

Monthly Booster Club Meeting		
Date 11-12-25		LHS In person + Zoom Meeting
Meeting called by	Linda Haskins	
Type of Meeting	Monthly Booster Club Meeting	
Note Taker	Jill Schaefer	
Attendees	12 people in person in Room 1364 Athletics Ave; 0 on Zoom	

Discussion Items	Action
Introductions & minutes	Linda called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Minutes from the 10-8-25 meeting were approved with no objections.
Treasurer's Report Ben Kujak-Ford	\$49,098 cash on hand (plus petty cash for concessions).
Boosters news/discussion Linda Haskins lafolletteboosters@gmail.com	Concessions report • Hosted soccer sectional concessions; not great weather • We will close down Lussier outdoor concessions after the football playoff game on Friday • Indoor Field House concessions open for our first game on Nov. 25 Events in review • Homecoming game and decorating went well. Dance was also a success. • Fall Festival went well. Move to LHS parking lot next year? • Day of the Dead. Next year, we need someone from security there to manage who is coming in and out of the doors. Well attended. Dancers and food were amazing. Upcoming events ○ Secret Santa — We received an anonymous \$5,000 gift to put toward this program. Sign Up Genius to come. We will distribute gifts the week of Dec.15. This year gifts for LHS students only (not siblings) ○ Dec. 12 — Staff Appreciation Holiday party. Sign Up Genius coming next week. We will need

	decorating help and donations of desserts and gift basket items. ○ Badger Basketball Developmental League games/tournaments at LHS ■ Dec. 6-7 ■ Dec. 20-21 ■ Jan. 3-4 ■ Jan. 31–Feb. 1 (tournament) ○ Feb. 4 — No Tardy Party; Boosters provide popcorn and will need a few volunteers to help. ○ March 14 — LHS attendance area strings concert. We will open partial concessions. ○ June 11 — Senior cookout Other news Linda met with other Madison High School Booster Club presidents. Interesting to compare and contrast how we do things. They plan to continue meeting quarterly. Funding requests Whitehorse Middle School PTO — \$500 for Whitehorse Fun Run, which supports end-of-year activities, bouncy house at school. Unanimously approved. Sennett Middle School PTO — \$500 for Upham Woods field trip. Unanimously approved; 1 abstention. LHS Boosters has approved supporting our feeder elementary and middle schools with a one-time annual donation of \$250 for elementary schools and \$500 for middle schools. <u>How to request funding from Boosters</u> Anyone affiliated with LHS can ask for funding from the Boosters – sports, clubs, groups, arts. Check out the funding request form on our website. All requests must get sign-off from Principal Mat Thompson.
Principal's Report Mat Thompson methompson@madison.k12.wi.us	● Fall celebrations at school: Dia de los Muertos (DLI & Union Latina); Trick-or-Can and Color-a-Smile (DECA), Fall Festival, Homecoming, Family partnerships at Parent Teacher conferences ● Q1: Focus on executive functioning skills, clubs, tardy challenge, daily classroom routines, and meaningful relationships

	• Universal expectations (e.g. using binders, quarterly planners, limiting phone use in classrooms, etc.) • State Report Card from 2023 Score = 72: Exceeding expectations. Priority areas scores improved, particularly good jump in math. Also making strides with students with disabilities. He's attributing this to the hard work and stability of the school staff. Discussion • Parent Square. Most parents like it, especially given history of there not being so much communication. Can be overwhelming for those with multiple kids in multiple school buildings. • Parent-Teacher Conferences. Start sign-up for parent teacher conferences earlier next year. • We do not currently have a relationship with a food pantry, but we're on a list. In the meantime, we hope to leverage community faith leaders to help us stock our food pantry. Promote to our own families to donate and at BDL games (with donation bins and accepting cash donations)
Athletic Director Report Scott Swanson spswanson@madison.k12.wi.us	Thanks to the Boosters for hosting boys soccer sectionals and all other fall concessions. • Our conference includes boys soccer state champs, state volleyball state champs, (likely) girls swimming state champs — just in fall sports alone. We play great teams in a competitive conference! • Reviewed team and individual athlete highlights for fall sports (e.g. all conference, etc.) • Starting week 2 of having a UW Health strength and conditioning coach in our weight room (Brandon Connors) after school. Very well received by kids and should be very helpful. • Fall sports survey went out to athletes and family members. Swanson is the only one who sees individual responses; individual responses are not shared with coaches. • Sports physicals offered at school – went well and helped about 15 student-athletes • Talk to Swanson if you want a letter jacket

	• Hired coach Nate Smith and his brother as boys co-op La Crosse coaches • Winter sports start this week and next. • Hosting WIAA football playoff game this Friday, November 14 (Reedsburg v Whitefish Bay). • The Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association recently recognized George “Sparky” Marks for years of dedicated service to La Follette and Madison area athletics with the Distinguished Service Award. George will be starting his 52nd year as our scorekeeper for boys basketball games and is an LHS grad. Thank you, Sparky!
	Meeting concluded at 8:25 p.m.
Next Meeting	January 14, 2025, 7 p.m. in Room 1113