

Bell Baseball Booster Club Meeting Notes

The Meeting began at 6:30 pm on January 31, 2018 in the Team Room.

Fundraiser: Josh Dent

This fundraiser will kick off Monday, February 5th and will go for 3 weeks.

Each Player will provide 20 emails, prior year emails will regenerate

Average donation is \$40, if you cannot donate share it on other social media outlets

LD Bell Baseball will keep 80% of the money collected and the organization putting the fundraiser on will keep 20% which is used for administration of the site, securing the financial site, building the video and pictures which drives people to the site.

Coach Gibson:

Congratulations on Making the Team!

There are many opportunities tonight to join Booster Club, purchase Merchandise, Media Ads, Bricks..... which all may seem overwhelming but let me share some of the Financial Obligations of the Program.

District Provides:

- \$2,500 allowance each year which basically pays for the game balls needed
- \$3,200 Uniform Allowance every 3 years

Expenses to be incurred by the Booster Club:

- \$2,500 Hotels for the Varsity Tournament in Round Rock, Texas
- \$4,500 Field Maintenance to fixing low spots on fields, home plate, base paths etc
- \$4,000 Additional Uniform Expense

Expenses to be incurred by Player:

- \$25 Hats
- \$10 Practice Shirts or Shorts
- \$15 Sweats – Top or Bottoms
- \$75 New Balance Cleats for JV or \$125 Adidas Cleats for Varsity

Notification of Rules for the Players:

- Show Up On Time – every day and that does not mean coming through the gate Discipline: Run 6 poles
- Be Properly Suited Out - proper color hat and shirt posted in advance Discipline: Run 6 poles an item
- Facial Hair – off collar, above the ear lobe, side burns will have a daily check Discipline: Run 6 poles
- Excused Absence – Coaches decision if he is ready to play after missing practice; Not in trouble
- Unexcused Absence – Player will be sitting
- Have your son communicate with the coach; communication is the key. If you call the office to report and absence you also need to send an email or text to the Coach as those messages do not filter to the Coach otherwise
- Playing time –If you want to have this conversation it is going to be a short one. Parent perspective wants what is best for their son and Coach wants what he sees is best for the program
- Be Positive – You might not always agree with decisions made by the coaching staff but please keep these things to yourself and do not share with your player. Spreading negativity is not helping anyone. Not everyone is going to be happy but this is a proven coaching staff as they have won 200 more games than they have lost.
- No coaching from the bleachers or on deck circle, let your players be focused on the game

- Cage area on the other side of the dugout is off limits this area is reserved for players, coaches, coaches families and administration
- After game conversations – win or lose this is not the time to address anything with the coaching staff. It is always best to calm down and get the facts before speaking. Please allow the player to address the issue first as the coaching staff has an open door policy but ordinarily your player already knows what is going on. The exception to this would be if an injury has occurred.
- Bus – Players go on the bus as a team and come home together as a team unless there is an emergency exception
- Spring Break – we play ball!
 - o JV White and Blue Mon game, Tues & Wed off, Thur practice and Fri game
 - o Varsity , Mon practice, Tues game, Wed & Thur practice, Friday game, Saturday practice
- Final Thoughts - Work Hard / Control Effort & Body Language / Can Not Control Umpires or Coaches Decisions

Packet Information (Dean Sifuentes) – We have parent volunteers stationed around the room to handle the following items:

- Varsity Player Profiles (Program Guide) – Mary Bernhardt
- Memberships – Kathy Schackman
- Sponsorship – Terry Plunkett and Rick Gould (signs in front of bleachers)
- First Pitch Dinner – February 16th at Gene A. Buinger/Tech Center – deadline to pay and RSVP is February 9th
- Sign Up Genius – Lacy Buynak this will be for Concessions, Scoreboard, Grill and Varsity Dinners
- Spirit Wear – Amy Ruby and Vanessa Ornelas

Social Media:

- Website – ldbellbaseball.net
- Facebook – L.D. Bell Blue Raider Baseball
- Twitter – LDBellBaseball

Open Discussion:

- Please log your Volunteer Hours as the District pays Bell for hours worked
- Take pictures of your player you will need to provide 4 for the end of year Banquet

Upcoming Dates:

- February 16th – First Pitch Dinner
- February 22nd – 24th – Thursday- Saturday
 - Varsity – Rock Hardball Classic, Round Rock
 - JV Blue – JV Viking Tournament, Lamar High School
 - JV White – H.E.B. First Pitch Classic Tournament, Bell Host
- March 1st – 3rd – Thursday – Saturday
 - Varsity – Blue Raider Classic Tournament, Bell Host
 - JV Blue – Birdville JV Tournament, Birdville / Haltom
 - JV White – Irving –Nimitz JV Classic, Irving / Nimitz
- March 7th – Next Booster Club Meeting
- March 8th – 10th Thursday – Saturday
 - Varsity – Arlington Heights Classic Tournament, AHHS / Paschal
 - JV Blue – H.E.B. JV Classic Tournament, Bell Host
 - JV White – Richland JV Tournament, Richland
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