University High School Boosters Meeting

4/9/2025

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 Liz Kinsella at 6:36 on April 9, 2025.

Nothing to report.

Officer Reports

President

Tim King	
VP Liz Kinsella	Nothing to report.
Secretary Angie Reedy	The minutes from February are on the Boosters website and need to be approved. Shannon Moreland motioned to approve the minutes. Liz Kinsella seconded the motion.
Treasurer Shannon Moreland	 During February we received just under \$1000 in Spiritwear income from online sales and we also paid our annual insurance premiums. During March, expenses included \$200 paid to Gold Rush winners and just over \$100 in administration expenses (stop pay fee on a lost check, stamps for mailings, filing fees for our Illinois registration). In addition, as noted in our ISU foundation account section, we had additional winners who asked that their Gold Rush winnings be transferred to various clubs and teams. Please see the Treasurer's Report at the end of the minutes.
Resource Review Chris Grieshaber Matthias Pope	 Boys Golf Request – Chris Headrick (coach) Mrs. Markert gave context before discussions started to remind everyone that the golf team uses the ISU golf course. Because U-High now must pay for each practice (2 separate charges, JV/Varsity), more allocated money for the Golf team must go towards covering their practice facility. Mr. Headrick came to describe how the Golf team is raising money for a new launch monitor. This launch monitor is the Uneekor Eye Mini. Launch monitors are used on the practice range to provide helpful data to golfers. The particular launch monitor provides data on carry distance, swing speed, ball speed, along with 16 other data points including a built in camera system to allow golfers to get a view of their club and ball at impact. The current launch monitor we have is about 5 years old and requires a battery pack to be used on the range. It's more cumbersome to setup and not as accurate as this new option. to This new launch monitor

is one of the most accurate launch monitors on the market. In addition to this it is easier to setup and would allow golfers to create "profiles" so that their data can be stored and compared throughout their years at U-High. This monitor should last for about 8-9 years.
The Golf team hasn't asked for a grant for several years. Could possibly share with the girl's team. There are 20 students on the boy's Golf team.
Discounted cost of the launch monitor for the team is \$3,396.51. Requesting \$1,700 from Boosters (50%). The team has raised the other half.
Angela Null motioned to give \$1,700 to the boys Golf team for the launch monitor. Matthias Pope seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Administration Report (Andrea Markert – Principal)

Hired Brian Rohman has been hired as the permanent Asst. Principal.

U-High has hired a new Social Science teacher. Mr. Dearing is retiring, and we will be looking for a new engineering teacher.

Facilities: Library tables are all here! Chemistry lab renovation will begin at the end of this school year. Related to the lab renovation, the Main office will need to close and will relocate to library for part of summer. Chem lab should be done 8/1. Also, new bleachers are coming this summer. U-High received a grant which covered half of bleacher cost. In addition, the school raised enough money to add water fountain outside.

Many things will be happening within the next month including ACT testing, After Prom/Prom, EOY concerts, AP testing (566 AP tests will be given to students).

Admissions info: Letters go out 4/15. In addition to admitting freshmen, we will have a few upper class admissions. For the freshman class, U-High will accept 160 students -50 from Metcalf, >30 siblings, leaving half of the spots for other applicants. Many great applications. More applications from people who have lived abroad. Good diversity of candidates. 325 applications. Usual number of applicants is 280-300.

Mrs. Markert attended a College of Education Next Gen Education event in Arizona. Locally, she and four students attended a Springfield event and talked with Senators.

U-High is not included as a recipient of the 1% sales tax which was just approved. These funds are going to McLean county public schools.

Next Month: We can talk about having snacks for teachers vs the lunches. Teacher Appreciation

No Phone Policy – Phones shouldn't be seen or heard in the classroom. (Bill may pass and this will need to be monitored more closely in the future).

Committee Reports

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

Website/social media Kelli Kiefer	 The team needs more volunteers Liz Kinsella will create a sign-up genius for volunteers for Freshman Testing night. Liz will also work to ensure there is hospitality at Freshman Testing Liz Purpose: To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our website. Nothing to report. 							
Angela Null Erin Easter Chrissie Isaacs	 Freshman shirts are ready for ordering. All ordering will be paperless. Freshman testing night May 7. Summer registration, July 30. Online sales took place through April 11. Those items will be ready for pickup on May 1. Overall, this year, we have been selling more but earning less profit on each item sold. 							
Spirit-Wear Amy Westbrook	Purpose: The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community.							
Hospitality (For Dances) Jean Kolb	Purpose: To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances) •							
<i>Hospitality</i> Sudha Bodavula	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 •							
Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association Felicia Goodman	Purpose: Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community •							
Faculty/Staff Amanda Fisher	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. •							
Directory Shannon Moreland	Purpose: To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference. •							
Megan Brent Kim Ekhoff	•							
Gold Rush Raffle	Purpose: To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.							
Fundraiser for After Prom Collette Fung	Purpose: To plan and execute the Cash Bash event •							
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Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters

Music/Sports/Clubs	
Theater	Anastasia this weekend
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Old Business

None

New Business

Next meeting – May 7 at 6:30 – Wednesday --- Library. This will be the last meeting of the school year.

Adjourn

• The motion to close was made by Shannon Moreland and Angela Null seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees:

Treasurer's Report: See report below.

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