



TRHS Foundation Exec Meeting

5 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – TRHS Library

AGENDA

Call To Order

Zach Stubbs

In attendance: William Blakely, Marianela Blanco, Kate Brown, Kelly Caldbeck, Tatum Clayburn, Dave Dykstra, Jason Egge, Bryan Huggins, Joe Katelman, Betsy Mitchell, Katie Gibson Overby, Danielle Roecker, Zach Stubbs
Staff: Chris Diebel, Andrew Wade

Absent: Andrew Bailey, Jessi Goodsell, Katherine Herrington, Dr. Hugh Hammond, Heather Puri, Sarah Steward, Anita Vanlo

Motion to Approve Minutes: Dave Dykstra; Second by Danielle Roecker; all approved

TRHS Staff Update

Andrew Wade

Weight room is officially open. Kids are using it from 6am-10pm. Significant resources from the R Party were used to realize this project. Reorganizing the equipment in the space allowed us to increase the number of occupants.

There was a water issue in the Gym. A student kicked a soccer ball and hit a sprinkler head. Service Master did a great job of cleaning the space. Looking forward, the gymnasium floor will be sanded down this summer and repainted. The west wall will also be re-padded.

Four swimmers going to state.

Spring sports look strong. There are 172 boys interested in soccer alone.

Looking forward, Mr. Wade's dream is to add turf on baseball and softball fields to extend the use of the fields for practice from other sports. It would likely cost over \$3 Million (lighting would likely be another \$800k+). Additionally, he would like to update the locker rooms.

Financials

Dave Dykstra

- December

Motion to Approve Financials: Jason Egge; Second by Zach Stubbs; all approved.

President's Update

Zach Stubbs

Natatorium

- First round of bids were over budget.
- DMPS is reviewing some subtle tweaks to the design and timeline to bring costs down.
- The project will be re-bid.

Zach: The foundation has already raised \$400,000 on this project. We have barely started to fundraise. We will more publicly market the project when the new numbers are finalized.

There is an estate gift coming that is earmarked for sports or sciences. We could use some of that to fulfill our goal. Additionally, we have excess funds from the library capital campaign that can also be attributed to this project.

Summer Alumni Event

- I-Cubs Alumni Meet-Up: June 23rd?
- \$32-36/guest includes food and ticket to the game.
- Could find a keg sponsor to further entice attendance.

Iowa Cubs has decided they won't sell kegs. They would prefer to do drink tickets, but pricing could be prohibitive.

Rider Pride – Club Sponsorships

- Incentivizing student organizations to help manage trash around campus

Zach asked for volunteers to join a planning committee to discuss this opportunity further.

Grant Requests

- Senior Party: Requests \$6,000. Last year, we awarded \$3,000.
 - **Motion** by Danielle Roecker: Grant \$3,000, with a note to the planning committee that our board would be open to a follow-up request for additional funds if they can't raise the balance elsewhere. Second by Dave Dykstra.
 - Danielle asked that we review past gifts to review patterns and consider potential parameters around future giving.
- Band Uniforms: Requests \$10,000.
 - **Motion** by Nela Blanco: to grant \$10,000. Second by Joe Katelman; all approved.
 - Also encourage band to talk to Wade about using some funds from the R Party.

Executive Director's Update

Chris Diebel

2026 Scholarship Update

- Award cycle is now open until March 1st.
- Flyers and posters have been distributed at TRHS and social media promotions have begun.
- TRHS Awards/HOF ceremony scheduled for April 29th at 6pm.

R Party Reconciliation

- The 2025 R Party made a net profit of \$112,500!
- Split: Activities \$39,375; Foundation \$39,375; Feeder School Grants \$16,875; Facilities Fund \$16,875

Rider Cup

- Friday, May 15th at Waveland Golf Course.
- First Committee meeting held Tuesday, February 10th at 4pm on Zoom.

Hall of Fame

- The website was updated, and the first social media post was made.
- Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 20, 2026

Birdies for Charity application has also been filed. We should know by March 16th on approval. If approved, we will submit proceeds from the R Party for an 8% match.

New Business

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Compensation Committee