

Debbie Braymer:

What does the Booster club do?

School based, parent and student organization by recognizing students that have good schools academics, activities for their club association, which helps them to see that we are supporting them, and that we don't only focus on the athletics, and we don't only focus on the leadership kids or the dance troop, we have a way to spent some with the chess club and the debate group, the astrology club, so we try to focus in many as we can, and this year we had the opportunity to recognize a little over a thousand students in here at Century High School.

What were the goals for this year?

It was a big tackle this year because of the fact that we knew that teacher were working without contracts and we were dealing with issues that the school board that was looking at, we were looking at big challenges, so we needed to keep the spirit going, so we act a supportive group to the teacher and the staff here at Century, and also supporting the kids 'cause we realized that it was going to be a tough year for all them, not only the seniors, but all of the students. So that was our main goal to recognize as many kids and be as much as player in the whole unit of Century High School for teachers, staff, and students.

Where you able to accomplished them all?

Actually, the goals that we set at the beginning of this year now, we are now just evaluating, and we feel very confident to say that we accomplished everything we tried to do. Even through with the difficulty with the budget concerns and seventeen cut days, we still were able to assist the teachers and a lot of their programs, and supporting them a lot, and also we were able to recognized over 50 percent of our students just about so we are pretty proud about that.

Did Measure 28 affect you in a way?

Well, we are a parent organization so what we needed to do was to give a little bit more of our volunteering and energy. So the effects we felt in a way was that there was more hard work for us because we wanted to make sure that we had an opportunity to feel strongly that we were supporting and helping Century students and their staff, but financially we are not depended of any kind of finances from outside, our membership dues and our booster wall fund, and merchandise sale is what generates the funds that we have.

Do you see any strengths and weaknesses in Century?

I think that the weakness we had previously was the size, I think it was a difficult thing for us always, as a community group and as a parent group, to deal with such as a large group of kids, well over our estimated amount of students initially. Although now with Liberty opening on the fall, I think that's going to be anticipated and now there will be able to have a manageable group of kids that they can actually work with, and the kids are going to benefit from that too in a lot of ways. The strength from that, though its that we had tremendous dynamics in a lot

of the courses and the classes we were able to offer here, and Booster club was able to participate in many different programs and facilitating whether to sell a t-shirt, or just showing up in a meeting, or providing water to a track team, or bags of chips and Cheetos that you need to take in the bus when you are driving to Salem for a debate. So I think those kinds of things that we have so many diverse opportunities may not be there next year as we are working with a smaller skill down situation, so the pros and the cons of a big size school are both evident.

Is there going to be a Booster club in Liberty?

Liberty will start their own; it may not start this first fall as an organized booster club, just like Century did, the kids that were interested in creating the booster club here at Century when we first opened, started getting together and formulating a mission and formulating the bylaws, and I assumed that Liberty will be doing the same thing. I'm hoping they will be able to take some of the information that we have and willing to meet with the interested families and adults that are going to start up Liberty if they any assistance and taking from our information that we have, and the Glencoe parents I'm sure that they are going to assist them and helping them. Their Booster club or parent club has been in existence since Glencoe first opened, so I feel very positive that Liberty it's going to start up with a good size club and organization and might take all of the paper work part of it done.

Are you going to still help Century with the Booster club next year?

I resigned as a president, the third of June of this year, a new president, vice-president, secretary and treasury will be coming in, but during the summer I do need and we have paper work that we still need to do, and everybody here knows me and have my telephone number, I still live in the area, although my daughter it's moving on to collage in fall and I don't have any other children in Century I find myself still feel involved in it.

Do you think that you daughter had many opportunities here at Century High school that she might not have had in other places?

I think any High school would have offered her the same things, I do appreciate the diversity of courses offered here at Century and I think it was very interesting, there were some AP classes that she had an opportunity to take that were not available in other school in Hillsboro, and I'm a firm believer in the block schedule, and it would be terrible if they ever change it and going to a different format, and I think the kids benefit tremendously, by having a class by an hour and a half, which gives the opportunity to them to finish part of their homework, to ask question when they are stumped and to involve on some of the courses, I believe that It's a long time when the class work isn't interested enough but that's the teacher job. It doesn't have to do with the kids, if the class work is done nicely in the curriculum, so I think that an hour and a half it's just barely enough time to get some things accomplished. So I think my daughter had an opportunity in the last four years to benefit from that block system, and I'm hopeful that it's going to stay always for the other kids in the area.

Variety of Classes
Block Schedule

Something to add:

great
kids

I think that the kids in here are terrific, whether they are kids that are managing to make it through school, there are plenty at school that are graduating with a 4.0 GPA, the dynamics and diversity within the school is exceptional and for the community I think there is something to be proud of.