

# University High School Boosters Meeting

11/9/2022

- Agenda:**
- Welcome/Call to Order
  - Funding Requests
  - Guest Speaker, Dr. Fitzgerald.
  - Officer and Administration Reports – 20 min
  - Administration Report (Andrea Markert)
  - Committee Chair Messages & Reports – 20 min
  - Old Business
  - New Business
  - Adjourn

## Notes

### Call to order/Roll call

Meeting called to order by Angela Null at 6:30 on November 9, 2022.

### Officer Reports

**President**

*Angela Null*

- Welcome – glad folks can make it
- Going to keep with in person meetings for as long as we can
- Great Fall Activates and Fundraising have been accomplished. Take a minute to review the notes from September and October meetings to get caught up!
- We are welcoming a guest each meeting. Last meeting Wilma Bates joined us from the ISU Foundation to share about giving and how financial sponsorship works with ISU and U High
- Today we have Dr. Robert Fitzgerald to share on two topics – first the upcoming trip to the [Ali Center](#) and also to share from his unique perspective, tips on transitioning to high school.

Dr. Fitz is in his 21<sup>st</sup> year of teaching at U-High, but his connection with the school goes beyond that from his time at Metcalf and graduating from U-High in 1992. His family is also very involved with the Lab schools. Several years ago, he was a Fulbright scholar in London and in a round about way this led him to become aware of and connected to the Muhammed Ali Center where 44 students and 4 faculty members will be going this week.

The experience with the students centers around the six core principles of the Ali Center. In 2019 U-High participated in the first conference and created the value statement which is seen around the school. Students this year will build on that value statement for ways to put the values into practice. Thank you again to the Boosters for the generous funding to enable this trip to happen.

The second topic Dr. Fitz spoke on was his **3 Tips for Transitioning to High School**.

1. Think about what it means to send your kids to a lab school. Don't expect it to be the same as the public school they would have attended or private school they came from.

	<p>2. Allow them to be taught, challenged, and expected to think critically. Allow them to be coached and to be put into adverse situations that require them to grow and mature. Don't make their experiences here only about them as they were and are, but rather about what/who they might become.</p> <p>3. See to it that they are who they said they would be when they applied. Encourage them to see the value - for themselves and for us - in not specializing in one thing and becoming a more well-rounded person while here. Don't buy into the idea that their future only depends on excellence in one area of interest or one skill.</p> <p>Thank you to Dr. Fitz for coming to share his thoughts and experiences with the Boosters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Date for Cash Bash – Feb 17th and New BCC Sponsors – Joe and Rachel Dalton</li> <li>• We will be selling Spirit Wear and some of the first Boys and Girls Basketball games – see upcoming Signup genius to help</li> <li>• Two big opportunities for Volunteering – Cash Bash and After Prom! Prom is April 29.</li> <li>• Next Meeting December 14th Guest will be Dr. Jones!</li> </ul>
<p><b>VP</b> <i>Jennifer McDade</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No interest from the Executive Team at this point to move forward as a 501(c)(3).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Secretary</b> <i>Angie Reedy</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The October meeting minutes were not yet posted online so can't be approved yet. Next month, we will need to approve the October and November meeting minutes.</li> <li>• Also meeting dates aren't being posted on the U-High calendar so let's try to get those included as well.</li> <li>• Please state your name when you are motioning to approve.</li> <li>• If you ever need any updates to the agenda, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.</li> <li>• For our Boosters chairs, please ensure I get your updates a couple of days prior to the Booster's meeting, that will be immensely helpful. <a href="mailto:angiereedy13@gmail.com">angiereedy13@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer</b> <i>Shannon Moreland</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold Rush income – we continued to receive a small number of tickets purchased. \$200 added this month, which brings us to just under \$9500 so far this school year. We are about \$1200 short of where we stood at this point last year.</li> <li>• Spirit Wear Income - \$1500 in sales this month, and our year-to-date income of \$9,300 is \$5000 more than our income from spirit wear last year. However, we have also purchased more stock.</li> <li>• Spirit Wear Expenses - Paid invoices of almost \$11,000 in October for orders in the early part of the school year. Have spent \$5,500 more than last year.</li> <li>• Gold Rush Expenses – Some of the late September drawings were paid in October. In addition, a few winners have returned the funds to Boosters. So far this year, we are \$100 less than last year.</li> <li>• The funds noted in the ISU foundation account includes a few continued donations minus the 2 \$500 requests approved at the September meeting and transferred in October. This balance does NOT yet include the deductions for the funds approved at the last Booster meeting (Diversity Trip and Student Senate). Working with Stacey Welter on how that will be used/transferred. That is \$4000 that will be deducted in future report(s).</li> <li>• We are working towards a budget view at the end of this year to develop a process to help us plan for the future.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although funds given to specific donations used to be tracked, it no longer is. Perhaps we need to revisit a tracking system and review the criteria given to funding requests.</li> <li>• See treasurer report attached at the end of this document.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Any Request for Funding?</i></b>  Jennifer  McDade  Chris  Grieshaber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding requests this month.</li> </ul>

## **Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)**

- The Admission Process/Timeline

### Committee


- Chosen by the Principal
- Made up of nine members
  - No ties in votes
  - Represent different aspects needed for a well-rounded student body
    - Fine Arts
    - Extracurriculars
    - Diversity
    - Academic Ability

### Timeline

- November/December
  - Metcalf Shadowing
  - Committee meets to review application and make changes
    - Remove barriers for application
    - Review essay questions
- December/January
  - Advertise applications – fliers throughout the community, social media, parents
  - Newspaper/Radio????
  - Information on our website
- February
  - Prospective Student Open House
  - Shadowing
- March
  - Applications due (or at the end of February)
  - Shadowing
  - Committee begins reading all applications, including all essays
- April
  - Committee meets to determine invitations
    - Discuss high areas of need
    - Discuss Metcalf students (priority)
    - Discuss Lab School Teacher students (priority)
    - Discuss siblings (priority)
      - There must be two students at U-High at the same time in order to be considered a sibling
    - Discuss all other students

- Determine wait pool
      - Invitations are sent out on April 15<sup>th</sup>
      - Responses are required by the end of April
      - Shadowing – students that are invited to attend but have not yet shadowed
  - May
    - Placement/Ability testing
- A question was asked regarding why acceptance letters are mailed rather than emailed. This is because forms need to be sent back in physically and there is more likelihood of error if letters are emailed.
- Students can come from anywhere in Illinois, but can't participate in IHSA sports for first year.
- We are advertising more this year. Lose out on a lot of applicants because of lack of transportation. Applications will be offered in different languages this year. Andrea wants everyone to apply who wants to apply.
- Curriculum is more rigorous here, but we have individualized opportunities for students who need individual support, Also believe students rise to the occasion.
- Kids don't fall through the cracks because staff meets with kids to help not fail. They can do that because of smaller size.
- All fall sports with the exception of swimming are over and winter sports are starting this week. (

## Committee Reports

<p><b>Counseling Center Updates</b> <i>Courtney O'Connor</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FAFSA became available on October 1st. All seniors must complete the 23-24 FAFSA, the Alternative Application, or turn in the Non-Participation form to the Counseling Center.</li> <li>• As holidays and breaks from school start approaching, we encourage students to visit colleges. Remember all juniors and seniors are allowed 3 college visit days. If seeing a college in-person is not an option, students and families can tour colleges by watching The College Tour at <a href="http://www.thecollegetour.com">www.thecollegetour.com</a></li> <li>• BN Parents asked that we share the attached flyer about a webinar they are hosting on November 15th.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>BN Parents Flyer.pdf</p> </div>
<p><b>After-Prom</b> <i>Carrie Kieser</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cash Bash/FUNDRAISER for PROM AND BOOSTERS</b> <i>Joan Pacetti</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gold Rush Raffle</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.</p>

Dawn Miller  
Kim Ekhoﬀ

- Expenses now are just sending out checks.

As of 10/12/22	2022-23					Comparison			
	Date	# tickets	Deposit	YTD Total Tix	YTD Total \$	Monthly Total	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Registration	349	\$ 6,980	349	\$ 6,980					
8/26/2022	68	\$ 1,360	417	\$ 8,340	Jul/Aug				
9/6/2022	15	\$ 300	432	\$ 8,640	8,640.00	\$9,980	\$5,980	\$9,100	
9/16/2022	27	\$ 540	459	\$ 9,180					
10/2/2022	10	\$ 200	469	\$ 9,380	Sep/Oct				
10/14/2022			469	\$ 9,380	740.00	\$1,200	\$1,540	\$940	
10/28/2022			469	\$ 9,380					
11/11/2022			469	\$ 9,380					
11/26/22			469	\$ 9,380					
Total			469	\$ 9,380		\$11,180	\$8,440	\$10,040	
Net Income				\$ 5,830		\$8,055	\$4,083	?	

\*\*\* expenses include Mailing of tickets, raffle license, bond, prizes (\$2,900/year to be offset by checks that are not cashed or donated to Boosters)

**Directory**  
Aslihan Spaulding

- Purpose:** To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference.
- The directory is available and will be published soon.

**Faculty/Staff**  
Appreciation (FSA)  
Stephanie Checchi

- 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.
- We collected a total of \$2350 this year and also had a rollover budget of \$57 from last year. Thank you all for your support of our amazing U High Staff!
  - We provided a delicious Moes dinner for all staff for parent teacher conference night at the beginning of October. For our last early dismissal on October 28th, we provided cookie and cake ball refreshments for the staff.
  - Our next event will be at the December 2 early dismissal.
  - Will be soliciting gift cards for staff appreciation gifts.

**Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association**  
Felicia Goodman

- Purpose:** Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community
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**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
- No update.

**Hospitality (For Dances)**  
Katy Kraft  
Beth Sauser

- Purpose:** To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances)
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**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.
- The last order should be in the week of November 14th. We will send a note through Skyward when it is ready for pick up.

<p><b>Recognition – Good for U Award</b>  <i>Katy Kraft</i>  <i>Beth Sauser</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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 &amp; administrators for their contributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Website/social media</b>  <i>Kelli Kiefer</i></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To ensure we have a positive presence &amp; info available on our website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

**Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters**

<b>Band</b>	•
<b>Choir</b>	•
<b>Dance</b>	•
<b>Orchestra</b>	•
<b>Orchesis</b>	•
<b>Speech</b>	•
<b>Theater</b>	•
<b>Sports/Clubs</b>	•
<b>STEM</b>	•
<b>Girls Golf</b>	•
<b>Cheer</b>	•
<b>Boys Soccer</b>	•
<b>Girls Swimming</b>	•
<b>Boys Football</b>	•
<b>Boys Wrestling</b>	•

**Old Business**

- No old business

**New Business**

Next meeting – December 14 at 6:30 in the U-High library.

**Adjourn**

- Motion to close was made by Dawn Miller at 7:40 and seconded by Stephanie Checchi. Meeting adjourned.

**Attendees:** Andrea Markert, Angela Null, Angie Reedy, Dawn Miller, Amy Crawford, Erin Easter, Laura Jennings Mitchell, Stephanie Checchi, Jennifer McCarron, Kristi Russell, Bunny King, Tim King, Felicia Goodman, Grace Park

**Treasurers Report:** See budget report below



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