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News from the Guilford Central School Athletic Committee

BY DIANE [REDACTED]

Our first priority when forming our committee was to review our existing program. After doing so we determined that there were NOT adequate funds to support a viable program. We were running a bare bones budget with limited oversight. There had been no budgetary guidelines or consistent management of money. Some games had no scheduled referees. We discovered that we had a couple of very dedicated coaches that had not only volunteered their time, but also their money to purchase equipment and uniforms and had been maintaining the fields at their own cost when there was no money in the budget to do so. Also the athletic director position was in flux.

We needed to resolve the past financial issues and create a plan to improve and fund our sports program and determine the realistic cost of running this program. After coming up with a no frills figure we set a goal of how much money we would try to raise through fundraising and also presented a proposal to the school board in hopes of getting them to approve a line item in the school's budget for the athletics program.

We set a goal to raise \$2,000 from January to June this year. We need to raise money for: referees, umpires, equipment such as bats, balls, bases, field maintenance, uniform jerseys, pants and hats, first aid kits, water, port-a-potties, and tournament fees.

LET THE FUNDRAISING BEGIN!

November 12th, we helped with the Ski & Skate Sale, which once again was successful, and profited \$1933 for the athletics

program. We look forward to being much more involved next year.

We had our first bake sale (by donation) at the Brattleboro Outlet Center on November 27th. We had great support from parents and students volunteering time and baked goods. We raised \$375.

We have sold raffle tickets for a quilt that students and parents made. This fundraiser ran from February 3rd to May 12th, and finished with a big, celebratory picnic and pickup games.

We are also now in charge of the Candy Bar fundraiser that was started in September. We are selling the remaining bars, and are in the process of collecting the money from the bars that have already been sold. This fundraiser was to raise money for new soccer jerseys for the girls' and boys' middle school teams.

We appreciate all of the support that we have received from students, parents, and faculty, especially Bev Kerber and John Gagnon.

We have been very lucky to have Tony [REDACTED] the newly hired Sports Coordinator, working with us and helping us to meet our goals. He has given us much greatly appreciated guidance. He is a wonderful addition to our school.

We have put up a bulletin board in the lunch room (next to the drink machine). Please take time to take a look at it. We will post all sports news, photos, team sign-ups, game schedules, fundraising news, schedules of events, and meetings there. Check it out!

We welcome all of you to come to our

meetings, which are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the school cafeteria, at 6 p.m.

So, as you can see, since our committee was formed in October 2005, we have been very busy in our efforts to improve and fund our athletic program here at Guilford Central School.

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