

Ponte Vedra Sharks Booster Club
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025-PVHS Media Center

Call to order by Sheila Rice at 6:34 PM

Attendance:

Sheila Rice- President, General Boosters
Steve Smith- Treasurer, General Boosters – Boys Volleyball
Tracy Strevia- Secretary, General Boosters
John Ward – VP, General Boosters
Mike Harrison- Athletic Director
Dawn Kroog – Sports Treasurer – Boys Basketball
Fiona Kimber- Girls Flag Football
Karen Macko/Lindsey Eipper – Cheer
Annie Hett – Boys and Girls Soccer
Erin Wolf – Dive and Swim, Beach Volleyball, Football, Weightlifting
Sharon Grant – Track and Field, Cross Country
Christina Felsing – Girls Basketball
Katie Sanfilippo – Dance
Bob Rubocki – Baseball, Softball
Colleen Sheehan – Boys and Girls tennis
Liz Owen – Boys and Girls Lacrosse

Officer Reports:

PRESIDENT- Sheila shared that only a few teams have taken advantage of the mini grant opportunity so far. The deadline to apply is April 30th, so there are still a few weeks left. Only three teams have submitted applications, and she encourages everyone to talk to their coaches about what needs to be done. Each sports program is eligible for a \$1000 grant. If a program includes both boys' and girls' teams sharing a budget, the total grant is \$1000. However, if the programs have separate budgets, each can receive \$1000. An online auction for parking spots will launch within the next week or so. General Boosters will auction off seven premium spots in the teacher parking lot, and the highest bidder will win each spot. This is ideal for younger drivers who prefer not to park at Davis or the church.

Looking ahead, planning for the next year's Booster Board has begun. There is one open position for Treasurer, and anyone interested is encouraged to apply. The board slate will be voted on in April.

Scholarship opportunity for Athletes:

- Creighton Funke Scholarship: Two \$5000 scholarships (one for a boy and one for a girl) are available to seniors. Details can be found in Shark Bytes.

Although the original deadline was in March, it has now been extended to April 15th. This is a fantastic opportunity for senior student-athletes.

It has been noted that female applicants have been significantly fewer than male applicants. Coaches and parents are encouraged to inform and motivate student-athletes to apply.

Financial – We currently have a strong financial standing with a balance of \$95, 500. Recent purchases have included mini grants for boys' volleyball and girls' weightlifting programs. General boosters have also purchased two pairs of Normatec leg sleeves for muscle recovery, which will be housed with our trainer, Sophia. Additionally, a camera will be purchased for Mike to film various athletic events and create highlight content to share.

The PTO has sent a letter advocating for our students in response to proposed bills in Tallahassee that could lead to significant cuts to programs at Ponte Vedra High School. Dr. Oberkehr spoke at the PTO meeting, passionately emphasizing the importance of community involvement to preserve the programs that make our high school a special place. Sheila urged the group to look into this subject in regards to the importance of your student and family and advocate as you see fit.

Director Report:

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR- Mike

Mike shared exciting news that the turf project is officially moving forward. After attending a workshop last weekend, the project was approved by the board, funding has been allocated, and the district has given the green light.

Originally, the groundbreaking date was scheduled for May 1st but due to multiple teams using the field during that time, the start date will likely shift to May 5th. The goal is to complete the project by August 1st. Mike and Rob Garcia will be visiting Birmingham to tour the manufacturing facility and review sample turf products. Once the final images are approved, they will be shared on social media.

The field sits on a swampy land, so proper drainage will be built in the design. The project is a \$1.5-2 million investment. The turf company being used, Sprint Turf, comes with a 10-year warranty and a 10-year maintenance plan, with an expected lifespan of 10-12 years. Areas that experience wear can be patched, and the underlying pad has a 25-year lifespan, which allows for two full turf cycles before replacement.

This upgrade will elevate our athletic facilities and help promote the school at a higher level.

Athletic Achievements:

Our sports teams have continued to excel:

- Boys basketball made it to the finals once again
- Cheer won the state championship
- Girls swim team secured a state championship
- Girls cross country also earned a state title
- Both lacrosse teams have a strong chance to making it to the finals in Naples

- Girls Flag football is ranked #1 in the region and #25 out of 400 teams in the state

Once the turf project is complete, the next step will be to explore additional improvement projects.

Liasons from all sports in attendance provided updates on their respective activities. For End of Year banquets, suggested venue options included The Yards, Marsh Landing, and The Plantation.

The next **General Boosters meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, May 6th** in the media center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.