



VIKING BOOSTER CLUB

William Fremd High School
1000 South Quentin Road
Palatine, IL 60067

General Board Meeting - MINUTES for Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

I. Member log in and handouts

- a. Meeting agenda
- b. Sign-In Sheets

II. Call to order and opening comments - President, Jen Riddle

-7:04 meeting called to order

-Approval of the June annual and general minutes - Anton Seyer, Stephanie Goodall

-Welcome! Here you get the inside scoop on what is happening around Fremd, our administration will give insight, you will hear from booster board committee heads.

-Football pancake breakfast fundraiser this Saturday, come out and support the team.

-Huge WIN for Kim & Liz, who ran our staff breakfast last Friday for almost 300 staff! The deco and food were amazing!

-Thank you to Erika for social media communication - she does a great job and we are so thankful for her hard work. "Like and comment" on our socials! It's all about getting information out to the community.

- **Special Speaker: Mike Varon** - Thanks to boosters! A gift that keeps on giving is the business incubator class at Fremd, 1-3 period has 70 kids. A year long course of teams of kids, how do you start a business, innovation, ideation, sharktank type idea. The teams put together a plan for a business and spend the year learning. Looking for experts and help.

- **Special Speaker: Dave Barnett** - I was a judge at first, but then became more involved and helped the kids with their idea. It's a great program! Come help us out.

-**Additionally:** Mike Varon has started a Boys and Girls Club of Illinois, 6 schools in D15. BHAG is to get a teen impact center, currently looking for sites. Everything raised goes back to the kids. There are programs, snacks, tutoring, etc. A fundraising race is coming up - see flyers.

III. Updates from Principal Langer, Hamid Mehreioskouei, LaShaunda Sandifer

-**Langer** - Welcome and thank you! Our partnership with the boosters is second to none. Grateful for booster grants, scholarships, volunteering. You're in the tutoring center for this meeting, so your kids can come here and get help. Update on what's going on at school: Freshman day, we welcomed 600 new freshmen, Kona Ice was provided for fun. The band,

flags, poms all welcomed these kids. 300 staff in this building, only 2 new teachers are new. Thank you for the breakfast for the staff, the staff greatly appreciated. "Vikings Move Together" is our theme of the year, students will complete a panorama survey, and the #s of students that have a sense of belonging has grown over the years. Yesterday was the first day of school. 2600 students in the building, great energy. Not much construction going on at the moment, waiting on the building permit. Security has moved to an ipad in the vestibule, the goal is continue to keep making the building safe. This week we have 3 modified bell schedules to introduce procedure, safety, and a lock down drill. Parent connect meeting coming soon with Mr Langer.

-Hamid - the athletics are off and running. The first two games are away for football, this Friday is Fall Fest, golf starts on Thursday. 10/17 is the date for our 6th special spaces project - partner with a family with a child going through cancer. Kids from Fremd will redesign a room for this family. Very cool project to be part of.

-LaShaunda - new to fremd, but came from the district office, so she is familiar with Fremd. Athletics and Activities Fair is happening this week and next week. Our aim this year is to make sure that they are taking accurate attendance for these activities so that we can identify the students that are not engaged in the community at Fremd especially if they want to be involved somewhere.

IV. Treasurer's report - Stephanie Usalis

- July financials are slow, but some memberships trickled in
- \$26500 bank balance
- \$4000 net income
- Committee chairs - will be receiving an email from her about the upcoming audit.

V. Committee Reports by Pillar - Vice President/Committee Chair

a. Anton Steyer

1. **Membership - Sharol Gersic & Sara Murray** - membership is one of the ways to raise funds, memberships include: basic, athletic, arts and theater packages. Use your booster pass to get into the football & basketball home games. The theater pass gets you into the performances. Emails will come out on how to set up your pass before the 1st game. We are at 177 members, we had a record year 546 members last year. Email Sharol if you need anything. And you can always upgrade if you need to at any time!
2. **Nominating - Carol Yoon, Rachana Vettickal, Amie Edmunds** - all the committees are filled, if you have an audit background, this is a 1x thing and the procedures are well documented.
3. **Volunteer Coordinator - Komal Shah** - she will be incharge of volunteering on the website. Send her the signup that your committee has created, and she will post. On our website you can sign up so that you will get notices that opportunities are coming up.
4. **Coat Check/Dances - Traci Hinshaw** - coat check with homecoming will have a signup soon.

5. **By Laws - Anton Steyer** - nothing right now.

b. Gina Elstrom - Parent Class/School Liaison Committee Chairpersons - each class has a committee of parents that shares things on social media, sharing of the website from the school. Some social events are planned throughout the year. Join your class facebook page. Or invite others to the page, then we know that you are a real person to accept you - and not a bot.

1. **2027- Casey Schmidt, Erika Baum, Liz Starman, Nicole Mueller, Sharon Stauber**
2. **2028 - Avni Patel, Amie Edmunds, Kelly Mollenhaur**
3. **2029 - Laura Barnett, Gina Elstrom**
4. **2030 - Erika Baum**

c. Sharol Gersic

1. **Social Media - Erika Baum** - like, share and invite, if you're a committee head let her know what to send, or send her what you've created.
2. **Newsletter - Jodi Peterson** - August newsletter next week
3. **Website - Erika Baum**
4. **Sports Programs - Jessica DeGiulio & Stephanie Usalis** - volunteers needed for picture day: job is just writing down names as they get their picture taken.
5. **Hearts 4 Life - Jessica DeGiulio, Stephanie Usalis, Laura Molenda**

d. Stephanie Goodall

1. **Craft Fairs - Tricia Sheehan & Cathy Park** - We host a big craft fair, 250-280 vendors and lots of help is needed. Registration will be open later this month. They usually sell out the 1st floor on the 1st day.
2. **Finance/Audit - Katie Suprenuk** - looking for someone to be an understudy for next year.
3. **Spirit Shop - Traci Hinshaw** - the shop in the school is open 10-2 on Fridays. If you buy online, you can pick them up there, or send a student to pick them up for you. A trailer is run on Fridays during the football games, a lot of help is needed. A signup is available on the website. You will be trained or partnered with someone who knows what to do. The main need is the Friday games volunteers from before the game through halftime. (Steph G: it is a really easy and fun opportunity to see you kids at the school)
4. **FMA Liaison - Anton Steyer** - anyone who wants to be a liaison is welcome to step into this role, it's basically sharing with FMA what we do here, and sharing what they do there here. Supporting a couple hundred families that are involved in band/orchestra/etc.



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e. Tricia Sheehan

1. **Fundraising - Amy Diamond & Suzi Rizzo** - biggest party of the year! 300 PPL LAST year, would love to have more! The date is Feb 26th! Hoping all can come! What is it? Supports every student, wear your favorite spirit wear. If you want to be on the committee, we will have a sign up sheet. Looking for sponsors, donations, and come join us! The event will be held at the Cotillion.
2. **Back to School Event - Erika Baum, Lisa Swedo** - Quentin Tap, 8pm-ish come after you're at Fremd for Fall Fest, get a drink and pizza.
3. **Parking Passes - Avni Patel** - presale parking passes, the day before open house- 5 parking passes. Presale, on Social media and the website.
4. **Dine and Share - Sharol Gersic** - 4 dine and shares will be planned this year. Culvers will be the 1st one on the week we play Palatine. Always looking to revamp, please share any suggested locations!
5. **50/50 Raffle - Sarah Page & Kelly Mollenhauer** - this will be at homecoming, and will have presales, and need volunteers to help selling through half time, don't need to be present to win.
6. **Sponsorship - Marla Caballero** - new position for us and we need help keeping up with our sponsors.

f. Erika Baum

1. **Prom Enhancement - Kathy Czink, Casey Schmidt, Kris Wiehe**
2. **Scholarship - Stephanie Goodall** - opens in Dec, awarded in April. Have to be a booster member to win. Students will write essays, and then non-senior parents are needed to review the essays. Volunteers will read less than 10, and this is done in early March.
3. **Staff Appreciation - Shalvi Patel** - takes place in May
4. **Staff Breakfast - Kim Miller, Liz Cerull** - thank you for signing up and dropping off goods. Cafe 14 was very generous and very helpful and the food was good! Thanks to the staff as well.

VI. New Business

Request for deco for the senior breakfast next May, can be any non dated senior table top signs or other decorations. Pass along to Gina Elstrom.

VII. Meeting Adjourn

a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn: 8:00pm Trician Sheehan and Gina Elstrom