

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



## JR PANTHERS

**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Round Table Pizza (9055 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd)

### BOARD MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>
Ricky Arbolante	President	X
Jewel Grossi	Vice President of Cheer	
Greg Small	Vice President of Football	X (left at 8:31 PM)
Kim Pettigrew	Secretary	X
Vanessa Bryan	Treasurer	X
Rania Tolba	Registrar	X
Kurt Halferty	Game Day Coordinator	X
Gwen Ramirez	Snack Bar Coordinator	X
Kim Cleveland	Boosters & Merchandise Coordinator	X
Vacant	Photography Coordinator	
Rachelle Hudson	Sponsorship & Fundraising Coordinator	X
Richard Vanderzanden	Equipment Coordinator	X
Michael Henderson	Medical Coordinator	X
Megan Cooper	Volunteer Coordinator	X
Vanessa Dela Cruz	Marketing & Media Coordinator	X
Vacant	Events Coordinator	
Jason Tenner	High School Football Liaison	X
Marco Hanan	High School Football Liaison	
Rachel Ito	High School Cheer Liaison	X

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Park Jr. Panthers was duly called on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:31 PM. Ricky Arbolante, President, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the individuals listed above.

#### i. GUESTS

1. The following members of the community were present: Stacey Larsen, Dawna Brewer, Mike Brewer, Aaron Slavik, Angela Pappas, Richard Pappas, Laura Gould, Daniel Grossi, Joe Ramirez, Melinda Mitchell, Brittany Short, and Colleen Busch.

### II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Richard to review football uniforms and provide a follow up regarding amount to be laundered.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The first half of the open forum began with public comments from members of the community.
  - i. Each guest was given a 3–5-minute opportunity for comments to ensure everyone is heard.
  - ii. Questions from guests and responses by the board to be made available in future meeting minutes.

- iii. Guests were given the option to submit additional comments via email to which full statement be made available in future meeting minutes.
- iv. Guests were asked to state their name before making comments.
- v. Printed copies of comments were passed around by guests during the open session.
- vi. Comments were made on behalf of a few members of the community unable to attend the open session.
- b. After comments were made, guests asked about the next steps.
  - i. The response was that nothing would be decided tonight and that a full investigation would take place. In the meantime, Jewel is on administrative leave and Greg would continue to assume VP of cheer duties until after the review is completed.

#### **IV. REPORTS (open session)**

- a. Ricky Arbolante:
  - i. SYF President meeting updates:
    - 1. 2025 Rule book has been updated on SYF website.
    - 2. Coaches' clinic is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> and includes board members, coaches, etc.
      - a. South to be held at Casa.
      - b. North to be held at Foothill.
    - 3. Permits have been submitted.
    - 4. Onsite container is still with the district pending approval.
    - 5. New board members and coaches need to be badged and fingerprinted.
      - a. Photos for badges should be emailed to Ricky.
- b. Greg Small:
  - i. Cheer updates:
    - 1. Greg to assume VP of cheer duties until investigation is complete.
    - 2. Positive feedback regarding tryouts.
    - 3. Athletes will be notified of team placement Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - 4. Athletes will be placed on age-appropriate teams.
    - 5. Rachel confirmed no cuts.
  - ii. Football updates:
    - 1. Evaluations begin on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - 2. Greg asked for board help with check-ins.
    - 3. Greg confirmed SYF waivers to be turned in on day one of evaluations.
    - 4. Greg confirmed there will be cuts at 12u level.
    - 5. Equipment check-out tentatively scheduled for last week of June.
    - 6. Quote for practice lights is \$18k. Last year it was around \$22k.
- c. Kim Pettigrew:
  - i. The open session officially ended at 7:33 PM, with the board taking a 5-minute break.
  - ii. The closed session was called to order at 7:40 PM.
    - 1. A member of the community was present.

#### **V. REPORTS (closed session)**

- a. Ricky Arbolante:
  - i. SYF President meeting updates (dates/location subject to change):
    - 1. Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamboree @ Oakmont (Korsen Classic)
    - 2. Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – SYF Jamboree @ Pleasant Grove
    - 3. Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Practice schedule changes due to H.S. back to school night.
    - 4. Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Out of league pre-season game @ Benecia
    - 5. Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jr Panther night at H.S.

6. Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Preseason game @ Highlands
  7. Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – Home game vs. Vacaville
  8. Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Away @ American Canyon
  9. Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Away @ Pleasant Grove
  10. Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Away @ Franklin
  11. Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – SYF Cheer Qualifies @ Oak Ridge H.S.
  12. Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Elk Grove
  13. Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Monterey Trail
  14. Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – No practice due to H.S. event
  15. Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Del Campo
    - a. H.S. has an event – WPJP needs to find a new location.
    - b. Email Ricky with ideas (American River College, Bayside Church – Granite Bay, Sierra College)
  16. Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – SYF Playoffs – Round 1
    - a. 1 vs. 4 (Elk Grove)
    - b. 2 vs. 3 (Monterey Trail)
  17. Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – SYF Playoffs – Round 2
  18. Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – SYF Cheer Championship @ William Jessup
  19. Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – SYF Football Championship @ Del Campo (CVC vs. EAL)
  20. Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – All-star practice
  21. Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – All-star game
  22. Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – Shrine bowl
  23. Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – Pig Bowl – Sacramento (Guns & Hoses)
- ii. Ricky provided an update on All-star and Shrine bowl dates:
    1. August – Player deadline for All-star (Cheer and Football)
    2. September – Announce 8<sup>th</sup> graders for Shrine bowl.
    3. October – Shrine bowl player meeting.
  - iii. Ricky provided an update on insurance renewal from 8 teams back to 4.
- b. Vanessa Bryan:
    - i. Vanessa asked H.S. about 2024 Jr Panther night invoice.
      1. Tenner to follow up.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The board also discussed the following:
  - i. Bylaws with redline changes/comments/suggestions still need to be circulated.
  - ii. Outlining a process for families to make formal complaints or suggestions to the program.
- b. The board conversation shifted to discuss revisit accusations brought forth during the open session.
- c. A board member then motioned to approve current VP of cheer out as a coach and board member. Another board member seconded the motion.
  - i. By a vote of 8 to 3, VP of cheer was voted out as a member of the board and coach.
    1. Two abstained votes
    2. Two board members not present
    3. One vacant position
    4. H.S. liaisons do not have voting rights.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

- a. The next monthly board meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Round Table Pizza, 9055 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:17 PM.

PREPARED BY: Kim Pettigrew, Secretary  
APPROVED BY: