



TRHS Foundation Exec Meeting

5 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – TRHS Library

AGENDA

Call To Order / Review Minutes

Zach Stubbs

Motion to approve by Dr. Hammond, second by Mitchell; all approved

In attendance: William Blakely, Kate Brown, Kelly Caldbeck, Dave Dykstra, Jason Egge, Jessi Goodsell, Kate Gibson Overby, Dr. Hugh Hammond, Katherine Harrington, Bryan Huggins, Joe Katelman, Heather Puri, Betsy Mitchell, Jay Singleton, Zach Stubbs

Staff: Chris Diebel, Missy Floyd

Absent: Andrew Bailey, Marianela Blanco, Tatum Clayburn, Sarah Steward, Anita Vanlo

TRHS Staff Update

Missy Floyd

Proud of how staff has handled student stress surrounding the Superintendent's personnel issues.

School performance profile: Moved from a "targeted" status to an "acceptable"

Still targeted for: English learners, Individualized Education Plan (students with disabilities that need additional support).

28% improvement in chronic absenteeism.

3.5% increase in math proficiency

17% increase in science proficiency

Collecting more culture data from families through Panorama Survey that tracks feelings on:

- Student/teacher relationships
- Sense of Safety
- Sense of belonging

Started a student leadership class. Working to obtain honest student feedback and ideas for change.

Activities:

- Weight room will likely be open first week of November.
- Hired new baseball and track coaches.
- Fall Play: 12 Angry Jurors
- Band is playing at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis
- Debate students are currently in Taiwan
- Making plans for gym upgrades

Ninth Grade “Houses”

Data shows that if students start strong in 9th grade, they are more likely to graduate. Early signs point to this being a positive addition.

Financials

Dave Dykstra

- July
- Scholarship Accounts Overview

Motion to approve financials by Heather Puri ; second by Jason Egge; all approved

Now that the FY end is complete, we will start working with Denman & Assoc to file our 990s early.

Review of R Party Proceeds:

35% scholarships (foundation)

35% TRHS activities department

15% feeder school grants

15% Facilities Fund (Principal’s discretionary)

Betsy: Some of the budget inputs weren’t completely accurate because we approved a budget before the fiscal year ended. The budget, therefore, is short in a few categories that did not take into account the final two months of the previous FY. She suggests that we approve a revised budget at the November meeting.

President’s Update

Zach Stubbs

Community Foundation / Mercer Meeting

- November in-person meeting with Finance Committee in the works

Opportunity Scholarship Request (see attached)

- Michael Klipping: Marine Biology Field Studies trip to Fiji, \$1,000

Motion: Dave Dyksta Second by Jay Singleton; all approved

Abstained: Jason Egge

Board Objectives /Ideas for 2025-26 School Year:

- Improve the HOF display and make more prominent for students to see/interact with
- Continue to grow the R party and the success of that event -identify future leadership
- Improve/expand community outreach
- Identify strategies to target high net worth individuals and promote stock donations that offset donors’ capital gain taxes / RMDs
- Continue to grow awareness of scholarships amongst students/staff
- Increase capital expenditures towards the arts (athletics sometimes takes precedence)
- Combat donor fatigue with the Rider Cup / R Party – find new ways to engage with alumni

Executive Director’s Update

Chris Diebel

R Party 2025

- Saturday, November 15th at the Downtown Marriott
- The committee has begun meeting bi-weekly
- Steve Berry has agreed to emcee
- A videographer has been secured
- Invitations have gone to print/mail

Betsy asked for 100% board participation (buy tickets, donate auction item and/or sponsor).

Jessi added that we're increasing the restaurant dash. If board members have contacts to restaurants that would donate \$100, please contact the committee. Additionally, the runaround game from the cooler is a big revenue generator. If board members can donate a bottle of liquor (or a complementary item) to be included in the Yeti cooler.

Katherine Harrington: Reminder that we need volunteers to staff our table at the next football game.

Natatorium Update

- Kelly/Chris met with Rachel Ruan McLean and requested \$250,000 for naming rights.

New Business

All

Dave reminded the board to vote in the bond referendum.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Student Opportunity Scholarships are designed to support Roosevelt High School students (grades 9-12) by assisting with expenses (up to \$1,000) related to officially sanctioned school activities that enhance their education-based extracurricular experience.

Eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Uniforms or gear for athletics, band, or performing arts programs
- Registration fees for academic competitions, tournaments, or leadership conferences
- Costs for summer enrichment programs, such as camps and workshops
- Travel expenses for school events or out-of-town competitions
- Specialized equipment required for participation in club, sport, and fine-art activities

Michael Klipping Opportunity Scholarship Request

Project Description/Goals:

I am a student at Roosevelt High School, and I attend Central Campus. There is an opportunity for students to travel to Fiji to participate in a Field Studies Expedition for Marine Biology and Aquarium Science. The expedition provides students the opportunity to engage in Marine Sciences in different ways, from research methods, working closely with scientists, learning about the local ecosystems, and Marine life. This expedition also allows students to be hands-on in the field of Marine Biology and get a first-hand experience in researching the mysteries of the ocean.

Please outline why you need help with this expense:

The total expense of this expedition is an estimated 3,000 dollars not including most meals and neither me or my family could afford this, and my parents would still need to pay for a passport application. I would be most grateful for this opportunity due to the fact that ever since I was in kindergarten I've been aspiring to eventually become involved in the Marine science field.

What member of faculty will oversee this project?

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