



Mission: The Roosevelt High School Foundation/Alumni Association is organized to celebrate the tradition and shape the future of Roosevelt High School by advancing and supporting the students, faculty, alumni and Roosevelt community.

Roosevelt Foundation Board Meeting: January 11, 2020

Present: Kevin Biggs, Nick Callison, Jackson Dahlquist, Stephen Dorff, Marie Gernes, Rose Green, Julianne Hilmes-Bartlett, Dylan Huey, Bryan Huggins, AJ Johnson, Charlotte Lozier, Erik Lundy, DeMario Luttrell, Steve Malone, Kate Mead, Kameron Middlebrooks, Scott Nelson, Nate Nielsen, Natalie Pohlmann, Kelly Roberson, Mary Schlehuber, Erin Sears, Mak Sucasca, Kari Stone, Ted Stroope, Abby Zegers (itals- absent)

Total Board Members: 23

Present: 21

1. Agenda Items
2. Welcome & Call to Order (Rose)
3. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - a. AJ move to approve, Eric 2nd, all approve
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Strong inflow in December with Connect annual appeal. Total was \$23,000 (more than this time last year), wonderful community support.
 - b. Capital Campaign is at \$550,000 at this point and will be reimbursing Foundation General Fund
5. Administrative Reports
 - a. Kari
 - i. Scholarships will go online Friday 1/15, whole process is now online. Finalizing with Natalie and committee. Available to Board at <https://www.trhsfoundation.org/scholarships>, will be live Friday. Will be on social media as well, please share!
 - ii. Newsletter also going out Friday, Scholarships headline
 - iii. Bloomerang updates continue, fine-tuning and cultivating donor info/ capacity, as we pay per 1000 users. This is our only list now.
 1. Currently, up to \$5000, we are around 4200. Next subscription is to the 5000-1000 level, call scheduled this week.
 - iv. Working with Connie and Nikki on Campaign launch, final drafts of brochure
6. Principal's Report (Kevin)
 - a. Busy week: about ½ of students back in building. Things are going well, energy good. Winter sports are rolling, girls' basketball team is highly ranked, wrestling is doing well. Interviewing new head football coach, offer extended and accepted today, more info soon. ESPN and Special Olympics came to honor Unified Sports program last week.
 - b. Difficult week: raid at US Capitol and impact/ discussions with students and staff after collective trauma and ongoing uncertainty. Today, news of 2 students involved in car crash last night in

Urbandale. One child is hospitalized and one lost his life. Staff is working to support students and families.

- c. COVID-19 updates, anticipating possibly extending the school day to recoup minutes during days DMPS was not in compliance. Concerns for safety of students and vulnerable staff, but little left to do from a policy standpoint. Many students who had left TRHS last fall are back. District meetings ongoing this week.
7. Committee Reports
- a. Capital Campaign Committee: Kickoff meeting with complete Cabinet last week (huge step forward!); newest version of casebook is on portal, still confidential to Board. Will be open to the public after 60% of funds have been raised in the “silent campaign” portion. Goal is to have pledges by Summer 2021, launch around fall to connect with class gifts, school year calendar, etc. Ideally still aligned with Centennial somehow in 2023.
 - b. Scholarships + Grants Committee: big week going online! Working to make it an inclusive process, reaching deeper to encourage applications.
 - c. Review Calendar: Committee Activities through Summer 2021.
 - i. Rider Cup- Reserved Friday 5/21/21 at Waveland (3rd Friday in May). Meeting invites/schedules coming soon for committee- Board members and community volunteers are welcome to join the committee.
 - ii. Alumni/ Hall of Fame update: Hoping to include last year’s honoree in this year’s celebration, updates to come. Usually an open call for nominees at trhsfoundation.org/halloffame considered alongside prior nominees. Goal was to nominate Feng Zhang and Ben Silbermann.
8. Board Discussion on Draft Anti-Racist Statement
- a. Exec Committee Draft and context linked in Portal
 - i. Board in support of statement, questions about next steps:
 - 1. Question of leading with this/ posting on website, or having it prepared as needed.
 - a. Suggestion to remove bullet point about funding/ 501(c)3 status if/when forward-facing, since intended as backup.
 - 2. Proposal also to incorporate civil rights language into Foundation mission.
 - ii. Vote
 - 1. Motion: to have draft prepared for responses, and to take it up as a board later if we determine the need for a forward-facing statement in mission/ vision.
 - 2. Mary- motion to approve as prepared response, Steve 2nd, all approve.
 - a. Next steps: Communications committee will revise, Exec Committee will revisit and approve and share with Board.
 - iii. Thanks for our solidarity from Principal Biggs, on behalf of the students and staff.
9. Thank You Notes
- a. Keeping up with Connect donors.

Upcoming Dates:

Scholarship Program Opens: Friday, January 15, 2021
Monthly Newsletter: Friday, January 15, 2021
Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021
Rider Cup golf tournament: Friday, May 21, 2021