

University High School Boosters Meeting

1/8/2025

- Agenda:**
- Welcome/Call to Order
 - Officer and Administration Reports
 - Administration Report (Andrea Markert)
 - Committee Chair Messages & Reports
 - Resource Review
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Adjourn

Notes

Call to order/Roll call

Meeting called to order by Tim King at 6:30 on January 8, 2025.

Officer Reports

President <i>Tim King</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report.
VP <i>Liz Kinsella</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report.
Secretary <i>Angie Reedy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes from November and December are on the Boosters website and need to be approved. Shannon Moreland motioned to approve the minutes. Chris Grieshaber seconded the motion.
Treasurer <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please see the Treasurer's Report at the end of minutes.• Highlights include that Boosters approved two grants in the past month: softball and Angel Tree.
Resource Review <i>Chris Grieshaber</i> <i>Matthias Pope</i>	Funding Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)

- U-High is now being charged for using all of ISU facilities (including the pool, Horton Fieldhouse. Sharing this information to raise awareness about this change which began January 2024.
- Admission season is here. Here is a review of the admission process. Online and paper applications will be available starting January 29. Applications are available in all languages and assistance is available to complete the application for anybody who needs it. The Open House is 1/29. This is when applications are available and will be accepted through Feb 28.

There is a committee who reads all applications. The portion of the application they review does not have any identifying information on it. There are nine people on the committee. Applications are assessed according to three priorities:

1. Metcalf students
2. Faculty/Associate kids who aren't already attending Metcalf
3. Siblings of current students (not seniors as they will not be attending at the same as the applicants.)

After students are selected for these priority areas, there will be about 50-60 openings. To fill these spots, the committee assesses priority needs across the school (ie. needed instrument players or openings on sports teams.) The desire is to fill all teams and enable all extracurricular activities to continue (includes band, orchestra, chess, chorus, sports teams...)

All applicants submit a disciplinary report from respective schools. The committee members don't see these reports. Only the administration sees these reports and may make an executive decision. A student who has been suspended will not automatically be disqualified. If there are concerns, behavior contracts may be issued for specific situations.

Grades are looked at for acceptance, but the committee does not only take students with the highest grades. Accepted students come from all levels of academic experiences. Academic contracts may be issued for specific circumstances.

The essay portion of the application is the most important part. This is a chance to get to know the student. There are two prompts to choose from and can be up to one page.

There are so many amazing candidates every year making the decision process extremely difficult.

Marketing and visual information has been updated to attract a wide variety of prospective students. Administration places an important emphasis on welcoming all students. U-High received a Seed Grant for marketing and will implement new marketing such as yard signs and using geo-fencing on social media. Ultimately, word of mouth is the best way to spread the news about applying. Andrea will add it to her weekly email when advertising help is needed.

Any student may apply, even if they are not currently living here, but they are moving from another part of the country. U-High isn't able to accommodate IEPs unless they are hearing or vision. The school does not have funding for special education.

There is no application fee.

Regarding the acceptance of non-freshmen, new students will be admitted according to the openings vacated by current students. There will likely not be many openings as not many students have left.

There used to be a mandate for Lab schools to only have 1,000 students total. This changed in recent years. U-High can have up to 630 comfortably. Metcalf was able to add more students in the past but has gone back to two classes per grade.

Acceptance letters are mailed 4/15. Students not accepted will be placed into a waiting pool rather than waiting list meaning any openings will be filled with students who can fill specific needs that the student who chose not to come would have filled.

Applicants may shadow a current freshman to learn more about the school. The school will accommodate up to 12 shadow spots per day. Requests can be made of who to shadow or assignments are made.

- The bleachers will be replaced this spring (after basketball).

Committee Reports

<p>After-Prom Carrie Kieser Felicia Goodman</p>	<p>Purpose: After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking for a location for After Prom. • MANY places are not available. • Once a location is set, there are many people willing to volunteer. • Would like to specifically ask junior parents to volunteer. • Angela will continue to contact locations to find a place.
<p>Fundraiser for After Prom Collette Fung</p>	<p>Purpose: To plan and execute the Cash Bash event. -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/22 was the previously discussed date. • Needing to sell 100 tickets at \$150/ticket. • After discussion Angela Null motioned to forgo the event of fundraising and seek event sponsorship, online fundraiser, direct advertising sales instead. Collette Fung seconded the motion. Motion passed.
<p>Gold Rush Raffle Megan Brent Kim Ekhoff</p>	<p>Purpose: To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
<p>Directory Shannon Moreland</p>	<p>Purpose: To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
<p>Faculty/Staff Amanda Fisher</p>	<p>Purpose: To provide meals and gifts to the faculty/staff to show our appreciation. This may include late start breakfasts, parent-teacher conference dinner, and freshman testing dinner. Additionally, gifts will be provided at the holidays and teacher appreciation week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
<p>Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association Felicia Goodman</p>	<p>Purpose: Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
<p>Hospitality Sudha Bodavula</p>	<p>Purpose: To provide a welcoming environment along with food/drink for our 3 hosting events: 1) Open House in September, 2) Prospective Student Open House (usually in January), and 3) Freshman Testing in April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudha will work with her team to provide refreshments on the Open House night. .
<p>Hospitality (For Dances) Jean Kolb</p>	<p>Purpose: To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.

<p>Spirit-Wear Amy Westbrook Angela Null Erin Easter Chrissie Isaacs</p>	<p>Purpose: The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking into yard signs for seniors • Beginning freshmen shirt design and ordering • Freshmen testing is April 30 which is when the next in person spirit wear sales will take place.
<p>Website/social media Kelli Kiefer</p>	<p>Purpose: To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.

Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

Music/Sports/Clubs	
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Old Business

None

New Business

Next meeting – February 12 at 6:30 – Wednesday --- Library

Adjourn

- The motion to close was made by Matthias Poppe and Angela Null seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Andrea Markert, Tim King, Liz Kinsella, Shannon Moreland, Angie Reedy, David Freeman, Kate Hunt, Sudha Bodavula, Collette Fung, Angela Null, Matthias Pope, Dawn Miller, Amy Westbrook, Chris Grieshaber

Treasurer’s Report: See report below.

