

University High School Boosters Meeting

3/8/2023

- Agenda:**
- Welcome/Call to Order
 - Funding Requests
 - 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 March 8, 2023.

Officer Reports

President Angela Null	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome, No guest speaker this month. Next month, April, Dr. Jones will join us again to answer parent's questions.• (Request to discuss tonight – Cross Country)• Cash Bash was a terrific success - really fun, raised 10K for After Prom and Boosters efforts! Thanks to the committee – (See below for more details and recommendations from Committee Chair Joan Pacetti.)• We have some new business to introduce at the end of the meeting regarding Booster's tax filings, and we will discuss some ongoing research and potential options for review• After Prom is coming soon - in April!!! We need volunteers to work on prep and the night of the event! Hope to see you there.• If you are interested in serving as a committee chair next year - we have opportunities - please see Angela, Jennifer, Shannon or Angie to discuss
VP Jennifer McDade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report.
Secretary Angie Reedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The February meeting minutes were posted online. Angela Null motioned to approve those with Jennifer McDade seconded the motion. The minutes have been approved.
Treasurer Shannon Moreland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full report is attached at the end of these minutes.• Cash Bash received \$16,000 with an extra two large donations still coming. Expenses for the event are around \$6,000.• Spirit wear online sales have contributed to income.• Gold Rush expenses are trending lower because many people are donating back.• Funds paid out this past month include the swimming request approved last month insurance for Booster's liability, and small amount for hospitality.• After Prom started around \$17,000 and is now just under \$7,000. We've replenished the amount spent on After Prom through Cash Bash.

<p>Any Request for Funding? Jennifer McDade Chris Grieshaber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys and Girls Cross Country (Jill Burroughs) (This is the request as communicated last month: Boys and Girls Cross Country need funds to purchase two replacement hurdles also a massage gun to help relieve aches and pains for runners, and third to purchase bibs for races. Last time that XC asked for funds was for uniforms several years ago. There are 75 students involved with boys and girls cross country. As for the team's efforts to raise funds, the students do a Run a Thon and families request State Farm grants. Families also offer flat donations. The teams would like to participate in the Dine to Donate perhaps in the summer or fall. The team's season starts with summer running in June and lasts through November. Cross country parents are very supportive and would be available to work at Boosters events, There's also a possible opportunity to work at ISU concessions, Total amount cross country is asking for is \$500.) • This is consistent with other requests we've had. Jennifer McDade motioned to give the request for funding (\$500). Dawn Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.
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Administration Report (Andrea Markert – Principal)

- Seniors are graduating in 9 weeks!
- Admissions, 90 more applications than last year. Acceptance letters are sent April 15.
- Administration has hired a school psychologist and a math teacher. They are hoping to hire a Spanish teacher after Spring Break. So far, all staff openings are being filled as they are made known.
- No huge events between now and the April meeting so will talk more about End of Year events at next meeting
- Freshman Testing Night will be last night to sell spirit wear.
- All juniors will be taking an Illinois Science assessment on Friday.

Committee Reports

<p>Counseling Center Updates Courtney O'Connor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCAA is removing their standardized test score requirement for 2023 enrollees and beyond. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCAA Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements for student-athletes who initially enroll full time on or after August 1, 2023. • Division-specific information on initial-eligibility requirements is available here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division I. • Division II. • Division III: Click here for more information on Division III requirements for international student-athlete. • Rural Rural Health Careers Camp- The Rural Health Careers Camp is a three-day, overnight educational program for high school students interested in the healthcare field. Students will participate in hands-on learning activities and labs that represent different healthcare careers and stay at an overnight facility to experience living on a college campus. Some of the healthcare careers already scheduled are: medicine, nursing, social work, dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical lab sciences, and many more! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost to attend the camp is \$100 and scholarships are available. • For more information and for the application to apply, please visit this webpage: https://ncrhp.uic.edu/programs/experiences/rural-health-careers-camp/.
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- Junior Achievement- Junior Achievement of Central Illinois is offering Career Spark to all of our students. This program is a virtual career fair learning experience for no cost. Students can access the program anytime through June 19th 2023. Career Spark is an interactive virtual career fair with thousands of careers represented. Panels will feature career speakers from a variety of high demand occupations. Students can explore local employers through an online interactive expo and gain valuable skills for landing the right job. Information sheets with QR code are available in the Counseling Center.
- Summer Programs- The Illinois Association for College Admission Counselors has created a [Summer Programs Directory](#) for summer 2023. This directory offers students summer enrichment and meaningful programs to kickstart their postsecondary journey.
- IWU student panel- On March 9th at 9:00am, U-High alumni who are current students at Illinois Wesleyan University will be visiting the Counseling Center to talk with current U-High students on their IWU experience and why they chose to stay local. All are welcome to attend!
- **Important Spring Testing Dates**
 - Please see the below Testing Dates for Spring 2023. More information will be sent out closer to the date of each Test below, but for now please be sure to mark applicable dates on your calendar.
 - March 10th (Friday)-Illinois Science Assessment -all Juniors will test in Stroud Auditorium
 - ***The state is now requiring current U-High Juniors to take the Illinois Science Assessment. This is a state mandated test that we are administering all in one morning on Friday, March 10th in Stroud Auditorium. Testing will start at 8:00 and students should be done by 11:00. Students will be released upon completion of the assessment so some students may finish by 10:30 whereas others may not finish until 11:00.
 - The results of this assessment are used to help the Illinois State Board of Education identify local successes in implementing the Illinois Learning Standards for Science. Students' individual results are not shared and the sole purpose of this assessment is to provide Educators and Administrators with additional data to inform broad curriculum adjustments over time to ensure that all students are being prepared for college and careers, including in the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.
 - As a result, ALL Juniors need to report to Stroud Auditorium on Friday, March 10th with their FULLY CHARGED laptop prepared to start the assessment at 8:00.
 - Thanks for your cooperation in helping our students meet this mandate.
 - April 12th (Wednesday) SAT -all Juniors will test in the Big Gym
 - April 26th (Wednesday) PSAT 8/9 -all Freshmen will test in the Big Gym
 - April 27th (Thursday) PSAT 10 -all Sophomores will test in the Big Gym
 - May 1st-5th and 8th-12th AP Testing (any student **who signed up to Test**)
 - **Breakdown of the specific test below:**

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 1, 2023	United States Government and Politics	Chemistry Spanish Literature and Culture
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	Chinese Language and Culture Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics Computer Science A
Thursday, May 4, 2023	Human Geography Macroeconomics	Seminar Statistics
Friday, May 5, 2023	European History United States History	Art History Microeconomics

Art and Design: Friday, May 5, 2023 (8 p.m. ET), is the deadline for AP Art and Design digital portfolios to be submitted to the AP Program. May 5 is also the last day to gather 2-D Art and Design and Drawing students to assemble physical portfolios.

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time	Afternoon 2 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 8, 2023	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Computer Science Principles Italian Language and Culture	
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	English Language and Composition Japanese Language and Culture	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	Spanish Language and Culture	Biology	
Thursday, May 11, 2023	French Language and Culture World History: Modern	Physics 1: Algebra- Based	
Friday, May 12, 2023	German Language and Culture Music Theory	Latin Physics 2: Algebra- Based	

- **2023-24 Scheduling**

- *Heartland Dual Credit Courses*

If you are planning on taking a dual credit course for the 23-24 school year all action items must be completed by April 1. Please refer to this link on the Course Registration page for all requirements that must be completed: [HCC Dual Credit Requirements](#)

- **Arena Scheduling**

Arena Scheduling will begin on Monday, April 3 and will conclude on Friday, April 28. Specific dates, priority groups, and directions on how to complete your schedule will be communicated after spring break.

After-Prom
Carrie Kieser

Purpose: After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.

- Working on finalizing plans for food and entertainment.
- After Spring Break there will be more information sent out for volunteer and donating opportunities.

<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"> ● I thought the new format worked much better this year. This year we just highlighted and announced the winners throughout the night versus calling out every # entered in the drawing. This definitely gave guests more time to socialize and enjoy the evening. This made it less stressful on the hosting side as well. ● Next year I would like to be more intentional about sharing details of the past After Prom events & pictures of how the funds were used. People love to see students enjoying themselves!!! A slide show would be really nice to have including pictures of Prom & After Prom. ● The Bulls ticket silent auction was a huge hit/success. Would be great to have at least 1-2 big ticket items next year. I recommend having a high cost "buy it now" price/option as well. For example, we could have had a buy it now of \$1500 on the Bulls Tickets. ● I would like to explore other venues for 2024 & compare pricing to what we are paying at BCC. BCC's environment is really nice; however, we may have just as many (if not more) people attend if the event was somewhere more low key. ● This was the first year we had the After Prom Committee come up w/ an Amazon wish list. This is something I think we need to focus on in the future. It is great supplemental "income" for the After Prom Event and really offsets the cost of prizes awarded to the students at After Prom. We plan to share this list again in the near future via Skyward & social media for 2023. There is a wide range of prizes from drink tumblers to big screen TVs & laptops so it truly fits in everyone's budget. Our thoughts were people who could not attend the Cash Bash & still wanted to contribute would purchase things from this list.
<p>Gold Rush Raffle Dawn Miller Kim Ekhoff</p>	<p>Purpose: To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee is talking through logistics of using an online platform this coming year because their largest expense is in the mailing. Feedback within the group was positive to this idea. We discussed how tickets would be drawn if there were no physical tickets mailed in and noted potential to use an online raffle generator. ● Need to buy more tickets this year (buy them every two years.) ● How does advertising change if people don't receive a physical copy. Perhaps a hybrid option of a tech option and physical option would work. ● Dawn will try to present options at the April meeting of future options.
<p>Directory Aslihan Spaulding</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 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"> ● 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 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"> • Will want volunteers for Freshman testing night.
<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"> • Dance Hospitality - Class night is the next and last dance of the year for a donation request. • Beth will be passing torch and is looking for someone to head this committee.
<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"> • Working on the spring order, but will introduce it after Spring Break. • Let Kacy know if there is something specific you want to be available in the spirit wear order. It will be an online order • Working on freshman shirt • U-Build going on trip to Guatamela. Boosters helped them with accessing a shirt to order. • Michelle will be rolling off this committee. Kacy will stay on, but needs a helper.
<p>Recognition – Good for U Award Katy Kraft Beth Sauser</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to Report On hiatus until BloNo Awards ends their program.
<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"> • If you need anything posted on website, talk with Kelli.

Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

<p>Band</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pep band played at girl’s state basketball playoffs • Jazz Night at U-High tomorrow night.
<p>Choir</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC bus trip
<p>Dance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Orchestra</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC bus trip
<p>Orchesis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Speech</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 students qualified for Nationals in Phoenix in June. One week trip, 4 per room occupancy • Trivia Night on March 24. • Cold Brew Coffee at Fort Jesse Café next Tuesday. \$1 from every cold brew sold is donated to Speech and Debate.
<p>Theater</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Sports/Clubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>STEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Girls Golf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Cheer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Boys Soccer	•
Girls Swimming	•
Boys Football	•
Boys Wrestling	•

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Booster's tax filings. Wilma Bates shared at the beginning of the year about the ISU foundation and it's roll with U-High Boosters. We are now familiar with how the Foundation operates. In 2010 ISU accounting said that if Boosters would kept our own accounts we needed to be a tax entity. If we want to use ISU umbrella, would need to run all expenses and payment through ISU accounting. At that time U-High Boosters obtained atax id number, but has not filed returns. We desire to make sure Boosters is in compliance.
- Two Options:
 - First Option: Go through ISU accounting using their accounts, would have to relinquish our own Boosters accounts which raises questions such as: "What does this to a raffle?" Cash Bash?, After Prom expenses...
 - Second Option: Reestablish tax-exempt status and take care of own tax return. Large donations may still be given through the ISU Foundation.
- Next Steps: Talk with Andrea and Stacy Welter, meet with ISU foundation, ISU Accounting, Talk with IRS
 - Understand what is available to us, what would have to change, maybe the changes are okay.
- Discussion: the ISU foundation grant and donations are distributing accurately. We don't want to change relationship with Foundation. We already have our own accounts but need to determine if we want these to go through ISU accounting or continue our own accounting. We want to continue to make it easy for parents to donate and get the matching grants. Consider if we go under ISU accounting would we be able to do the things we want to do. Alternatively, perhaps we should acknowledge that ISU currently handles other U-High accounts/reimbursements and could they just add handling the Boosters accounting? We desire to be responsible not necessarily autonomous.
- Next meeting – April 12 at 6:30 in the U-High library.

Adjourn

- Dawn Miller motioned to close the meeting and Jennifer McDade a second the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Attendees: Megan Brent, Kim Ekhoﬀ, Chris Grieshaber, Bunny King, Tim King, Darci Kyle, Andrea Markert, Jennifer McDade, Dawn Miller, Shannon Moreland, Angela Null, Joan Pacetti, Angie Reedy

Treasurers Report: See budget report below

University High School Booster Club

Treasurer Report

SY 2022-2023

	July/August 7/1/2022	September 9/1/2022	October 10/1/2022	November 11/1/2022	December 12/1/2022	January 1/1/2023	February 2/1/2023	March 3/1/2023	April 4/1/2023	May 5/1/2023	June 6/1/2023	YTD
Busey Account Balance	\$32,200.16	\$39,191.64	\$48,808.54	\$38,566.30	\$38,524.66	\$38,143.67	\$45,018.97	\$45,772.12	\$45,772.12	\$45,772.12	\$45,772.12	
Income												
Gold Rush	\$ 8,340.00	\$ 940.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -							\$ 9,480.00
Spirit Wear	\$ 1,123.00	\$ 6,681.50	\$ 1,508.00		\$ 509.00	\$ 221.00	\$ 1,266.00					\$ 11,308.50
Freshmen Shirts												\$ -
Voided Check												\$ -
Incorrect Deposit (Venmo)						\$ 570.00	\$ (570.00)					\$ -
Homecoming Social					\$ 320.00							\$ 320.00
Bankcard Settlement												\$ -
Cash Bash					\$ 900.00	\$ 6,575.00	\$ 8,615.00					\$ 16,090.00
Income Total	\$ 9,463.00	\$ 7,621.50	\$ 1,708.00	\$ -	\$ 1,729.00	\$ 7,366.00	\$ 9,311.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,198.50
YTD	\$ 9,463.00	\$ 17,084.50	\$ 18,792.50	\$ 18,792.50	\$ 20,521.50	\$ 27,887.50	\$ 37,198.50	\$ 37,198.50	\$ 37,198.50	\$ 37,198.50	\$ 37,198.50	
Expenses												
Gold Rush	\$ 225.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 150.00					\$ 1,625.00
Spirit Wear	\$ 1,762.00		\$ 10,956.50		\$ 1,326.00							\$ 14,044.50
Freshmen Shirts												\$ -
Booster Mailing	\$ 425.30											\$ 425.30
Insurance							\$ 1,137.00					\$ 1,137.00
Homecoming Social					\$ 316.80							\$ 316.80
Grant Requests							\$ 796.44					\$ 796.44
Cash Bash							\$ 6,088.00					\$ 6,088.00
Credit Card Expenses	\$ 34.49	\$ 34.60	\$ 111.74	\$ 41.64	\$ 38.99	\$ 83.70	\$ 207.54					\$ 552.70
Check Purchase	\$ 24.73						\$ 92.90					\$ 117.63
Busey Bank		\$ 10.00				\$ (68.00)						\$ (58.00)
Expense Total	\$ 2,471.52	\$ 144.60	\$ 11,468.24	\$ 41.64	\$ 1,956.79	\$ 490.70	\$ 8,471.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,045.37
YTD	\$ 2,471.52	\$ 2,616.12	\$ 14,084.36	\$ 14,126.00	\$ 16,082.79	\$ 16,573.49	\$ 25,045.37	\$ 25,045.37	\$ 25,045.37	\$ 25,045.37	\$ 25,045.37	
Income: Faculty Appreciation	\$ -	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00
Expense: Faculty Appreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$692.00	\$0.00	\$153.20	\$0.00	\$85.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$931.17
Balance: Faculty Appreciation	\$57.09	\$2,197.09	\$1,715.09	\$1,715.09	\$1,561.89	\$1,561.89	\$1,475.92	\$1,475.92	\$1,475.92	\$1,475.92	\$1,475.92	\$1,475.92
	8/30/2022	9/30/2022	10/31/2022	11/30/2022	12/31/2022	1/31/2023	2/28/2023	3/31/2023	4/30/2023	5/31/2023	6/30/2023	
Busey Account Balance	\$39,191.64	\$48,808.54	\$38,566.30	\$38,524.66	\$38,143.67	\$45,018.97	\$45,772.12	\$45,772.12	\$45,772.12	\$45,772.12	\$45,772.12	
Heartland After Prom Account	\$6,625.29	\$6,625.29	\$6,625.29	\$6,625.29	\$6,625.29	\$6,625.29						
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual						
ISU Foundation Account Balance		\$17,852.87	\$17,052.87	\$12,842.87	\$12,842.87	\$14,332.87	\$14,332.87					
		Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual *	Estimated					

* \$2000 Earmarked for for Afterprom