

Estill County Athletics Booster Club Discussion - 6/22 @ ECHS 6 pm

Parent Representatives: Beth O'Hair (Soccer, Football, Track), Matt Hall (Football, Baseball, Soccer, Archery), Courtney Worley (Girls Basketball), Andar Niece (Football, Basketball, Baseball)

Coaches: Jordan Marcum (Football)

Administrators: Josh Yost, and Austin Moore

School Board Member: Tammy Hardy

A discussion was had about correcting issues the school is having with external booster clubs. Problems included Title IX inequities, lack of oversight, budgetary planning, overspending/underspending, as well as booster clubs not meeting their requirements.

The discussion shifted to one large booster account, encompassing all sports/activities. There were lots of concerns brought about by the group about the system being complicated, or monies raised by one group, being utilized by other groups. The discussion shifted to a 501(c)(3) type organization that would encompass all sports under one group/board, but with sub-accounts for each individual sport/activity. The group was much more receptive to this idea and would like to continue discussing this option. Benefits of making this change included: parents not having to work concession stands, the introduction of an Estill County Hall of Fame, and the removal of certain redbook restrictions. The group was very receptive to helping to support less funded sports, as well as improving the Title IX inequities that are in existence, and are in favor of continuing discussions to solve these issues.

The group was informed that regardless of the direction of our athletic booster clubs, changes would be absolutely necessary. These changes include: notifying ECHS of a list of booster officers, an approved budget submitted in an appropriate time, as well as monthly reports turned into the school bookkeeper if these external booster clubs were to remain in their current format.

A larger meeting involving more coaches, and parents will be conducted at a later date, possibly in the month of July.

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