

Monthly Booster Club Meeting		
Date 9-11-24		LHS In person + Zoom Meeting
Meeting called by	Corey Finkelmeyer	
Type of Meeting	Monthly Booster Meeting	
Note Taker	Jill Schaefer	
Attendees	18 people in person, 1 person on Zoom	

Discussion Items	Action
Introductions	<p>In-person introductions with all attendees in the room.</p> <p>Corey called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Minutes from the 5-8-24 meeting were approved with no objections.</p>
Treasurer's Report Ben Kujak-Ford	<p>\$83,074 cash on hand (plus petty cash from concessions)</p> <p>Explained budget sheet and anticipated expenses as we know them now. Discussion on how Booster Club might partner with school groups, clubs and teams to fundraise and how to request funds from the Booster Club. See our Resources page for information about requesting funds and fundraising opportunities.</p>
Principal's Report Mat Thompson methompson@madison.k12.wi.us	<p>Toured final new spaces, highlighting new mural and other artwork, wayfinding, students of the month display case. Noted that many of the improvements such as the parking lot, new weights for the weight room, new sound system came about because of the Booster Club advocating for equitable funding with the referendum. Thank you, Booster Club!</p> <p>School motto is SOUL: Strength, Opportunity, Unity, Leadership</p> <p>Working on changing the narrative about LHS to accompany the new spaces and new pride in the building by students, staff and community.</p> <p>What we've been working on the first couple of weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal expectations - close door at bell, no pass if you're tardy, in class first 10 and last 10 minutes of every class (no passes), zone lanyard hall pass to keep students

	<p>in a particular building zone, teachers monitoring hallways. Cultivating a student culture of learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Setting tone ● 9th-grade only day ● Grade-level assemblies ● Tardies data & tiered response ● School culture & student leadership ● Family engagement ● Wayfinding & updating the building decals <p>Move to standards-based learning. More to come on that.</p> <p>Reinforcing “You belong here” and “Community, college and career ready”</p> <p>Open House and Land Acknowledgement Ceremony coming this fall. Stay tuned for more details.</p> <p>Working with staff to activate new staff newsletter software and family newsletter. This will be <i>the place</i> for families to learn about school events, news, etc.</p> <p>Parent requests for future news from Mr. Thompson about Title I, new Home at La Follette area for addressing student needs</p> <p>Door Dash deliveries not allowed after 12:51. Kids need to eat outside if their delivery is running late.</p> <p>Visitor Aware will be rolled out through MMSD by the office of safety and security. There is a formal process and you can pre-register.</p>
<p>Athletic Director Report Scott Swanson spswanson@madison.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Great to have a functioning building again! Fully staffed with coaches for all sports.</p> <p>Shared slideshow that is currently playing the building with upcoming sporting events. You can also always find athletics calendar and information at lafolletteathletics.com.</p> <p>We’re in the second year of digital Go Fan for sporting event passes and individual tickets. You can purchase in advance or at games, but note cash is not accepted either way. Students should still purchase their athletic passes through Infinite Campus.</p> <p>Last year, 56 student athletes had a 4.0 GPA — 13% of all students. 236 had a 3.5 or higher GPA. That’s 45% of our students. Over 65% had a 3.0 GPA or higher. Athletics is making a</p>

	<p>positive difference in academics too.</p> <p>There are 415 student athletes playing a sport this fall (out of total enrollment of just under 1,500)</p> <p>Doing Lancer alumni athlete profiles of student athletes on the school building slideshow this year. At least 30 alums playing college sports. Not our goal with our athletes to ensure they play college sports, but it's fun to share. For students interested in pursuing a sport in college, there is a district athletics counselor available to help any MMSD student. Contact Scott Swanson if interested and he can put you in touch.</p> <p>Girls hockey co-op meeting tonight.</p> <p>New LHS horse mascot has been a big hit. We will do a student council vote for a name.</p>
<p>Boosters news/discussion</p>	<p>Concessions Expanded to offer girls and boys volleyball and boys soccer concessions in addition to football this fall. Always need parent help and students can also volunteer as runners. See our Volunteer page to sign up.</p> <p>Last year was the first year hosting concessions for a Basketball Development League tournament for younger players. This year, we're hoping to host 2 or 3 BDL tournaments (boys and girls).</p> <p>Concessions are <i>the single biggest source</i> of fundraising for the Boosters for all of the money we use to meet funding requests for sports, academics, the arts, scholarships, staff requests and more.</p> <p>Family Fun Day Was held on Saturday, Aug. 17 in coordination with the No Fear All Fun 5K Run/Walk. Attendance was okay; not sure if we'll do it again next year or modify it in some way.</p> <p>Freshman Night Helped with this in August. Boosters provided free (limited) concessions. It was very well attended.</p> <p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Secret Santa in December for students and siblings identified by LHS social workers who are likely not to receive gifts otherwise. Last year our families supported 197 LHS students and siblings. Stay tuned for more information in October or November.

- **Staff Appreciation Day.** In December. Collect raffle baskets and raffle basket items for staff. Also solicit holiday treats from families.
- **Homecoming.** September 27 – Pep rally and game. Dance on September 28; theme is Under the Sea. Volunteer opportunities will be shared soon.
- **Fall Festival** — October 22 (back up date Oct. 29) Concessions, bouncy house, Trunk or Treat. More to come.

Shoutout to the custodial team; these efforts wouldn't be possible without their amazing support.

Funding requests

- **Principal Thompson annual Booster budget request** for staff appreciation week and coffee, staff shirts, building decals, student incentives, ACT/Pre-ACT testing snacks, student raffle, miscellaneous purchases. **\$12,500 — approved unanimously.**
- **Enrichment opportunities for students** — Booster started this conversation last year. Interest in focusing on students who don't have access to some of the things other students or schools have, such as camps, private lessons, special drama coaching, writing and STEM workshops, etc. Boosters would like to support bringing some of this training and coaching into the school to work with groups of students. Boosters Executive Team proposing we commit to \$20,000 in our budget for this year. **\$20,000 — approved unanimously.**
- **Senior signs + rally towels for pep rally** — Request from parent to purchase cardboard or glossy paper signs instead of plastic to be more environmentally friendly. **\$3,200 — approved unanimously.**
- **Senior scholarships** — \$500 per student x 12 students for a total request of \$12,000 from Boosters. (Additional funds may be raised by families or others.) **\$12,000 approved unanimously.**
- **Senior day + Homecoming** — decorations, coffee, lunch for volunteers at \$400 per each of these two events. **\$800 — approved unanimously.**

How to request funding from Boosters

Anyone affiliated with LHS can ask for funding from the Boosters – sports, clubs, groups, arts. Check out the [funding request form](#) on our website. Athletics requests must get sign off from Scott Swanson; non-athletics requests must get sign off from Mat

La Follette Booster Club Minutes

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	Meeting concluded at 8:47 p.m.
Next Meeting	Oct. 9, 2024, 7 p.m. in Room 1104 and on Zoom.