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| **University High School Boosters Meeting** | |
| ***4/6/2022*** | |
| **Agenda:** | * Welcome/Call to Order * Officer and Administration Reports – 20 min   + President (Jennifer McCarron)   + Vice President (Angela Null)   + Secretary (Stephanie Checchi)   + Treasurer Report (Teri Wilson)   + Administration Report (Andrea Markert) * Committee Chair Messages & Reports – 20 min * Old Business – none * New Business – none * Adjourn |
| **Notes** | |
| **Call to order/Roll call**  Meeting called to order by Jennifer McCarron at 6:31 pm on 4/6/2022.  **Officer Reports**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***President***  *Jennifer McCarron* | Email: For those not present at the last meeting, we have a new Boosters email address. This can be used for all general communications. It currently goes to me, but next year we can have the secretary CC’d to allow that individual to be the hub for all communications. We’ve got this on the website and you’re welcome to use this and add it to your contacts and favorites. [uhighboosters@ilstu.edu<mailto:uhighboosters@ilstu.edu](mailto:uhighboosters@ilstu.edu%3cmailto:uhighboosters@ilstu.edu)  Credit Cards. As we have more opportunities to utilize credit card purchases, we're working on a training guide and sign-out sheet that will enable groups to utilize the system. This will add a layer of responsibility to utilization of the equipment and also provide some information so there is not one person who knows the system and it's use. That will be in place by the end of the school year and we'll put information out on the website for all groups, teams, and committees as soon as it's available.  Succession. Our goal is not only to finish this year strong, but to make sure that we have the leaders in place for so next year continues to be a great one for our kids. There are many roles that we have filled, but do have some specific areas that we'd like to discuss today. If you have interest, please contact Angela or Jennifer for more information!  Next/Final Meeting of the Year: Wednesday, May 4th 6:30 This meeting  will be important as we celebrate those who have supported Boosters this year discuss important happenings with Prom, After Prom, and Graduation Activities, AND, Vote in our new officers! | | ***VP (will also include fundraising update)***  *Angela Null* | **Fundraising/VP Report**:   * Football team had a successful fundraiser in March. Coach Brody attended the meeting to share details of the dinner/ silent auction at the Moose Lodge on Friday March 18th. * Over 180 people there and they raised $10,000 towards the jerseys they are purchasing and they had a big outside donation so they have the jerseys covered. * Boosters web site has ready-made year-round fundraising ideas – just check out the site * Last date for funding requests for this school year is April 22. * If you are representing a team or club – make sure to check out the Boosters site. * If you want a matching donation or a foundations grant you must complete the funds request form on the site. | | ***Secretary***  Stephanie Checchi | * March minutes were posted – motion to approve by: Shannon Moreland Seconded by Bunny King * I am happy to shadow anyone interested in the role of secretary for next year but cannot continue in this role while also supporting faculty/staff appreciation and after prom. | | ***Treasurer***  Teri Wilson | * See treasurer report attached at the end of this document.   + Thank you to Shannon Moreland for stepping up to be treasurer for the next school year!   + Spirit Wear deposit from last summer was finally deposited after being deposited into an ISU account instead of into our account.   + All cash bash expenses have been paid   + We’ve purchased a lot of   + Cash bash made $11,252.25 profit!   + Busey account ending balance is $32,977.51   + Heartland account: $15,419.89   + Foundations account: $16,972.87 |   **Administration Report *(Andrea Markert – Principal)***   * School musical – Chicago! Will be this weekend and we’re so excited! * New chemistry teacher has been hired to replace Ms. Soleberg and we’re pleased with who we’ve got * Anticipate one more opening and that posting should be announced this weekend * Admissions committee is meeting tomorrow. There are 9 people on the committee and they will be looking at priority Metcalf students; then they look at siblings of current siblings; then they look at teachers with children applying; then they know how many left for the surrounding schools. 66% of students come from Unit 5. They look at programs they need to fill and they look at those students that can help build those programs. Letters of acceptance will go out on April 15th. The lab school requirement for only have up to 1000 students is no longer in effect so we’ll be accepting about 20 additional students per grade level moving forward. * All end of year program information for seniors will be coming out from Mr. Shanley. * Graduation is May 15th at Braden Auditorium at 2pm. If it’s got to be moved outdoors it would be earlier. * The only two summer school classes are the Life Success class (dual credit at Heartland) and drivers ed   **Committee Reports**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***After-Prom***  ***TBD – WILL HAVE MULTI LEADS*** | **Purpose:** After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.  Held a first general information meeting on Jan. 20th. We’ve got some GREAT parents on deck to help with of the key areas; but need many hands on deck.  After Prom will take place from 11:00 pm on April 30th – 2:30 am on May 1st  Theme – Bright Lights, Big City. We need significant help in planning this event!   * All our committees have been working super hard and our plans for entertainment, food, decorations and prizes are coming together. * Throughout the night student acts will be competing against one another in the Lip Synch battle. The battle will be March-madness style and the finalists will compete at the end of the evening as the culminating activity. A fantastic prize and trophy will be awarded to the winner(s). * An email with tons of information including parent volunteer and donation sign up geniuses will go out hopefully on Thursday. All parents volunteering must have their IDs scanned in the U High office before 4/25. Office is open from 6:30 am – 4:30 pm and we’ll do some evening hours as well * On Friday an email with registration forms and info will go out. Registration forms are due by Friday April 22nd. * We are super excited and need all of our U high families to help make this event successful! We encourage everyone to sign up – especially freshman and sophomore parents. | | ***Cash Bash/FUNDRAISER for PROM AND BOOSTERS***  *Angela Null* | **Purpose:** To plan and execute the Cash Bash event. - THIS YEAR'S GOAL WILL NOT ONLY BUT TO HELP TO SUPPORT THE PROM BUT ALSO TO WORK AS A ALL-OVER FUNDRAISER FOR BOOSTERS WHICH SUPPORTS ALL UHIGH CO-COORICULARS  **Cash bash was Friday February 25th at Bloomington Country Club from 6 – 9 pm. It was a huge success!**   * See above – total funds raised $11,252! | | ***Gold Rush Raffle***  *Julia Heller*  *Terry Ogunleye* | **Purpose:** To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.   * Thank you, Dawn Miller, for taking on Gold Rush for the 2022-2023 school year. Julia and Terry will be transitioning this role to Dawn over the next few months. | | ***Directory***  *Mercy Davison* | **Purpose:** To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference.   * Thank you to Aslihan Spaulding who will be taking over this committee beginning with the 2022 – 2023 school year. | | **Faculty/Staff** Appreciation (FSA) | **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.   * Our next event is freshman testing on Wednesday April 27 for about 20 individuals where we will be providing Little Caesar’s pizza. * Budget remaining is $330 so would like to discuss other ideas. * Thank you Jennifer McCarron for coordinating that. * Kelli Kiefer will be arranging snacks for the staff as a thank you for being awesome | | ***Fundraising***  *Angela Null* | **Purpose:** To organize and coordinate fundraising for all sports, teams and booster programs.  The Fundraising committee exist to support groups/organizations at UHigh raise funds – and do so in a way that is in-line with all policies and procedures. We do have to be involved/have knowledge of all fundraising activity – and am hoping this year that we can make that easy and also help groups better promote their events.  Here’s how we can help:   * See VP report | | ***Hospitality***  *Heather Brown and Laurie Dunn* | 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   * Next up is coordinating snacks for the students during freshman testing * In the past healthy snacks for students were provided and they’ll plan to do something similar. * Snacks no longer need to prepackaged * Need to discuss coordination with the teacher meal that night | | ***Hospitality (For Dances)***  *Katy Kraft*  *Beth Sauser* | **Purpose:** To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances)   * Next event is Class Night Dance on May 11th and a signup genius will go out a week prior to the event if we end up having it * Refreshments were provided at the blacklight dance back in February | | ***Parent Support Network (PSN)***  *Chris Grieshaber* | **Purpose:** The PSN is parents working with and helping other parents address issues that affect us all by having events on different pertinent topics.   * No update received | | ***Spirit-Wear***  *Kacy Rader*  *Michelle Cervantes* | **Purpose:** The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community.   * Freshman shirt has been designed and will be ready to go out with the freshman acceptance packets – will be a vintage design. * Spirit wear store is open until April 8 – make sure to check it out! * We are purchasing stock to sell at freshman testing and possibly class night. We will be able to use the credit card machine for sales at freshman testing! * Per Andrea we might not have incoming freshman at class night – waiting on ISU | | ***Recognition – Good For U Award***  *Katy Kraft*  *Beth Sauser* | **Purpose:** The purpose of the Good for U Award is to recognize a student for contributions made outside of traditional academic and sports accolades. This may include acts of kindness, outstanding effort, resolution of issues, etc. Nominations may also be done for teachers & administrators for their contributions.   * No nominations received this month * We will be revisiting whether we move forward with this program now that there’s the Unstoppable Program | | ***Website/Social Media***  *Kelli Kiefer* | **Purpose**: To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our Website.   * Kelli does an amazing job on managing our sites and promoting events. * Thank you for promoting all the after prom information for us. |   **Representative Reports**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***Band***  *Jennifer McDade* |  | | ***Choir***  *Laura Jennings Mitchell* |  | | ***Dance*** |  | | ***Orchestra***  *Jani Hall* |  | | ***Orchesis*** |  | | ***Speech*** |  | | ***Theater***  *Holly Pfister* |  | | ***Sports/Clubs*** |  | | **STEM**  *Ashish Sawhney* |  | | **Girls Golf** |  | | **Cheer**  *Jennifer McCarron* |  | | **Advisory Council** |  | | **Boys Soccer** |  | | **Girls Swimming** |  | | **Boys Football** |  | | **Boys Wresting** |  |   **Old Business**   * No old business   **New Business**   * New funding request from the U High football team. The items are called power or prowler sleds and 2 attachments for them, a harness and a low push bar. They will be used for off-season training athletes in building explosive movements, muscle strength and endurance, and mental toughness. Each sled weighs 80 lbs and you can add more weight to it. The per unit cost for the sleds is $330, the harness $41, and the low bar $75. The set costs $446. I am requesting 4 sets for a total of $1784. I am asking for 100% coverage of these items as our fundraising has been dedicated to paying for our new uniforms. When I took the program over, there were and still are many needs. Can coordinate the use of these sleds with any athletes that come to the summer training programs and allowing use of these for other sports programs as well. The ones they’ve picked out are heavy-duty and should last a minimum of 10 years. These will go a long way in bringing our off-season training capabilities to those similar of the programs we compete against. Potential for over 100 athletes to use these in their off-season. They will be stored in our football shed. They are heavy duty pieces of equipment that will require little to no maintenance. * Discussion – we have the funds in the budget to approve this request * We would like to make these sleds available as an athletic ask to be shared across all sports and not a specific football ask   + Motion to approve $1784 plus any shipping costs toward an athletic purchase of 4 sets of sleds for all sports programs by: Chris Grieshaber   + Seconded by: Shannon Moreland   + All Boosters members in attendance were in favor     **Adjourn**   * Motion to close by Dawn Miller at 7:27 pm and seconded by Bunny King. Meeting adjourned. | |
| **Attendees:** | Andrea Markert, Teri Wilson, Jennifer McCarron, Stephanie Checchi, Angela Null, Shannon Moreland, Laura Jennings-Mitchell, Amy Crawford, Bunny King, Tim King, Dawn Miller, Brody Walworth, Chris Grieshaber |
| **Treasurers Report:** See budget report below | |