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Hello all! We had a great round table chat with Steve White, ORHS AD, this morning in the Athletics office. Thank you Steve and I apologize to those who tried to join remotely, the Zoom did not launch properly due to technical "host" issues with the meeting invite and a recent software upgrade. Though impossible to capture all of the collaborative conversation, here is a brief recap:

Steve gave a brief historical explanation of how the Oak Ridge Sports Boosters Club has evolved from a few individually organized team parent groups in the late 90's to the single centrally organized business, run by parent volunteers for the support and benefit of all teams, that it is today. Through its' economies of size and scale, the club processes the significant **majority** of financial transactions for all teams composed of over 1500 student athletes with just a comparatively few parent volunteers. Though never presented to be perfect nor completely developed, it's processes and organization are very efficient. It would be difficult if not completely impractical and unwieldy to either run the business through existing staff or through a multitude of individual team parent groups. Without the direct financial support from families through the Sports Boosters Club, Oak Ridge Athletics would be a very very very small shadow of the current program offering. The efforts of parent volunteers at the team level and at the ORSB Board of Directors level are equally important, both together make up the "Boosters" and are required for the organization to work! Admittedly, the function, structure and relationship between team and ORSB Board, to other parent groups (eg The ORHS Foundation) and EDUHSD is complex and somewhat complicated to explain to the typical large audience gatherings. It is presented at every seasonal sports parent night meeting in the general and team gatherings, to the extent that time provides, along with the volumes of other important information; It is common for it to take multiple years for the message to go from hearing to learning to knowledge. Ultimately all agreed, it is only through direct involvement that an individual parent understand the "why and how it works". That said, We collectively will continue to work to improve the quality of the message and share the Club's mission, purpose and importance of ORSB team and BOD parent volunteers, at all gatherings; the large general meetings, small team meetings, and at the game in the bleachers and the parking lot tailgates ;-).

Sports Boosters' mission is to compliment the Oak Ridge academic program through the pursuit of athletic excellence. ORSB is specifically chartered to provide financial and organization support benefitting all teams of the Oak Ridge Athletics Program. ORSB is a tax-exempt non-profit 501(c)3 small business in good standing with the California Franchise Tax Board and United States Internal Revenue Service.

Go Trojans! bw

On Jan 19, 2023, at 4:11 PM, William Wagner <willia.wagner7988@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Steve White has extended an invitation for us to meet with him on Friday, February 10th at 11am in the Athletics Office, zoom for those who are not able to attend in person, see below.

The primary purpose and topic of the meeting is to hear from Steve his perspective on ORSB: the role the club plays in supporting Athletics at Oak Ridge High School and the importance of parent volunteers at all levels.

Thank you all for the time and energy you invest into supporting our student athletes and the whole Oak Ridge Community.

Go Trojans! Bill

Bill Wagner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: AD Meeting :ORSB

Time: Feb 10, 2023 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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