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Dear FX Parents,

As the jump rope representative to the Board, I wanted to write to provide you with an update on the Youth Sports Booster Club activity.

As of late, there has been some confusion and question regarding the proceedings and decisions being made by the Board. Let me just say that the mission of the Board is to fundraise so that no athlete will be excluded based on lack of available funds. We meet bi-weekly to discuss fundraising and the various opportunities available to us, but a great deal of time has been spent to date conducting housekeeping items to get the organization off the ground such as establishing a communication and financial structure, completing required IRS and State paperwork, and developing operating policies.

JUMP ROPE FUNDRAISING

To those of you new to the team, I'm sure it seems as if we are constantly fundraising, which is, for the most part, true. What you may not be aware of though is that with a team as large as ours, we would need approximately \$50,000 just to send the team to *one* of our national competitions. I'm sure you will agree that's a lot of money! Not to mention that there are two major national competitions and a world-wide competition held every other year.

Our current account balance is \$1,384.84 which does not include the proceeds of the Poker Run or poinsettia sales, but does reflect the purchase of the new team bags. Upcoming fundraisers for 2010 include gym-wide cook book sales (where we will collect recipes to be printed in cook book form and then sold), the golf tournament, cookie sales, and volunteer work at the Nissan Pavilion which apparently can provide opportunities to earn large sums. For FX only though, we have approval for a bake sale, and donut sales. Another Avon sale may also be in the future which provides a great opportunity for us. Please, if you have ideas, submit them to me and I will present them to the Board for approval.

The Board is currently discussing an Opt-Out Agreement which would be provided for those who do not wish to fund raise. Basically, it works like this: an agreement is signed which relinquishes the booster club from providing any fundraising proceeds to your child and a fee is then assessed and paid. Details on this agreement should be available soon. Also, we are in preliminary discussions regarding families who do not wish to opt-out but would like to make donations in lieu of participating in specific fundraisers.

If you have any questions on these items, please feel free to see me at the gym or e-mail me.

REPRESENTATION/COMMUNICATION

The Board is comprised of its officers and one team representative, a team chairman, from each team. The jump rope team is fortunate to have representation from three parents on the Board: Karla Thompson is our Vice-President. (She is also serving as the team representative to the Gold Team, a position that is currently vacant.) Melanie (my wife) is the Board Secretary and I'm your team representative.

Currently, we have been working to develop a communication strategy to keep the membership families informed as to our work. I will be providing a periodic update to you regarding items of importance to our team. There is a booster club page on the Youth Sports website that is being developed, a bulletin board that will have meeting minutes posted located in the gym, and a newsletter is in production that will be distributed to all.

Thanks for indulging me—I promise my next message will not be so “wordy”. I look forward to working with you all during the 2010 season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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