

Football Parents Club Meeting  
May 11, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Center Grove High School Outdoor Locker Facility

Business Items:

- The meeting was called to order by Larry Heydon.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 13, 2011 meeting minutes.
- Larry Calvert provided a year to date update to the treasurer's report. Briefly discussed the school board decision on coaches' stipends and how the club can help supplement those stipends. At this time, we are still awaiting a final decision as to what involvement the club can have in these payments.
- Pat O'Brien discussed sponsorship levels and our sponsorship goals for this year. The spring pizza sales fell approximately \$5,000 short of our budget; therefore, additional sponsorships will be needed in order to cover this shortfall. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for sponsorship inclusion in the program. Sponsorship packages were provided, but everyone was reminded that any sponsorship amount will be accepted. Please try to get as many sponsorships in during the months of June and July. This money will be greatly needed this year due to the decrease in funding from the school board.
- Pay-to-Participate – A brief discussion was held as to the requirements of the pay-to-participate plan from the school board. Details have yet to be released, although they are anticipated prior to our next club meeting. The understanding at this time is that there will be a cap of \$525 per family, per year; any kids that qualify for a free or reduced lunch will not be required to pay the fee. The club has specifically requested that they become aware of any kids that will not be participating in football due to this new pay-to-participate policy, as scholarships may be provided to those kids in order to ensure their participation.

Discussion Points:

- 7 on 7 – Cindy Adams spoke to the group regarding the upcoming 7 on 7 tournament that will be taking place at the Bantam Football Fields on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 32 schools will be participating in this tournament and it is important that this fundraiser run smoothly so that we can continue to hold this fundraiser in future years. Dozens of volunteers are needed to ensure its success (a volunteer sheet was sent around). Bantam parents have agreed to help staff this tournament, but we need to make sure we have ample support from the club as well.
- Physicals will be available at the high school on May 12, 2011 for only \$20. Remember that you must pre-register for the physicals (there may still be time to register on the morning of the physicals). The proceeds from these physicals are used to support the training program. Remember that all physicals are due by August 1<sup>st</sup> and must be completed on the form found on the high school athletic page website.

Coach Moore:

- The class meetings have been held. If there are any kids that would still like to play football, but have not attended any of the meetings or training sessions they need to talk with Coach Moore immediately. The roster for the fall season will be prepared within the next week or so.

- Regarding the helmet study that was released by the Virginia Institute of Technology this week, Center Grove will not have any players in the Riddell helmet that was rated with only 1 star (VS4). Although there is some speculation that this study may not be accurate, parents should be assured that our football program is replacing all of its remaining VS4 helmets (only about 10). The players will be wearing Riddell Revolution helmets (Revo, Revo IQ, and Revo Speed) as they have in the past.
- The team may participate in a one day team camp at a college. Many of the colleges are offering exceptionally good deals for one day team participation and this would be a good experience for the team. Any participation will be at a minimal expense to parents.
- If players will be participating in other camps this summer, it is recommended that you discuss those camps with Coach Moore to ensure that they are relevant. Also recommend that any attendance at other camps be kept to weekends so that it does not impact Center Grove football practices and workouts.
- Remember that finals are quickly approaching. It is very important that the players stay focused on school in order to maintain their eligibility for the fall season. Make sure they don't do anything stupid in these last few weeks that would jeopardize their fall season!
- Character meetings are still taking place for all players, so please make sure everyone is attending.
- Briefly discussed Indy Star article regarding additional 6A class for football playoffs. Coach explained that this new class system would have very little effect on Center Grove as we would still play roughly the same schools as we have in the past. In any event, any changes would not take place for 2 years.

Our next Parent Club meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Larry Heydon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Austin  
Recording Secretary