

University High School Boosters Meeting

12/14/2022

- 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 December 14, 2022.

Officer Reports

President

Angela Null

- Welcome - We are glad everyone can be here tonight and be part of our final meeting for this semester.
 - We have one new funding request for Wrestling - and will be discussing that after our guest speaker.
 - As you know, as part of our role in building a U High Community, we are inviting guest to each meeting. We had Wilma Bates from the ISU Foundation come in Oct, Dr. Fitzgerald joined us in November, and tonight we have Dr. Anthony Jones – Director of the ISU Lab Schools as our guest.
 - Dr. Jones has been in town and in the position for 6 months. He enjoys getting to know the people he works with and for. Enjoying getting to know Andrea, teachers, and staff at U-High and Metcalf. Plans to meet with parents of the Lab schools in upcoming days. Desires to hear the hopes and dreams of people who have decided to join the Lab schools. During his first year Dr. Jones plans to “go slow to go fast.” He has been in education for about 22 years. Originally studied exercise science. Decided to go into education because of school shootings and wanting to be in the school to listen to students. Spent 5 years in an alternative school working with students who had been kicked out of alternative schools. From that position decided he wanted to go into administration to help listen to students and help them have a passion. Dr. Jones is also the Assistant Dean in the College of Education as well as the Director of the Lab Schools. This helps to keep the connection between ISU administration and the Lab Schools. He wants to make sure we share the great things happening here across the state.
- Regarding vision for the Lab Schools – believes vision is made among the leaders of the schools. Vision should be owned by the people. We can start off by thinking about how do we identify ourselves as the Lab Schools (what are our core values and how do these align with ISU?)
- Thank you for coming and sharing with us, Dr. Jones.
- Two great opportunities to get involved in Spring Semester – Cash Bash and After Prom
 - Next meeting is February 2023!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We want to add something to the website about Matching Grants and perhaps having a representative who will work with each employer offering the matching grants.
VP <i>Jennifer McDade</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.
Secretary <i>Angie Reedy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The October and November meeting minutes were posted online. Angela Null motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Chris Grieshaber seconded the motion. The motions was passed.
Treasurer <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold rush was a little delayed around Thanksgiving (they sent me 11/15 and 11/30 on 12/1). So there will be more than usual I gold rush expenses in December. The primary activity was in the Foundation account, where we funded Senate and diversity trip requests approved in October.
Any Request for Funding? <i>Jennifer McDade</i> <i>Chris Grieshaber</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys and Girls Wrestling is requesting funds - With added numbers to our team and boys and girls combined we are in need of headgear and warm ups for new wrestlers. Headgear is a safety item in our sport and we must have one for each wrestler. After this purchase we will use the remaining money to start the process of buying enough warm ups so every wrestler will have one. Each head gear is \$40 and we need 10 = \$400. Warm up top is \$50 and we need 20 = \$1,000. The team will and has raised the remaining funds. Caleb is asking for \$500 to cover remaining costs to match the \$500 raised already. Caleb Phillips has been coach for 4 years 25 kids are wrestling this year compared with 9 last year. Head gear is very important to prevent lasting injuries. The head gear has evolved in protection and also has increased in price. Head gear and singlets stay with the team. They can be reused. Safety equipment is also in the form of creams and foams to prevent skin infections/diseases. Seniors participated in a set-up opportunity to raise \$500 before the season started. Beth Sauser motioned to give the wrestling team \$500. Felicia Goodman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)

- U-High is very busy right now. End of the year concerts are this week.
- Design Lab piloting with sophomores. This is a different way to learn that isn't attached to a grade. Eight hours in the spring will be set aside for groups to create/learn. There will be an opportunity to share out what they are learning. The hope is that this model can be used for other grade levels in the future. Ends in February.
- Will be asking for volunteers who would be willing to put up one flyer around town regarding the admissions process to bring more diversity.
- Parent Diversity Committee is working to create mentorship program for new diverse families who are new to U-High.
- Giving Tuesday goal was \$5,000. Raised over \$20,000!
- There will be job postings in January including a Math teacher, Spanish teacher, and School Psychologist. (Registrar posting is closing tomorrow so hopefully will hopefully have one in place by January.)
- New Instagram page for admissions. Please like the page: uhighpioneers.

- Feb 1 Prospective Student Open House. Also, will have a Parent and Student panel at the Open House.
- Student shadowing will be Feb 2 – end of March.
- We will have a report in the future from students and sponsors who participated in the Ali Center trip.
- Andrea elaborated on the scheduling process. Previously kids selected classes they wanted in January. This year the Master Schedule will be set ahead of time and then students can select their classes and times. Parents will have an opportunity to look at the Master Schedule. Students will pick their classes in January, and then the scheduling will happen after Spring Break.

Committee Reports

**Counseling Center
Updates**
Courtney O'Connor

- NCAA is offering a webinar for college-bound student athletes and their families on Wednesday, December 14th from 5pm-6pm (central time). The discussion will include review of the most recent COVID-19 automatic waiver relief. They will also go over requirements you must meet to pursue your dreams of studying and competing at an NCAA Division I, II or III school. [Click here](#) to register.
- 2023-24 Scheduling Update: In January the Counseling Department will lay out the new process for students to request their courses for the 23-24 school year. This new process will give students more autonomy and flexibility in their schedule. However, it is extremely important that students attend their required informational meeting. **At this meeting, attendance will be taken and students who are unable to attend will be placed into a lower scheduling priority which could impact the courses they are able to enroll in.** The only excused absences will be students participating in a sport/activity, funeral, or students with a doctor's note dismissing them from school. All other absences will be considered unexcused for this meeting.
- **2023-24 Scheduling Informational Meeting Dates and Location**
Thursday, January 12: All freshman students in Stroud Auditorium @ 9:00am

Friday, January 13 (Early Dismissal at 1:00pm): All sophomore and junior students @ 1:10pm in Stroud Auditorium

Friday, January 27 (Early Dismissal at 1:00pm): All students interested in taking a Heartland Dual Credit course @ 1:10pm in Stroud Auditorium

The application window is open for all students interested in taking a course through the Bloomington Area Career Center for the 2023-24 school year. You can find the application along with more information on the courses offered here: [Bloomington Area Career Center / Homepage \(district87.org\)](http://Bloomington Area Career Center / Homepage (district87.org))
- SAT/ACT Review- Bradley University is offering a test prep course. Dates are February 7th- March 7th; Tuesday evenings. Visit bradley.edu/SAT for more information and to register. The deadline to register is January 31st 2023.

Students will:
-Develop test-taking strategies
-receive immediate feedback from experienced instructors
-build confidence
-complete practice tests
-review exam content
-ask course related questions through the week
-receive a link to recorded sessions

- Hot Chocolate Day- The counselors will be providing free hot chocolate to students on Friday, December 16th! Please stop by the Counseling Center from 10am-2pm that day to get a cup of hot chocolate!
- Junior College Presentation- The counselors will be hosting a “Planning for College” presentation on Friday, February 10th at 1pm (Schedule E) in Stroud Auditorium for all juniors.
- College Night- The counselors will be hosting a College Night featuring speakers from ISU, IWU, HCC, NCAA, and ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission). Date and time is coming soon!
- FAFSA Reminder- Seniors and families please remember to complete one of the following, as this is a requirement for all graduating seniors.
 1. Complete the [FAFSA](#) for the 2023-2024 school year
 2. Complete the [Alternative Application](#) for the 2023-2024 school year, or
 3. Complete the [Non-Participation Form](#), and turn in to Mrs. O’Connor.
- College Application Reminder- For seniors who are working on their college applications, please remember the counselors will not be available over winter break, so please make sure you have requested any supplemental application materials before December 22nd.

Below are a few common mistakes to avoid when completing your applications.

1. Not taking your social media presence seriously.
2. Missing out on financial aid opportunities.
3. Making assumptions about the Common App
4. Getting sloppy with cut and paste.

- NACAC College Fairs- The National Association for College Admission Counselors is offering both in-person and virtual college fairs beginning in February. All of the fairs will feature **College MatchMaking!** At the time of registration, students will select the attributes that are most important to them in a college. They will then receive an email that best matches them to the specific colleges and universities based on the criteria they provided. Students will then reference this email on the day of the fair to connect with their best matches!

[Register Here!](#)

- Scholarships-

Seniors: Please check out the Class of 2023 Google classroom to see the most recent scholarships added! The class code is [hm65iqv](#). Click on Classwork to see just added scholarships.

Juniors and Sophomores: Beginning this month, 10th and 11th graders can qualify for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships from BigFuture! The scholarships are open to all students, with no GPA, test scores, essay, income, or citizenship requirements. Every month, the College Board will award \$500 and \$40,000 to students who take steps toward their career and the education they need to reach it.

	<p>To qualify for monthly drawings, student need to sign in to their BigFuture dashboard and complete steps, beginning with starting a career list and building a college list. The scholarships are also open to 12th grade students until February. Get started here!</p>
<p>After-Prom Carrie Kieser</p>	<p>Purpose: After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrie is developing sub-committees.
<p>Cash Bash/FUNDRAISER for PROM AND BOOSTERS Joan Pacetti</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 17 is Cash Bash. Tickets will begin to be offered soon.
<p>Gold Rush Raffle Dawn Miller Kim Ekhoff</p>	<p>Purpose: To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.</p>
<p>Directory Aslihan Spaulding</p>	<p>Purpose: To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference.</p>
<p>Faculty/Staff Appreciation (FSA) Stephanie Checchi</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"> Boosters provided a fun hot chocolate and cookie bar for the staff for Friday 12/2 early dismissal. Our next events will be coordinating the staff gift cards for the holidays and our next snack will be in February at an early dismissal.
<p>Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association Felicia Goodman</p>	<p>Purpose: Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community</p>
<p>Hospitality Heather Brown and Laurie Dunn</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"> Hospitality has upcoming prospective student open house on 2/1. We will be sending out sign up after break.
<p>Hospitality (For Dances) Katy Kraft Beth Sauser</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"> The next dance will be in January, the Black Light Dance.
<p>Spirit-Wear Kacy Rader Michelle Cervantes</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"> Spirit wear orders are in and available to pick up in the office. There are some backorders that we are hoping to be in ASAP, most likely by Friday.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would like to sell spirit wear at basketball games (girls and boys), but we cannot do it on our own - thank you Angela for helping out so much. If anyone can help sell, please let us or Angela know. Selling right before Christmas is a great time to sell at games. We have Christmas ornaments for sale as well \$8 each.
Recognition – Good for U Award <i>Katy Kraft</i> <i>Beth Sauser</i>	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches and teachers can nominate students for the Good For U Award. We haven't had any nominations yet!
Website/social media <i>Kelli Kiefer</i>	Purpose: To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our website.

Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

Band	•
Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelly King gave an update Choir was so excited to do Madrigals again. Many people from the community came and talked about how amazing the Madrigals were. Monday night at 7:00 will be the Holiday concert which is a great chance to come and listen. The choir is going to NYC over Spring Break and is fundraising for that.
Dance	•
Orchestra	•
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Speech	•
Theater	•
Sports/Clubs	•
STEM	•
Girls Golf	•
Cheer	•
Boys Soccer	•
Girls Swimming	•
Boys Football	•
Boys Wrestling	•

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

Next meeting – February 8 at 6:30 in the U-High library.

Adjourn

- Shannon Moreland motioned to close the meeting. Chris Grieshaber seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

