



VIKING BOOSTER CLUB

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

General Board Meeting - Minutes for Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 2026

I. Member log in and handouts

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

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

7:01pm

Motion to approve min from: 1st Erica Baum and 2nd Stephanie Goodall

Win for the month: parking pass raffle & 50/50 raffle

Thank you Kelly Mollenhauer, and for Anton Steyer who signed up to help sell tickets

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

Mark: 10% done with the school year already! 6 WEEK comments will be coming out next week. Sports teams, music and activities are in full gear. Friday night was one of the most well attended events. 2000 in the stands, concessions, and open areas also full of fans. It was amazing. Thanks to the boosters for kicking things off with us! Had 1400 attendees at the open house. Great to see so many families there. Juniors took the practice ACT, which was great, it will be used to help drive instruction. Late start is this next Tuesday and students will take the panorama survey and give us good data, as well as the trusted adult survey. In 2021 51% positive belonging, which has grown to 73% positive this last spring. Proud of what we have done to make students feel like they belong.

Tricia Sheehan- asked about the ACT? It was an old test that will help the students and teachers know where to go with instruction.

LaShaunda - Activities are in full swing. Tomorrow HOCO tickets go on sale. It's a great opportunity for students to be part of community. 25\$-35\$ at the door. Next week is the HOCO week, lots of spirit to participate in. Candyland is the theme. Oct 26th is the Homecoming Dance.

Hamid: Fall sports, two teams in top 10, two students in the top 10. Competition for Special Spaces is coming up! Weather determines how things for sports are going!

IV. Treasurer's report - Stephanie Usalis

\$49208 - In the bank

\$22615 - net income, 3K spirit shop, 3k raffle

Vote on the budget next time.

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

a. Anton Steyer

1. **Membership - Sharol Gersic & Sara Murray** - membership is going well, 422 members currently, up from last meeting 177! Lots of people at the game, scanned over 400 ppl. We had a lot of help, it was busy, but people were excited. Fall play is coming up 10/8-10. Theater dept has the most up to date memberships for the arts and theater. Email will come from the school and from Sharol for that. The next home game is homecoming.
2. **Nominating - Carol Yoon, Rachana Vettickal, Amie Edmunds** - no news, open positions: FMA position open, also an audit shadow would be needed.
3. **Volunteer Coordinator - Komal Shah** - email with her with any upcoming volunteer opportunities, send as many emails as possible.
4. **Coat Check/Dances - Traci Hinshaw** - HOCO coat check will reach out to Komal for the coat check for the dance.
5. **By Laws - Anton Steyer**

b. Gina Elstrom - Parent Class/School Liaison Committee Chairpersons - no announcements currently, things will pick up as the school year progresses.

1. 2027- Casey Schmidt, Erika Baum, Liz Starman, Nicole Mueller, Sharon Stauber - will work on things for Senior Activities that are coming.
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** - send something you want to post or share
2. **Newsletter - Jodi Peterson** - send her things for the newsletter this weekend... goal is to get people to go to the website... not reading the whole newsletter, just the snippets they are interested in.
3. **Website - Erika Baum**
4. **Sports Programs - Jessica DeGiulio & Stephanie Usalis** - round two at the end of next month.
5. **Hearts 4 Life - Jessica DeGiulio, Stephanie Usalis, Laura Molenda**

d. Stephanie Goodall

1. **Craft Fairs - Tricia Sheehan & Cathy Park** - registration will open this week for return vendors... new vendors can sign up after. Volunteer opportunities will be up next month.
2. **Finance/Audit - Katie Suprenuk** - audit will take place this Thursday

3. **Spirit Shop - Traci Hinshaw** - busy shop! New volunteers, pretty well staffed through September, but October and beyond is open. A few will be open for a few alternative time slots to do inventory and organize.
4. **FMA Liaison - Anton Steyer** - concert season is on, 9/30 band, 9/14 650 kids at a marching band event on the football field, people are trying out. Choir is 9/16. Next week they are going to see Mean Girls. Triam also has 43 members. The orchestra has a different schedule, and will play around 10/6.



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e. Tricia Sheehan

1. **Fundraising - Amy Diamond & Suzi Rizzo** - nothing new at this point, working with Marla on sponsorships
2. **Back to School Event - Erika Baum, Lisa Swedo** - was successful
3. **Parking Passes - Avni Patel** - first semester on 8/27 at open house, sold 935 tickets, 3108\$, 4 passes giving out.
4. **Dine and Share - Sharol Gersic** - palatine will do culvers with us which is the last game of the season. On the Thursday before the Friday game.
5. **50/50 Raffle - Sarah Page & Kelly Mollenhauer** - \$1280 - raised
6. **Sponsorship - Marla Caballero** - Meetings last week with the administration and teams. We are working to button up discrepancies on our website and promo materials. We are creating a sponsor decal for sponsors to add to their websites. Will be working with Erika on updates for the website and socials.

f. Erika Baum

1. **Prom Enhancement - Kathy Czink, Casey Schmidt, Kris Wiehe** - nothing this far
2. **Scholarship - Stephanie Goodall** - discussion will be with new business at the end of this meeting.
3. **Staff Appreciation - Shalvi Patel**
4. **Staff Breakfast - Kim Miller, Liz Cerull**

VI. New Business

- a. **Scholarship Changes - Stephanie Goodall:** recipients and scholarship amounts on the table.

History of scholarships - 2015 going back with data. 4 kinds of scholarships in the past, all different. In 2020 they moved to 1 scholarship category. Previously at one point in the 2000's there were 44-55 scholarships. 1500\$ scholarships were given

out. Moved to 1000\$. Currently 2% of our booster membership applies with 10 scholarships given at \$1000. Questions to discuss: Should we give more scholarships? Should we raise the amount? Should we do both? Not too many kids actually apply, 30-35 students apply. There was a change to the essay questions so that leadership could look at things differently to reach more kids. Application opens after 1st semester finals, closes at the end of Feb. Essays - center around how to leave your legacy at Fremd, & there are two graded essays. Provided activities through maia learning as a resource to understand what it is the student is involved in. They are not graded on the activities. Lots of discussion, consensus was to raise the amount and the # of scholarships given out, as we have funds to do so.

VII. Meeting Adjourn

a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 at 7pm

7:52 - Motion to dismiss : Tricia Sheehan and Carol Yoon

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