

# University High School Boosters Meeting

11/13/2024

- 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 November 13, 2024.

### Officer Reports

**President**  
*Tim King*

- Monday 11/11 there was a get-together for parents of Lab schools. Dr. Jones spoke at the gathering and reiterated that he is always open to questions from families. Some topics discussed were facilities and the directory. Enrollment numbers were also discussed. There was also a post-meeting discussion of how to generate additional interest in the Lab schools to keep folks in the loop and how they have a voice in matters related to the schools.
- Raised the question of whether or not we will need to have a December meeting. During the meeting, it was clear there are a lot of outstanding issues that need further discussion at a December meeting.

**VP**  
*Liz Kinsella*

- A Remind group has been created & we have 41 people signed up. Thank you, Mrs. Markert, for including information about this group in the Sunday email! Text @uhsparentboosters to 81010 to join. To have an event or fundraiser advertised as a “push” please let Liz Kinsella know what to say and when to send.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Food and Prizes Committee Chair also volunteer coordinator.  
  
AFTER PROM COMMITTEES: We need people for all after prom committees! Prom is way sooner than it feels and time commitment is small this far away. It works best when parents of freshman and sophomores join early so we’ve got experience as families graduate. If you are reading these Booster notes thinking, “oh, someone else will step up” ...that someone could be YOU! Commitments vary depending on committee and role.  
  
Sign up for after prom committees and lead roles [here](#) and we’ll be in touch! We would like to share this link more widely. Outlets include Facebook, Ms. Markert’s Sunday letter and Remind
- ONE TIME COMMITMENT: Handy people needed! We still need to fix sheds! Let’s settle on a date tonight, gather any other school projects, & get this going. Note that this project is pushed to a Sunday in the spring.
- BOOSTER COMMITTEES: Committee heads have all been contacted. We need leads for the following:

	<p>FUNDRAISER/CASH BASH LEAD: We need to settle on whether we're sponsoring an activity fundraiser this year and if so, what it would be and when. Definitely need some volunteers!</p> <p>DANCE HOSPITALITY LEAD: not the same as the main hospitality lead! Not a huge commitment but need to coordinate refreshments.</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA BACKUP: Kelli Kiefer has been heading this up for ten years and doing a fabulous job, but her son is graduating this year. Come hang out with Kelli &amp; prepare to take over next year!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please send Boosters related documents to Liz so that we have records and history and they can be included in an online Google storage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Secretary</b> Angie Reedy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes from October are on the website and need to be approved. Ryan Coventry motioned to approve the minutes. Erin Easter seconded the motion and the motion passed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer</b> Shannon Moreland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss Use of Boosters Name and Tax ID for grants. This is no longer an immediate need for decision. However, it may come up again with other clubs/sports wanting to use the school's tax id for grants. There are some hesitations around this as we need to keep Booster's total income below a threshold for tax purposes. There is a department at ISU that works with grants which is who band is working with now as they work on securing a grant. This ISU department is separate from the ISU Foundation.</li> <li>See treasurer report attached at the end of this document. No cash in or out.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resource Review</b> Chris Grieshaber Matthias</p>	<p><b>Funding Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance submitted a request for uniforms. Last time they received funding was 2022-2023. They meet the criteria. They are asking for \$500 for uniforms. The size of the team grew causing them to need more. There is also a need to have IHSA approved poms.</li> </ul> <p>Angela Null motioned to approve the request. Matthias Pope seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theater submitted a funding request for an updated device used for the soundboard. The total cost of the device is \$998.99. Mr. Webb attended the meeting to answer questions about the request. This technology will be used for all events in Stroud Auditorium so it will impact all students, not just those in theater. The reason an upgrade is being requested now is that a new software update was issued and this device is too old for the update to be installed on it. In addition, the tech crew needs access to more memory on the device to support production of the new shoes. Theater offered to contribute \$500 and requesting \$500. In addition, U-High tech budget is contributing \$300 to ensure the new device has the upgrade to 1 Terabyte and Apple Care warranty.</li> </ul> <p>Collette Fung motioned to give \$1,000 and cover the full amount of the device since it is used by the entire student population. Angela Null seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional note that the website still says grants can be given every 3 years vs. the updated every 2 years. Chris will work on ensuring this update is made to the website. As for other</li> </ul>

	<p>changes to the website, Andrea, Steve, and Chris can sit down and discuss the things that need to be changed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another reminder for groups receiving grants is that an stipulation for receiving grants is to have people from the groups volunteer for Boosters events.</li> </ul>

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

- Exciting events and achievements are happening at U-High. Boys Soccer won state!! Football is going to the quarterfinals (now semi-finals!). School play was the weekend of 11/15-11/16
- Giving Tuesday is a big donation day for U-High. This year the school is raising money for an outdoor water fountain. Last year's gift of a Gator will arrive this December.
- A suggestion was made as we are looking for volunteers is to ask parents at Freshman Orientation night to think about volunteering in Boosters.
- Boys and Girls basketball Intercity tournament will all be at the Shirk Center this year!

## Committee Reports

<b>Counseling Center Updates</b>	
<b>After-Prom</b> Carrie Kieser Felicia Goodman	<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>• Carrie Kieser will chair After Prom again this year. Felicia will be assisting with the possibility of taking over next year.</li> <li>• The Interstate Center is not available on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we are looking for a new location.</li> <li>• This year's Prom theme is Casino Royale</li> <li>• Location? Funding? Volunteers? Many decisions still need to be made.</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraiser for After Prom</b> OPEN	<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>
<b>Gold Rush Raffle</b> Megan Brent Kim Ekhoﬀ	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Directory</b> Shannon Moreland	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide a listing of all U-High students &amp; families for reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility of using Skyward for the directory next year?</li> </ul>
<b>Faculty/Staff</b> Amanda Fisher	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association</b> Felicia Goodman	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

<b>Hospitality</b> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Hospitality (For Dances)</b> Jean Kolb	<b>Purpose:</b> To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Spirit-Wear</b> Amy Westbrook Angela Null Erin Easter Chrissie Isaacs	<b>Purpose:</b> The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The holiday online order closed on Nov. 2 and delivery/pick up is planned for the week of Dec. 16</li> <li>• Booster had in-person sales during the home playoff football game Nov. 9</li> <li>• Next in-person sales will be during Basketball in December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Girls game on Friday, Dec. 6</li> <li>o Boys game on Saturday, Dec. 14</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Final in-person sales will be the night of Freshmen testing on April 30</li> <li>• A sign-up for helping with in-person sales will be sent to Boosters members</li> <li>• Planning on doing at least 1 (maybe 2) additional online order during February and/or April</li> <li>• Chrissie Isaacs will be joining the volunteer team.</li> </ul>
<b>Website/social media</b> Kelli Kiefer	<b>Purpose:</b> To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our website. <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>Football</b>	•
<b>Boys Wrestling</b>	•
<b>Girls Tennis</b>	•
<b>Girls Softball</b>	•

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Next meeting – December 11 at 6:30 – Wednesday --- Library

