

Dear School Board,

We are the parents of the WAHS Robotics Club. We are writing to you to formally request the establishment of a booster organization to support the club. The booster organization will be known as "WAHS Dragons Robotics Boosters." (Article I, Section 1.01) Their purpose is to raise funds for the purchase of tools, supplies, materials, and equipment. They will also raise funds to pay for travel expenses not covered by the school district (busing to local competitions has been covered in the past), such as transportation to national competitions including flights or tour buses, lodging, and food. They will support all students on each team within the club.

The WAHS Robotics Club 52575 is comprised of up to six (6) teams and two (2) advisors with letter designations A, B, C, D, E, and F. For the school year 2023-2024, Teams B, C, D, and E were active. Team 52575C, "I Can't Pronounce That," was the most successful last year, earning three regular season trips to finals in elimination competition, one Tournament Champion Award, and one Design Award. These accomplishments granted them an invitation to the Western PA VRC Championships at Clarion University on March 4, 2024. At the competition, at the end of the qualification matches, they ranked 5th out of 59 teams. They were selected to be the alliance partners of the 2nd place team for the Championship Elimination Rounds. They made it through the Round of 16, quarterfinals, and semi-finals to earn their spot in the finals. The finals are set up as a best of three, and the team fell to their opponents in round 1 90-93. The second match saw them come up short again, this time to a score of 131-52. At the awards ceremony, they received a trophy for Western PA VRC State Champion Finalist, which earned them a spot at the VEX World Championships in Dallas, TX.

The success of the Team 52575C and their invitation to VEX World Championships led to our decision to try to establish this booster organization for future participants. To that end, the founding members of the organization, including Sara Nickerson, Mark Nickerson, Regan Olsen, Jennifer Madril, Brian Ferry, and Jeff Moore, met with Advisor Arthur Anderson and Assistant Advisor Elizabeth Anderson on March 7, 2024, for discussion as per Policy 11020 (3.A.). Following this meeting, Mr. Anderson brought the request to Mr. Josh Vincent, principal of WAHS, in the fall of 2024 and submit this letter with his permission to form the organization.

A copy of the Bylaws for the booster organization is attached, as required by Policy 11020 (3.B.iii.), and include all information specified in Policy 11020 (4.I.).

Arthur Anderson and Elizabeth Anderson are the WCSD employees who coach the WAHS Robotics Club and will serve as advisors to the organization.

Sincerely,

Betsy Egan
Jennifer Madril
Julie Moore

Sara Nickerson
Michelle McLaughlin
Regan Olsen

Josh Vincent
Betsy Egan