

University High School Boosters Meeting

9/11/2024

- 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 September 11, 2024.

Officer Reports

President <i>Tim King</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Nomination and call for approval of Liz Kinsella for Booster's Vice President. Eric Thome motioned to approval and Erin Easter seconded the motion. It passed and we have a Vice President for the 2024-2025 school year.• If you would like to update information for the 2024-2025 school year on the U-High Boosters Website, please contact Steven Corrigan secorri@ilstu.edu.• We would also like to add Booster's meeting dates to the U-High Main Calendar. Mary Gordon is the contact for this and Liz will work with her to get those dates added.• The U-High Boosters FB page looks to have been updated! Yeah!• Consideration for a review of the CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB Document (PDF doc format - last noted updated is from 10/1/2007). Upon digging in deeper, Chris Grieshaber confirmed that the bylaws have been reviewed more recently. The most recent update was a year ago when we updated the grant program.
VP <i>Liz Kinsella</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to the team!
Secretary <i>Angie Reedy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes from May need to be approved. Angela Null made a motion to approve the minutes. Erin Easter seconded the motion and the motion passed.• Please state your name when you are motioning to approve or second a discussion item.• Tim will work with Steve Corrigan regarding who should be on the distribution list for the Boosters email address to prevent bounce backs from prior members.• Our Boosters <u>website</u> will lists all of the <u>meeting dates</u> for the upcoming school year. We meet every month on Wednesday nights in the library. These are the meeting dates for the school year. October 9 November 13 December 11 January 8 February 11

	<p>March No Meeting April 9 May 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you ever need to add any updates to the agenda, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. • For our Boosters chairs, if you could please ensure I get your updates at least 2 days prior to the Boosters' meeting, that will be immensely helpful. angiereedy13@gmail.com <p><u>Booster's Leadership for 2024-2025 school year</u></p> <p>Executive Board Tim King -- President Liz Kinsella – Vice President Shannon Moreland – Treasure Angie Reedy – Secretary</p> <p>Committee Chairs Homecoming Parent Volunteer Coordinator – Felicia Goodman After Prom Coordinator – Carrie Kieser transitioning to Felicia Goodman</p> <p>Dance Hospitality – OPEN</p> <p>Directory – OPEN Faculty/Staff Appreciation –Amanda Fisher</p> <p>Cash Bash Coordinator – OPEN Student Hospitality – Sudha Bodavula Gold Rush Raffle – Megan Brent, Kim Ekhoﬀ Resource Reviews – Chris Grieshaber Parent Support Network – Counseling Center - Spirit Wear – Amy Westbrook, Angela Null, Erin Easter Website/Social Media – Kelli Kiefer Zoom Master – Erin Easter</p>
<p>Treasurer <i>Shannon Moreland</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at all Booster balances across all accounts, we are starting the school year just slightly more funds than we did last year. Overall, we accomplished our goal of keeping a balanced budget last year. • Gold rush is off to a good start with \$7,125 in sales through August. A few more sales have continued to come in during September and will be reflected in next month's report. • Spirit wear sales have also been good in the first part of the year with sales of over \$2800 through the end of August. This does not include spirit wear sales on August 30 football game as those were not settled in bank accounts before the end of August, but it was a successful evening of sales • Largest expenses so far this year have been purchases of spirit wear stock for the fall sales and the payment for the event venue for last year's After Prom. • See treasurer report attached at the end of this document.
<p>Resource Review <i>Chris Grieshaber</i></p>	<p>Funding Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administratively, need to update to remove Jennifer McDade from funding request emails as she is no longer involved with Boosters. • Funding Request Process Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boosters provides matching grant program for school clubs, sports, organizations. • Requests can be made for up to \$500. • Can request every other year. • Requestor needs to show there are other plans to match the funds Boosters gives.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris receives requests to review and make sure it fits criteria before passing along for consideration. • A request has come in already asking to provide food for student lunches. (Request is from Andrea). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year Andrea looked into getting into the National Free lunch program, but the stipulations surrounding entry are too high compared with just providing a lunch. • An alum has provided \$500 and the request is for Boosters to fund a matching \$500. • Lunch consists of Sam’s easy grab and go lunches. • Angela Null made a motion to give \$500 for this request. Erin Easter seconded the motion and the motion passed. • Other suggestions were made to help sustain this effort of providing food for students who need a lunch. Ideas suggested were to have a food drive at athletic events or a SignUp Genius that parents could sign up and help. • The lifespan of how long this \$1,000 will last in providing the lunches is unknown. Not all the students use it every day.
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Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)

- Facility updates this summer – new furniture has been ordered for the library and will arrive soon. Cameras have been added throughout the entire school.
- Homecoming: The alumni will again have a meal before the football game which is provided for alumni. Non-alumni may also pay to attend. The week should be a lot of fun. There are theme days for every day of the week.
- Extracurriculars – Mr. Roman, Mr. Evans, Andrea, and Mr. Wollenweber supervise UHS activities. They try to have a representative at each event, but it is challenging considering there are 4-5 activities every night. For sporting events and activities where there is a high volume of people multiple of the representatives will be there. Although you may not see a rep at every event, they are getting to each sport/club.
- Focusing on cell phones this year. Teachers are focused on students not having phones out in class. Make sure to review cell phone policy. If a teacher turns a student’s phone into the office, students don’t get it for the rest of the day. If it’s a second offense, parents need to come in and get the phone.
- Standards Based Grading: A/P/Dual Credit and all other classes are now doing SBG
- Student support – U-High offers a number of support departments and staff for students. There is College/career guidance, counselors, and social work interns. Please reach out if you need anything.
- There are two sheds outside that were built by engineering classes years ago and are now in need of repair. The sheds hold various large equipment used by the school. ISU would charge \$20K to complete repairs. There are a number of things that need to be done including power washing and staining. There may also be a hole in the roof. Could this be a project Boosters can take on? Discussion was had about ways Boosters could help. Boosters could organize but have students could help. Could be an Eagle Scout project? Talk to Scouts to see if anyone is looking for a project. Maybe have a Boosters Volunteer Day/Day of Service in October.
- School Fees did increase slightly this year after many years without an increase. Tech fee increased from \$125 - \$150
- Note to clubs/sports/organizations, please make sure to coordinate fundraisers with Boosters so not have multiple dine to Donate nights and other sales happening at the same time.

Committee Reports

Counseling Center Updates	
After-Prom <i>Felicia Goodman?</i>	Purpose: After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance. •
Fundraiser for After Prom <i>OPEN</i>	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 An ALL-OVER FUNDRAISER FOR BOOSTERS WHICH SUPPORTS ALL UHIGH CO-COORICULARS •
Gold Rush Raffle <i>Megan Brent</i> <i>Kim Ekhoﬀ</i>	Purpose: To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers. •
Directory <i>OPEN</i>	Purpose: To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference. •
Faculty/Staff <i>Amanda Fisher</i>	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. •
Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association <i>Felicia Goodman</i>	Purpose: Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community •
Hospitality <i>Sudha Bodavula</i>	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 •
Hospitality (For Dances) <i>OPEN</i>	Purpose: To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances) •
Spirit-Wear <i>Amy Westbrook</i> <i>Angela Null</i> <i>Erin Easter</i>	Purpose: The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community. • The goal of spirit wear is not necessarily to make money, but to make affordable spirit wear available to promote school spirit. • Over the summer we sold at July registration Online orders in August First football game • Upcoming Sales Events Homecoming weekend! One more football game Online before Christmas Boys and Girls Basketball • Please make sure to get spirit wear picked up from the office. Let's be proactive in picking up orders. • Freshman T Shirts

	<p>Pick up at July registration just so -so. It took a while to distribute these shirts in the first weeks of school.</p> <p>Perhaps should have a vendor begin designing the freshman shirt now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For future spirit wear orders, there have been multiple requests for dog bandanas. Also perhaps the senior class would like a 2025 shirt for seniors. • Note: the spirit wear team did access the list of people who indicated a desire to be involved and had a great response of volunteers.
<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"> •

Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small but mighty band Great first show. • First competition this weekend in Pontiac • Fundraising still for a new trailer. Converting to the Snap Fundraiser. For this type of fundraiser, work with Athletics. Snap takes an administrative fee lower than 20% Talk to Catherine in Athletics.
Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second yr that they went to the ISU camp. Placed 3rd out of 15 and qualified for the competition in Florida over Thanksgiving. Also some individuals qualified.
Orchestra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Orchesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Theater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Sports/Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
STEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Girls Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Cheer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Boys Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Girls Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Boys Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home game this Friday. Tailgating this Friday from 5-6:30. All are welcome. Bring a side and money. This will be taking place in grassy area by door.
Boys Wrestling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Girls Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Girls Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Old Business

None

New Business

Next meeting – October 9 at 6:30 – Wednesday --- Library

Adjourn

- The motion to close was made by Ryan Convery and Cory Roop seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Andrea Markert, Tim King, Angie Reedy, Liz Kinsella, Jenni Thome, Eric Thome, Laura Jennings-Mitchell, Ryan Convery, Erin Easter, Kelley Amigoni, Kate Hunt, Roger Gonzalez, Chris Grieshaber, Dawn Miller, Jean Kolb, Amy Westbrook, Angela Null, Jasmine Kouh, Felicia Goodman, Cory Roop, Matthias Pope

