Monthly Booster Club Meeting			
3-10-21	7:00 p.m.	LHS Zoom Meeting	
Meeting called by	Corey Finkelmeyer		
Type of Meeting	Monthly Booster Meeting		
Note Taker	Sara Gold		
Attendees	32 people in attendance via zoom, Jorge Alva served as interpreter		

Discussion Items	Action	
Introductions	Corey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., Introductions of the Booster Club Team were made and minutes from the 2-11-21 meeting were approved.	
Principal's Report	La Follette will be hosting Moderna vaccines in conjunction with SSM on Friday March 12th for 1000 teachers and staff. Second shot will be given on April 9th. ACT will be held as an offering rather than required on April 13th and vouchers are available for other tests throughout the year. Graduation plans are in the works probably to be held outside. The billboard on the Beltline will be featuring LAF seniors again this year. Yard signs for seniors will be available at a pickup-palooza date TBD. Principal Larosa served as a moderator for LAF soapbox speeches tonight. 13 students participated.	
Athletic Director Report	Tim Rockold reported that feedback from student athletes has been reaffirming regarding sports this year. Student athletes overwhelmingly want any athletes in sports who meet criteria to be able to participate even if other sports cannot be held this spring Mr. Rockold reviewed some of the results from the coaches readiness survey. Activity fees will probably be waived for spring and for next year. Mr. Rockold talked about different sports and their classifications i.e. Very low: golf, low: tennis and cross country med: track high/indoor: swimming and other indoor sports. A question was asked about athletes who have had covid and how they will be screened for heart health. Tennis courts and other outdoor facilities are still closed to use. Mr. Rockold is not certain if school has to be in session in order to have sports happen. For sports starting virtually, there is no in person contact allowed at this time but coaches can offer virtual workouts.	

Committee Reports

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Brenda Haskins offered the report. There is \$48,933.18 cash on hand and a balance of \$40,643.46 after 2019-20 and 2020-21 requests are paid. Full March 2021 report is here

<u>Fundraising Report:</u> A reminder that spiritwear is available for sale online now via Think It Then Ink It

Business

2021 Homecoming parade: Principal Larosa discussed joint funding from Boosters and the Athletic Department to help fund the parade and floats. La Follette doesn't have a football schedule for 21-22 yet. It was suggested we determine a Homecoming game date chosen by June 2021. Principal Larosa suggested a subcommittee be formed to organize the homecoming parade and the Athletic department has pledged support.

2021 Academic Scholarships: Boosters will be offering 8 \$500 scholarships and will be starting a private scholarship fundraising campaign.

Capital Funding Update: Booster Club VP Jeanne Burns Frank provided an update on the MMSD Feb 22nd meeting and the requests for approval of private fundraising for Memorial (\$13) million) and West (\$5 million). The MMSD Board has expressed their desire to offer up to \$5 million to La Follette, Capital HS and East in TIF funding. The Booster Club Leadership Team met with Dr. Jenkins on March 4th. MMSD Board members Ali Muldrow and Gloria Reyes attended along with district staff members, David Hart, Richard McGregory and Dr. Pryor. Principal Larosa shared with the group a list of facility requests. Dr. Jenkins and Gloria Reves expressed that the list of requests is achievable and Principal Larosa is going to hold them to this. On March 8th there was an MMSD Board Operations meeting where Dr. Jenkins, Ali Muldrow and Gloria Reves went on record pledging funding support for La Follette (amount TBD). In addition, a FB group has been started (MEET or Madison Eastside High Schools Equity in Funding Team) and has grown to over 550 members whose purpose is to address and mobilize around the equity issues that exist in the Madison schools. Emails to Ali Muldrow and Ananda Mirelli asking for an explanation of why the Board is violating its policy on private fundraising have remained unanswered. A discussion ensued about how parents can get involved in these discussions to advocate for La Follette and they were encouraged to attend the March 22nd MMSD board meeting. Greg Murray suggested topics to discuss at the March 22nd Board meeting and suggested staffing, staffing, staffing for La Follette.

Principal Larosa shared some of the amazing unique features of the 'new' La Follette. He wants to meet students where they are and meet their needs so they can thrive 1) Home Care Center: showers, laundry facilities, food pantry and clothing and personal care closets. Braiding and hair cutting chairs where kids can get learn from barbers, stylists and each other. 2) Angel Fund so students on reduced lunch program can pay for lunch 3) Culinary Cafe. People are encouraged to join the MEET FB group, sign up for the talent pool and reach out to Board members with your thoughts. Here is a link of contact information for MMSD Board Members. MMSD Board Facts: Ali Muldrow is the member assigned to La Follette. Savion Castro is a La Follette Alum. Nicki Vander Meulen's father was the first principal of La Follette.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be 4-14-21