



Sayre Parents Association
 Monthly meeting Minutes
 October 11, 2016

Attendees: Jill Kramer, Elizabeth Buckley Richardson, Bridget Williams, Julie Dunn, Stephanie Johnson, Marilee Varner, Kelli Hardemann Ellis, Saskia Wright, Diane Owens, Andrea Tew, Brady Nahra, Beth Hourigan, Kathryn Hill, Bev Porter, Dania Fakhoury, Teresa Villaran

0810 Call to Order

Athletic Director Rich Little Spoke to the group.

Rich explained to the group his vision for athletics at Sayre. He envisions working with students from lower school up, to create competitive students who use sports as an adjunct to the high quality academics here at Sayre. He has many plans for the SAC and sees it as an asset to the athletics program.

It's his hope that SPA will be able to help with the following:

1. Three sports banquets in November, March and May.
2. Help organize and provide greater opportunities for Sayre students in the younger grades to be active and engaged through internal and external programs. We discussed Intramural's, Friday afternoon activities, and maybe a buddy program where we would partner lower school and high school athletes together for spirit events.
3. Farm Days. Organizing parents to help with landscaping and facility enhancements at the Sports Complex would be a great community initiative. Maybe two or three a year. This could include adopting Canebrake Road, and helping to keep our road and entrance beautiful.
4. Ideas and support in building a playground for younger students and families.
5. Concessions! I did not get a chance to discuss this, but concessions are not open as much as we would like. We have numerous rentals, Middle School games and tournaments out there that could potentially raise money for SPA.

Dawn Klus Spoke to the group:

We are in the first year of our 7-year accreditation cycle with our governing body, and will be releasing a survey for parents and other Sayre community members to complete in early November. The greater the participation from everyone, the better information we will have to help us improve the school. The release date for the survey is Wednesday, November 2, and it will be conducted online.

Business meeting:

1. We discussed the success of the Fall Festival. Everyone enjoyed having it out at the SAC.
2. We discussed ways to improve the Fall Festival.
3. The Fall Festival did make money for Sayre Parents Association, so we are now doing better financially than when we started the school year.
4. We discussed the Chili Supper and volunteer opportunities for this. It will be held in conjunction with Meet the Spartans on November 14.
5. We discussed the fall sports banquet, which will be held October 25. This is the first sports banquet held with all teams. Rich Little has asked that Sayre Parents Association help with supplies. The Hospitality committee and Valerie Calloway will be coordinating this. Any donations are welcome.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 0950.

