

Monthly Booster Club Meeting		
Date 10-9-24		LHS In person + Zoom Meeting
Meeting called by	Corey Finkelmeyer	
Type of Meeting	Monthly Booster Meeting	
Note Taker	Jill Schaefer	
Attendees	14 people in person; 0 on Zoom (not available this evening)	

Discussion Items	Action
<b>Introductions</b>	<p>In-person introductions with all attendees in the room.</p> <p>Corey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Minutes from the 9-11-24 meeting were approved with no objections.</p>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Ben Kujak-Ford	\$72,577.74 cash on hand (plus petty cash from concessions)
<b>Principal's Report</b> Mat Thompson <a href="mailto:methompson@madison.k12.wi.us">methompson@madison.k12.wi.us</a>	<p><b>Fantastic Homecoming dance</b> — great event! Appreciate all the organization and help.</p> <p><b>School demographics</b>                      Asian students: 6.24%                      Black/African American: 24.24%                      Hispanic/Latinx: 34.69%                      Multiracial: 8.21%                      White: 26.14%                      American Indian: 0.2%                      Pacific Islander/Hawaiian: 0.13%                      Multilingual Students (ELL): 37.35%                      Receives special ed support: 18.21%                      Low income: 60.91%</p> <p><b>AP course enrollment</b> has been growing — exceeding expectations! Over 42 AP courses offered. Building back the strong academic tradition here at La Follette.</p> <p><b>School attendance has been very good.</b> Our goal is 90% and we're at 89%. Keep encouraging your kids to attend every day. Tardies are a problem, particularly for 5th period after lunch. Please make sure your kids get to class on time. Tardy Party and other incentives for students who have been doing well.</p>

	<p><b>Parent teacher conferences.</b> November 14 evening; November 15 full day. New system — Power PTC platform for scheduling. Look for this to be shared to sign up for conferences. In person or virtual.</p>
<p><b>Athletic Director Report</b>          Scott Swanson  <a href="mailto:spswanson@madison.k12.wi.us">spswanson@madison.k12.wi.us</a></p>	<p>No report — Scott absent.</p> <p>Shout out from the cheer team to the Boosters for purchasing the rally towels for the homecoming game.</p> <p>Our horse mascot has been named — Larry!</p>
<p><b>Boosters news/discussion</b></p>	<p><b>Concessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concessions are beginning to wrap up for the fall sports season.</li> <li>● Youth Football will be using the concessions space (with Booster Club supervision on site) with their own food</li> <li>● Dual-Language Immersion program will be using the concessions space for Day of the Dead (again, with Booster Club supervision on site) with their own food</li> <li>● Slated to host 3 Badger Development League tournaments, one each in December, January and February. Boosters will host concessions; huge fundraiser for us.</li> <li>● We need more help in concessions! Most of the money we raise does <i>not</i> go to sports — so even though concessions are offered at athletic events, the money goes to support the arts, academics, teachers, etc.</li> <li>● We will be attempting digital menus this winter</li> </ul> <p><i>Question:</i> Can we offer shorter shifts at concessions (2 hours)?  <i>Answer:</i> You can always write in the comments that you are only able to stay for part of a shift. Will include this information in our announcements. We may be able to incorporate shorter shifts.</p> <p><b>Upcoming events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Fall Festival.</b> October 22: For elementary and middle school students and families in LHS feeder schools. Concessions, bouncy house, Trunk or Treat offered by students. <a href="#">Sign up to help on our Volunteer web page.</a></li> <li>● <b>Secret Santa</b> 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 November.</li> <li>● <b>Staff Appreciation Day.</b> Friday, December 20. We will collect raffle baskets and raffle basket items for staff. Also</li> </ul>

solicit holiday treats from families. Look for Sign Up Genius to come.

**LHS Spirit Wear/Merch**

- School district is offering merch and students are also selling LHS merch in the school store. We don't want to compete with students.
- We will sell inventory we have at a sale rate. We can also donate some to Mr. Thompson to use as student incentives.
- In the future, we can explore unique items that the Boosters can sell (like stadium cushions, bagged coffee, etc.)

**SOUL support**

- With planning for the referenda, LHS included areas for food pantry, clothing donations, washer/dryer, private showers, personal care items. Staffed by social workers.
- Mr. Thompson got money for the washer/dryer. He will talk with social workers to see what other kinds of needs they have.
- Boosters will contribute to this once we know what additional needs are.

**Enrichment experiences for students in academics, the arts, etc.**

- Interest in offering students who don't have access to some of the things other students or schools have, such as private lessons, special 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.
- Thompson has talked to teachers. They are very interested and are thinking about what kinds of speakers and other opportunities they might request.
- Will likely have funding requests for this at the next meeting.

**Other**

- Laura Cornelius (MMSD nurse) will be taking over the clothing donations program with clothing from Monona Schools donated to schools on the east side. Clothing is cleaned for free by Klinke Cleaners and distributed.
- MSCR basketball club teams are interested in getting basketball jerseys. They would design their own shirts. We will ask MSCR coordinator (Dane) to submit a request for

	<p>funds from Boosters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you note from Henderson for donating to their Fun Run last year.</li></ul> <p><b>Funding requests</b> None</p> <p><b>How to request funding from Boosters</b> Anyone affiliated with LHS can ask for funding from the Boosters – sports, clubs, groups, arts. Check out the <a href="#">funding request form</a> on our website. Athletics requests must get sign-off from Athletic Director Scott Swanson; non-athletics requests must get sign-off from Principal Mat Thompson.</p>
	Meeting concluded at 7:57 p.m.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Nov. 13, 2024, 7 p.m. in Room 1113 and on Zoom.