



TRHS Foundation Exec Meeting

5 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 3750 Grand Ave Library

In attendance: Andrew Bailey, Kate Brown, Kelly Cadbeck, Jason Egge, Dave Dykstra, Kate Gibson Overby, Bryan Huggins, Betsy Mitchell, Sarah Steward, Anita Vanlo

Staff: Chris Diebel, Andrew Wade

Absent: Nela Blanco, Tatum Clayburn, Jessi Goodsell, William Blakely, Dr. Hugh Hammond, Joe Katelman, Danielle Roecker, Jay Singleton, Zach Stubbs, Heather Welch Puri

AGENDA

Call To Order

Jason Egge

Motion to approve minutes by Andrew Bailey; Second by Anita Vanlo; all approved

Staff Update:

Andrew Wade

Boys soccer went to state. Great teamwork that excelled them to the finish.

Girls soccer made it to semi-finals.

Boys track: qualified for state in three events. Girls track qualified for six events.

All coaches are expected to return next school year.

We will have a new drama director next school year. Applicants have already begun to come in.

Pool renovation is underway. Scoreboard has been ordered.

Debate coach is moving to Omaha. A replacement is likely identified.

18 campaigns through School Funder. The average gift is \$73. \$171,000 has been raised so far this fiscal year. Each team/group keeps 97% of those gifts (3% credit card fee).

There are some teams that have negative accounts: Baseball, Softball, Debate.

Plans are being formed to organize something to honor Coach Hannah who passed unexpectedly.

Financials

Dave Dykstra

- April

Motion to approve minutes by Kate Gibson Overby; Second by Anita Vanlo; all approved

President's Update

Jason Egge

Natatorium

- Demolition has begun.
- An initial check for \$400,000 was delivered to DMPS in April. We will deliver another \$120,000 this week.
- An oversized post card has been created that will be distributed to all donors the week of June 8th.
- Kelly Caldbeck has agreed to host a prospective donor's event in July.

Student Opportunity Scholarships

- Theodore Swanson, \$600: Best Buddies Leadership Conference
- Sam Schmidt, \$600: Best Buddies Leadership Conference
- Carlie Arganbright, \$600: Best Buddies Leadership Conference
- Expense breakdown: \$400/student conference fee (includes lodging and food at The University of Indiana); \$200/student bus fee (a charter takes students from all over Iowa).
- *Exec Committee recommends full funding for each student.*

Motion: Betsy; Second: Kate Brown; all approved

Grant Request

- Kristen Allan is coordinating annual back to school drive at Oakridge, Deerfield and Boys & Girls Club.

- They have requested \$750 this year; In 2025 we gave \$500.
- There is \$4,000 remaining in this FY budget.

Motion to fully fund: Betsy Mitchell, Second by Sarah Stewart

Summer Alumni Event

- I-Cubs Alumni Meet-Up: June 23rd
- \$35/guest includes food and ticket to the game. Kids under three are free.
- Post cards have been mailed, initial email has been sent, and social media is ongoing.
- Board Call to Action: Help us champion this “friendraiser” by attending/recruiting friends.

Sarah Stewart motioned to spend up to \$500 to pay for faculty/staff to attend the event . Second by Second by Kate Gibson Overby. All approved. **The board agreed to use funds from the funds from our grant budget.*

Executive Director’s Update

Chris Diebel

Rider Cup

- Made over \$42,000 (gross). Basically tied for the record.

Executive Director Contact Tracker:

- Dave Everett: Additional natatorium gift.
- Janet Warren: Potential donation for natatorium.
- Linda Lamb: Potential donation for natatorium
- Kevin Edwards: Natatorium gifts
- Mark Lanngin: Parent who shared concerns over performing arts funding at TRHS and wanted to discuss what the foundation does to help. Coffee booked for June 17th.
- Robert Davis: Potential donation for natatorium

Board Prospects:

- Amber Graeber
- Suzanne Reynolds-Arnold
- Previously discussed: Reed Pulver

New Business

All

Scholarships: Betsy mentioned that we should engage the counseling department in first semester, so everyone knows it is coming at the beginning of second semester. Kate Brown suggested that we attend a staff meeting so all faculty is aware of the opportunities. Kate Gibson Overby suggested we add information to the school paper for college and student opportunity scholarships.

Promoting Scholarships: It was suggested that we ask Mindy to add us to an all-staff agenda at the beginning of the year to give staff an overview of the foundation and remind them of Student Opportunity and traditional College/Trade School Scholarships. **Emailed Mindy and Dona on Thursday, June 11th.*

Contact TRHS Admin to learn more about the Admin Trip to visit all incoming 9th Grade families. We will want to put an About Us flyer and R Party save-the-date in those packets. *Emailed Mindy and Dona on Thursday, June 11th.*

Contact with Student leaders for R Party: **An email was sent on Thursday, June 11th to Kristen Allen, Cullen Arnold, Easley Saldanha, Amaya Veldkamp, Clara Page, Malaika Hollis, Lilah Kehoe proposing a July planning meeting in person or on Zoom. We also asked for the student leaders to identify one or two points of contact moving forward.*

The front sign/flower bed on Polk Blvd were in disrepair over graduation weekend. The sign is cracked and needs new grout. The beds were overgrown with weeds. Foundation will cover landscaping expenses over the summer for reunions (up to \$2,500). **Steve Darcy was contacted on Thursday, June 11th to get a landscaping quote. Mindy/Dona were contacted to discuss sign repair.*