are asked to get a minimum of \$25 in pledges to participate.

d. Chicken Dinners will be sold via pre-sales and can be picked up during the hit-a-thon.

e. Encourage parents and families to come and enjoy a chicken dinner while watching the hit-a-thon.

9. Tiffs Treats Fundraiser – Shannon Soliz

- a. Tiffs Treats Fundraiser will run February 4 through 17.
- b. We will receive 20% of all purchases made using the code we are given during that time.
- c. Great opportunity for Valentines gifts!

10.Sponsorships – Suzie Meier/Jeana Sanchez/Kathleen Forsell

- a. Jeana Sanchez and Kathleen Forsell have done a fantastic job leading our sponsorship committee this year!
- b. We have raised \$3,500 so far with more on the way!
- c. Varsity boys got into groups and went out to try to get sponsorships from local businesses.
 - i. Winners were Nathan Miller, Trey Schlueter and Dawson Snow
- d. Thank you to all who are trying to get sponsorships!

11.Booster Club Memberhips and Voting – Suzie Meier

- a. Thank you to those who have signed up as a 2023/2024 Booster Club Member!
- b. Voting occurred through a ballot sent through Stack Team App shortly after the meeting.
- c. Only paid booster club members can vote.
- d. Voting happened on 2 items
 - i. Purchase of 3 new Go Pro Max cameras and cords/accessories to be used by SHN to broadcast our Varsity home games.
 - ii. Purchase of a Junior Hack Attack Baseball Pitching Machine as well as 2 sets of extended leg kits.
 - iii. Voting closes the night of January 17th.

12.Player Meals – Shannon Soliz

- a. Player meals are optional but HIGHLY encouraged to make sure your son eats well before each game!
- b. Meals are provided before each week day game as well as on Saturdays when there are 2 or more games that day.
- c. Breakfast tacos are provided before early morning games.
- d. Estimated cost of meals this year is around \$320 which is about \$10/meal
- e. Meals are provided from a number of locations such as Chick-Fil-A, Tropical Smoothie, Sharks Burger, Canes and more!

13.Concessions – Shannon Soliz

- a. Concessions are our largest fundraiser and we need everyone's help to make it run!
- b. We ask every family to cover 3 shifts throughout the season.

- c. Once tryouts are done we will release a sign up genius allowing you to sign up for the 3 slots you would like.
- d. This will be available for a few days and then anyone who hasn't signed up will be assigned dates.
- e. You can have an older sibling (15 or older) or grandparent, friend, etc cover your shift for you.
- f. You can ask an NHS student to do it for you and we will sign their sheet for volunteer hours!

14. Practice Gear – Suzie Meier

- a. We will re-open the practice gear store for a few days after tryouts.
- b. A link will be sent out when the store opens.
- c. Be sure to order what you want because we won't carry extra inventory and the store won't be open again during this season.

15. Fan Gear – Jacqui Niedzwiedz

- a. We are working on Fan Gear for this season and hope to have the store open soon.
- b. Going through BSN this year using direct ship so it is shipped directly to you.
- c. We will not carry excess gear as we have nowhere to store it so make sure you purchase what you want when the online store is open!
- d. Store will stay open until the end of January and then allow 3 to 4 weeks for the items to arrive.

16. Team and Individual Photos – Suzie Meier

- a. We will be working with A2Z for our team and individual photos.
- b. JV2 and JV1 will have their photos taken at the start of the baseball period on Wed Feb 14
- c. Varsity and Seniors will have their photos taken at 10:00am on Monday, February 19
- d. Once the photos have been taken, A2Z will upload them online and give us a link where you can purchase the images you would like for download.

17. SHN & A2Z – Suzie Meier

- a. We are excited to be working with SHN again to provide our Varsity game live streams and with A2Z for all of our photos during the season!
- b. SHN provides a live feed of all our Varsity district games.

- c. A2Z provides action photos and videos during games throughout the season. This includes all Varsity district games and home district JV games.

18. Communications – Suzie Meier

- a. We communicate through Stack Team App and Email throughout the season
- b. Please be sure you are signed up for both!
- c. If you need to be added to email send Suzie an email with your information.
- d. For Stack Team App, download the app and search for Rouse Baseball in the app. Create an account (or login if you have one already) and choose Parents & Guardians as your group.
- e. Be sure to include who your child is so we can approve your request when it comes in.

19. Coach's Corner – Coach Krempin

- a. Tryouts
 - i. The weather on Friday and Saturday does not look good so the tryout schedule will go as follows:
 - 1. Friday, January 19 – at Rouse Baseball Field
 - a. Varsity – 2:00pm to 5:00pm
 - b. JVs (Freshmen through Juniors unless told otherwise by the coaches) – 2:00pm to 6:00pm
 - c. Those not currently in the baseball period – 4:00pm to 6:00pm
 - 2. Saturday, January 20 – at 180 Performance Center
 - a. Freshmen and Sophomores – 10:00am to 12:30pm
 - b. Juniors and Seniors (and anyone else specified by coaches) – 11:45am to 2:15pm
 - 3. Monday, January 22 – at Rouse Baseball Field
 - a. Varsity – 2:00pm to 5:00pm
 - b. JVs (Freshmen through Juniors unless told otherwise by coaches) – 2:00pm to 6:00pm
 - c. Those not currently in the baseball period – 4:00pm to 6:00pm
 - ii. Please note that you will be responsible for getting your child to and from 180 on Saturday.
 - iii. Please be sure your child dresses warm for the outside tryouts. We do not want kids getting injuries in the cold.

- iv. Please also send your child with snacks and water for tryouts.
- v. We want to try to make a decision on who will make a team on Tuesday. Actual teams won't be finalized for a few more weeks after that.
- vi. We try to keep as many kids as we can to give the most kids a chance to play.
- vii. Around 24 on Varsity and about 20 on each JV team.

b. Covered Cages

- i. In the past we wanted to work toward covered cages.
- ii. The cost is around \$100,000 for 2 covered cages. That does not seem to be worth it unless we can get a donor to cover the cost.
- iii. We currently rent cages at 180 when weather is bad. It costs about \$100/time so it would take us about 50 years to pay off the cost of the covered cages.

c. Grades

- i. It is up to the kids and parents to watch grades.
- ii. The boys are expected to pass.
- iii. If they don't they won't play.

d. Good Kids

- i. We have really good kids both in the classroom and on the field.
- ii. Proud of them and don't have to set a lot of rules.

e. Parent Rules

- i. Please don't get onto officials or coaches during the games or after the games.
- ii. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, please email your coach and set up a time to meet with them.
- iii. Understand that umps aren't good sometimes but it doesn't help to get on them during the games.
- iv. Understand that it is Varsity's job to win. The kids who give us the best chance to win will have the most play time.
 - 1. JVs are able to sub in more kids, but they still aim to play the kids who give them the best chance to win.

f. Preseason Ranking

- i. Proud to say that we are ranked #5 in the preseason!

- g. Coach Manny Perez was introduced. He is the Assistant Varsity Coach and is new this year.
- h. Coach Dan Lapaglia was introduced. He is the JV1 coach and has been with Rouse for several years.
 - i. He consistently leads the JV1 team to a district win most years.
- i. Coach Will Noble was not there but is the JV2 coach and has been with Rouse for a few years.
 - i. He as well leads his JV2 team to a district win most years.

MEETING ADJOURNED - Jaime Caro

- 1. Motion to Adjourn by Alonzo Soliz
- 2. Seconded by Becky Williams

LIST OF MEETING ATTENDEES

- 1. Trudi Komorn
- 2. Alex Sanchez
- 3. Jeana Sanchez
- 4. Bryan Hunt
- 5. Margo Hunt
- 6. Lauren Wood
- 7. Jody Wood
- 8. Brian Henderson
- 9. Rene Henderson
- 10. Lora Walker
- 11. Christine Hansanuwat
- 12. Chris Driskell
- 13. Niki Hodges
- 14. Larisa Respondek
- 15. Tori Kenney
- 16. Bryan Kenney
- 17. Kristen Sainz
- 18. Kelly Barber
- 19. Shane Barber
- 20. Darrin Glenn
- 21. Stacy Burrichter

22.Becky Williams
23.Marcus Hafner
24.Emily Hafner
25.Kathleen Forsell
26.Kenny Espinosa
27.Amanda Hawkins
28.Colby May
29.Andrew Bury
30.Chad Dye
31.Dustin Preston
32.Joe Castanon
33.Kendra Castanon
34.Ryan O'Neill
35.Chris Spates
36.Lisa Spates
37.Abby Sanchez
38.Jose Gaytan
39.Sis Gaytan
40.Jeff Ramsey
41.Cheryl Holbrook
42.Don Holbrook
43.Cindy Plante
44.Aaron Plante
45.Tara Hodgeson
46.CJ Hodgson
47.Clint Pruett
48.Nora Pruett
49.Ashley Knight
50.Oscar Salazar-Bueno
51.Estela Salazar
52.Steve Heinrich
53.Betsy Heinrich
54.Abby Greer
55.Clarissa Martinez
56.Annie Stoops
57.Jason Stoops
58.Stephen Schlueter
59.Annette Orlikowski

- 60.Chad Hoffman
- 61.Eric Nothnagel
- 62.Emily Barron
- 63.Lori Toungate
- 64.Julia Medina
- 65.Ana Gonzalez
- 66.Tom Ratej
- 67.Aravindan Jayaraman
- 68.Lisandro Zamora
- 69.Eloy Erives
- 70.Edith Erives
- 71.Jazzon Park
- 72.Chris Lundeen
- 73.Michelle Terbay