

PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

MINUTES - OCTOBER 20, 2009 (amended 11-18-09)

PRESENT: JJ Fleming, Valerie Page, Jeff Sager, Jeff Kleinmaier, Karlee Van Kley, Marybeth Miller, Darcie Condon, Robert Page, Cheryl Sager, Jeanette Soebbing, Tom Ruzinok, Colleen Dolata

Executive Meeting

Meeting Called to order: 6:12 pm

Minutes: No minutes for September, confusion on Secretary's (Colleen Dolata) part since she was not present at that meeting. Jeff will put together something for next meeting from his notes.

Treasurer's Report

Hubert Ley sent the report to everyone to read and review before the meeting. Hubert Ley will not be here this evening. Jeff Sager asked if anyone had any questions as the report was very detailed.

Highlights – carry over funds and budgets were spent

By-Laws cap requirement, Hubert is very conscientious of this requirement. Hubert is trying to understand the cash flow - trying to find a comfort level with the cash flow and the fiscal year

Please read the report if you have not at this time.

New Business:

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Jeff Sager/President advised that final count is in process

Order forms must be turned in by Friday as the order is due Friday to the vendor

Directors – please forward order sheets to Jeff by Friday

Directors will need to forward the recap spreadsheet later to Jeff Sager.

Cookie Dough Pick-up (November 14, 2009) – Drauden is the hosting school

Lots of help will be needed and shifts of people in and out

7:30am – 8:00am Unload Truck

9:00 am to Noon Cookie pick-up

Drauden will have tables set up

Each Director to round-up helpers for the cookie dough pick-up

Cheryl Sager will be the contact for times etc... cheryl_sager@sagerclan.com or (815)577-9148

There will be a Booster table with T-Shirts and membership forms

Directors to handout envelopes with cash and candy pulls

Marybeth Miller – advised that she has the box with the T-Shirts

Candy needs to be purchased – keep the prizes as Plain M &M's and Skittles. Cheryl Sager will take care of this once she has the count of how many prizes.

Jeff will keep everyone posted of how we did. If not so well, the budget will need to be adjusted accordingly.

Fundraisers

High School Band Boosters – they have some very good ideas
They are scouting for potential High School band students

IDEAS???

Jeff advised that the school district is OK with the H & R Block fundraiser.
Ted Dolata needs to create brochure to hand out and brochure for virtual backpack. The brochures need to be made available at Band Concerts

Ted will need a count of band students by school to make sure that enough brochures are provided to students (during class) and then a count of how many each band director wants for each Band Concert.

We need to do more fundraisers this year – we need *other* ideas

Candles

Miscellaneous things

Car wash

Everyone needs to think of ideas for next meeting

Selling stuff (pencils etc...) we do not want to get stuck with inventory

Water bottles – how to keep cold, one director does not think that the people in the audience would be polite (spilling and crushing the bottle)

Who would take care of this?

We need to come up with a plan – trial with 2 schools

Heritage Grove Director – volunteered to be a test school

Timber Ridge – Colleen Dolata volunteered it to be a test school

ISSUES

Aux Sable has no uniforms

Timber Ridge – not enough sizes

The High school loaned additional equipment to Brent. When the instruments were returned, the high school had the equipment cleaned and gave Brent a \$3,000 cleaning bill. Brent asked if the Band Boosters would pay this bill.

Band Fees that are paid to the District:

Where do the band fees go? Band is not a core subject?

What do the band kids support?

More kids, higher fee? Why do the Director's budgets go down? How are the District funds allocated?

Book Fees, why is this not included with the band fee? Isn't that included in the District registration fee? A 6th grade parent asked one Director this question.

The District must recognize that the Instruments as "assets" and should budget for the following: (1) Depreciation Schedule of instruments (2) Repair costs (3) Replacement of Instruments (4) Maintenance of Instruments (5) Support of the Band program.

If all of these things are considered in the budget and funds allocated accordingly, the schools will be able to use the instruments longer because they have been maintained.

We need parent involvement to take up this issue with the School Principals and District leaders and obtain answers. Jeff Sager wants to address this with the Principal personally and will advise.

Instrument Donation

Older used instruments that parents or whoever would like to donate to the school(s)

Need to come up with a Tax Donation letter for those who donate instruments. Jeff Sager advises that he will come up with a formal letter to use and include on the program sheet at the Band concerts.

Block Schedule

Timber Ridge feeling tighter – needed to adjust timing for releasing of students

They are losing instructional time with the 4 minute passing time

Schedules vary by school

Lunch/Enrichments not back to back

Darcie Condon (Heritage Grove) to email her school schedule to other Directors.

Band Student Counts

Jeff Sager wants last year counts and this year counts (the following is this year’s numbers):

Heritage Grove: Total 150

Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
65	59	26

Timber Ridge: Total 234

Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
114	70	50

Indian Trail: Total 120

Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
57	40	23

Ira Jones: Total 171

Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
75	47	49

Crystal Lawns: 38

Creekside: 42

Eagle Point: 60

Freedom: 64

Liberty: 52

Meadowview: 65

River View: 76

Thomas Jefferson: 60

Walker’s Grove: 70

GENERAL MEETING

7:30 pm

East High School has a recruitment concert on DVD

Marching Band

Plainfield Central – Wheaton Competition DVD available to review from Cheryl Sager

Jeff Sager to check on video on web-site for Karlee Van Kley of Homecoming Parade

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Ira Jones Director's Report – October

- Homecoming Parade went well. Got a video from a parent and have asked for it to be put on the website but it is not there yet. Had several parents comment on how great they sounded.
- Percussion ensemble is in its 4th week. They are playing some fairly difficult music well already.
- Jazz Band auditions had to be expanded from 2 days to 4 days based on the number of interested kids. We will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 22nd with about 32 kids in the group.
- The Plainfield North Marching band performed for the entire 8th grade class today. It was a cool performance and we ended up spending the entirety of 8th grade band rehearsal talking about high school band.
- Fundraiser money has all been collected and sent home with a parent to be counted.
- Had 1 student, Cassie Schmuhl make IMEA district 9 honor band. Rehearsal/concert is on November 7th at Plano High School
- Ira Jones 1st band concert is November 18th at Plainfield North High School at 7:00 pm.

Indian Trail Director's Report – October

- October 15th – conducted by sub-pretty well, some issues but they are fixable
- November 13th – Symphonic Band perform “Stars and Stripes Forever” at in school Veteran’s Day Assembly
- November 19th – Symphonic Band at PEHS recruitment concert
- December 9th – Holiday Concert – All Band & Jazz
- Symphonic and Jazz Band Auditions this week

Kennedy Director's Report - October

- Our first concert was last week with roughly 200 kids performing. We got the year off to a good start and had a full capacity crowd. All three bands performed.
- The cookie dough sale went well at Kennedy. While participation was not what I was hoping for, we did a bit over \$10,000 in sales. This is up about \$2,000 from last year.
- Jazz Band starts tomorrow, 10/21. Auditions took place in early October and students are now practicing Mondays and Wednesdays.
- We had four students audition for the IMEA district band this year. While all four represented Kennedy and Plainfield well, we had three students who were accepted. Alyssa Hibben and Shawn Eacott were accepted into the Concert Band (clarinet and alto sax respectively). John Kasper was accepted on Tenor Sax.
- We will again be taking a trip this year to see a musical in Chicago. We’ll be seeing The Addams Family on December 12th, starring Nathan Lane among others; information went home today with the 7th and 8th graders.

Timber Ridge Director's Report – October

- The Marching Wolves performed in the Plainfield Community Homecoming Parade on October 3rd. Cool weather, but no casualties. The next and the last marching performance for this school year will be at PHS-CC on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm for the “Sounds of the Stadium” concert.
- We have starting seating auditions for the Concert and Symphonic Bands Concert and should have completed by the end of the quarter.
- Jazz help sessions and auditions for 68 students concluded this afternoon. It looks like we’ll have two bands this year.
- 12 students auditioned for the IMEA District VI Festival Band on Saturday, October 3rd. Five will be participating in the festival on November 7th in Plano.

River View Elementary Director's Report - October

- River View band is off and running. 76 students have registered for band and we finally have instruments in all hands. Students are preparing quickly for a late November afternoon "performance" to highlight learned skills for an informal parent audience. I am pleased to report that this is the first year I have had a "band room" to teach in, and students are making great use of the new space and facility. We finally have somewhere for those poor baritones students to store their instruments.

Crystal Lawns Elementary Director's Report - October

- Crystal Lawns is also off to a positive musical start, after a very slow registration process. 38 students are registered for band and as of today, everyone has an instrument. Student excitement and preparedness for each class remains high and optimistic. Our first concert is January 16, 2010.

Heritage Grove Director's Report - October

- PNHS band came to play today
- Students did well in fundraiser
- November 11th – 6th Jazz Concert (change)
- Jazz Auditions Wednesday and Thursday
- Sunday concert in December (pilot)

Eagle Point & Walkers Grove Director's Report - October

- FMLA – 10/26 -> 1/11
- Substitute – Mrs. Margaret Kohler former assistant marching band director at NIV
- Eagle Pointe – 60 students
- Walker's Grove – 70 students

Thomas Jefferson and Meadowview Director's Report – October

- FMLA – 10/26 to Nov 17
- Music teacher at each building, teaching band in each building
- Thomas Jefferson 60 students
- Meadowview 65 students
- Band room at both building
- Still a few students without instruments and/or books

Move to adjourn: Jeannette Soebbing

Second: Robert Page

Adjourn: 7:56 pm