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Purpose and Function of Booster Clubs

A **booster club** is defined as an organization that is formed to help support the efforts of a sports team or organization. Support is shown in many ways, including volunteering time, raising money, and contributing funds to better enhance the team or organization's performance.

Another definition is a **booster club** provides enthusiastic support of a team or organization. This type of support is much like emotional or psychological parental support, but is given in a collective manner. Booster clubs may play a key role in supporting Riverview activities in many ways, and we are very thankful for the positive contributions booster clubs will provide to our programs.

Booster clubs may raise money by printing promotional items like team schedules, programs, and team yearbooks. Booster clubs can financially support the program by providing additional funding for events, such as pre- or post-game dinners or social events during the season. Booster clubs may perform, meet, or organize in any way, in accordance with the above stated definition, that supports or boosts the program they are formed to support.

It is the charge of the principal and the Athletic Director at Riverview Junior-Senior High School to ensure that booster clubs operate within their defined parameters.

Booster groups can also include any parental or alumni support group that provides services, funds, and/or equipment for a school district-sponsored program in nonathletic domains such as academics, interscholastic cocurricular and extracurricular programs, and home and school associations.

Recognition

Booster groups shall apply for recognition from the Board. A booster group, in order to be recognized, must conduct its activities in a manner that is consistent with the philosophy, mission and objectives of the district. A booster group, in order to gain recognition of the Board, must comply with the following guidelines:

1. Present to the Board a list of its officers and a set of bylaws or similar rules governing the activities of the organization. The bylaws or similar rules must be consistent with the philosophy, mission and policy of the district.

2. Agree that it will comply with all district policies relating to booster groups, as well as with the P.I.A.A. and W.P.I.A.L. rules and regulations, and any other governing body regulating the activity which the booster group is organized to support.
3. Comply with any other guidelines which the Board may adopt from time to time relevant to the booster groups.
4. Comply with all relevant state and federal laws.

Only those booster groups that have received recognition by the Board shall be eligible to work with the respective district activity which it is sponsoring and receive the district's cooperation and assistance in its activities. Only recognized groups may use the Riverview School District name, logo (or likeness, whether past or present), or other indication of affiliation.

Consent for such use must be provided by the school district administration.

Continued Recognition

In order for a booster group to receive continued recognition by the school district, that group, upon request by the Superintendent or the Board, must:

1. Annually submit a plan of activities, a list of officers, and a proposed budget. The plan shall, at a minimum, outline the proposed fundraising activities, the specific purposes of the fundraising activities, and any other major expenditures.
2. File an annual accounting of expenditures for the prior year. This report shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee.
3. Rollover all funds from year to year.

For the purposes of this section, **year** shall mean the school year commencing July 1 and continuing to June 30 of the following year. The information provided to the district pursuant to this provision will eliminate duplication of services, as well as enhance the operations of the sponsored activity.

Fundraising

Booster groups are connected with the Riverview School District for the purpose of providing ancillary money and/or services to school teams or other school-sponsored activities. If an organization or team associated with the Riverview School District has funds allocated in the district's annual budget, the Board will not entertain any requests for additional funding.

Fundraising activities by booster groups shall be approved by the building principal and Superintendent. Fundraising shall only be approved for the types of activities set forth herein and only if the booster group is in compliance with all of the requirements of this policy. Permissible fundraising activities shall be for the following purposes:

1. Supplement equipment, supplies and programs for individual schools with the advice and approval of the Superintendent or designee.
2. Supplement equipment, supplies and programs for the various interscholastic cocurricular and extracurricular athletic programs within the school district with the advice and approval of the Superintendent or designee.
3. Support district student scholarships.
4. Supplement the school libraries with books, magazines, computer and other library materials approved by the building principal.

5. Provide assembly programs for the student body.
6. Provide for programs, admission fees or other costs on an as-needed basis to children to take part in field trips and other school-related activities.
7. Support staff recognition activities or related special occasions.
8. Support in-school student social and/or holiday activities.
9. Provide financial support for ancillary groups which are related to the major activity of the booster group.
10. Provide other types of activities with approval of the Superintendent.

Student Participation in Fundraising

Students will not be permitted to participate in any fundraising activities unless they are in compliance with the following requirements:

1. The booster group has been recognized by the district.
2. The fundraising activity has been approved as required by the provisions of this policy.
3. The booster group is in compliance with, and has abided by, all the rules, regulations and policies of the district relating to booster groups and fundraising activities.
4. There are no restrictions on the participation of any student in the activities of the booster group or benefits of the booster group (i.e., banquets) if that student does not achieve a certain fundraising goal.
5. If, for any reason, a trip is cancelled, no money may be refunded to individual students or their parents/guardians unless the money paid by parent/guardian was to be used specifically for the purpose of paying for the trip.

Local Option Small Games of Chance Act

Small games of chance or lotteries shall not be permitted, except as expressly outlined below, and as permitted by the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance Act. In order for a booster group to conduct small games of chance, the following must occur:[1][2]

1. The booster group must be recognized by the Board. In order to achieve such, recognition must be in full compliance with all the provisions of this policy.
2. The group is responsible for remaining in compliance with applicable laws and regulations as to permit approval.

Violation

Booster groups that violate this policy, in the sole discretion of the Board, may have their recognition revoked or suspended by the Board.

Chain of Command

Concerns/Issues of members of booster groups should first be directed through the coach or activity sponsor, next to the Athletic Director, then to the respective building principal, and finally to the Superintendent.

Legal

1. 10 P.S. 328.101 et seq

2. 61 PA Code 901.701

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