



# TRHS Foundation Meeting Minutes

5 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2026

**In attendance:** Andrew Bailey, William Blakely, Nella Blanco, Kate Brown, Tatum Clayburn, Kelly Caldbeck, Dave Dykstra, Jason Egge, Kate Gibson Overby, Dr. Hugh Hammond, Bryan Huggins, Betsy Mitchell, Heather Puri, Jay Singleton, Sarah Steward, Anita Vanlo

**Staff:** Chris Diebel, Mindy Euken

**Absent:** Jessi Goodsell, Joe Katelman, Danielle Roecker, Zach Stubbs

## AGENDA

### Call To Order

**Zach Stubbs**

- March Minutes

**Motion To Approve:** 1<sup>st</sup> by Hammond; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clayburn; All Approved

### TRHS Staff Report

**Mindy Euken**

Honored as Speech and Debate State Champions

Jazz Choir won 1<sup>st</sup> Place at State (and additional individual student recognitions)

Indoor Percussion and Color Guard received First Place at Iowa Indoor Marching Arts Competition

Boys Soccer beat Dowling in their first game!

State testing is underway this week. Cafeteria staff worked hard for special breakfasts to help fuel optimal outcomes.

Hosting current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to come tour the school as incoming families. Clubs and Sports teams will have a presence as well.

Students involved in activities have increased their GPA to 3.46 over the last three years. 66% of students involved in some sort of extracurricular. Those students involved in activities have a 90% attendance rate.

The Spring musical "Mean Girls Jr," Prom and Sharks Pageant are all upcoming.

Reimagining Education: Those interested should watch school board discussions.

### Financials

**Dave Dykstra**

- February Financials

**Motion To Approve:** 1<sup>st</sup> Puri; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hammond; All Approved

### President's Update

**Zach Stubbs**

ED Calling Calendar Discussion

- Soliciting ideas from Board Members
- Zach Stubbs has agreed to assist with: Jack & Jennifer Hilmes, Robin Samples, and Tim Wolf

Open Board Seats

- Reed Pulver has completed an application (attached for review/vote).
- Hoping to recruit two more strategic additions.
- A number of names have been floated from the Merrill feeder pattern.
- Any new names from Cowles, Hubbell, or Perkins feeder families?

Kelly Caldbeck added the following names to the prospective board list:

- Dr. Jeffrey Newland
- Rachel/Luke Garnass
- Molly/Erin Berggren
- Jason/Tina Ickowitz
- Laura/Tom Rodgers- kids are all graduated, previously involved in Rider Club

#### Natatorium

- The second round of bids has been received and DMPS is moving forward with the major components of the project.
- Base Bid, plus Bid Alternates 1, 5, 6, 10, 11 will be completed in the approved scope of work (attached for review).
- We now have a goal of raising an additional \$120,000. If we raise more, there could be an opportunity to add Bid Alternates 8 and/or 9 as a Change Order during the construction process.

#### Executive Director's Update

**Chris Diebel**

#### Student Video Tour

- Contacted Rider Crew to discuss a student-led video tour of renovated spaces that we can share in future email distributions.

#### 2026 Scholarship Update

- Scholarship reviews were completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- TRHS Awards/HOF ceremony scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### Rider Cup

- Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Waveland Golf Course.
- Printed invitations have been sent to past attendees.
- Email solicitations to prior sponsors have been sent.
- Early bird pricing closes April 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Hall of Fame

- The committee has nominated Dennis Kardon and Ronald Autry. They have confirmed.

#### New Business

**All**

**Motion To Approve \$1000 Japan trip contingent upon the student committing to raising the rest: 1<sup>st</sup> by Blakely; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gibson; All Approved.**

**Trade Scholarships:** The group agrees to re-open those opportunities for trade scholarships and reach out to Central Campus.