

## Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Matt Hansen, Linda Stachowiak, Alan Mead, Amy Larry, Karrie Bixler, Cindy Stemple, Heather Miller, Christy English, Shauna Barbeau, Toko Togashi, Sherry Swier  
Amanda Thoms, Steve DeRees

	Agenda Item	Special Notes or Information
1	Call to Order and Welcome: Matt Hansen	➤ Welcome to the meeting and introductions Meeting called to order 6:05
2	Review and Approve January 2024 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	A Motion made by Christy English to accept the January meeting minutes. Second Amy Larry Motion passes
3	Review and Approve February 2024 Treasurer's Report: Clark Cummings	<p>A motion made by Heather Miller to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Second Shauna Barbeau Motion passes</p> <p>➤ Budget Update The vast majority of the income from the fruit sale is accounted for but the payment to Jack's for the fruit didn't clear by the end of January. Consequently, the profit from the fruit sale is over-stated. Cindy and Heather will have all the details for the fruit sale.</p> <p>We are in the process of purchasing a bari sax for the band that will be just over \$4k. This is well within the budget and we actually still have ~\$14k that can be used for further instrument purchases.</p>
4	Business Reports	<p>➤ Capital Project Update – Shauna Barbeau Nikki Bruski met with Brian Brutton about projects and the improvements at Central Auditorium. Asked to put things on hold until we know if the bond proposals will go through as this project could be covered in that effort. Amanda shared continued issues with scheduling at Central Auditorium. We still can't fit all families for concerts.</p> <p>Linda will inquire with admin about time frame for focus groups around bond proposal and time frame for bond proposals to happen. Will there be a staff focus group?</p> <p>➤ RenFair – Jenny Lowe Booked for April 6<sup>th</sup> Every act is confirmed to be at the new date.</p> <p>➤ Fruit Sale – Cindy Cummings Clark's Financial report and the fruit sale report won't match up because the treasurer's report only includes data until the end of January. Also, the % allocated for fruit sale expenses/income split between the 3 music programs will be figured out and reflected in next month's Financial report. See attachment</p>

		<p>➤ Jazz and More – Angela Kalcec After the Choir/Band and Orchestra Festival, I'll arrange meetings with directors to discuss Jazz and More. Emails with details for purchasing tickets via Ludus will be prepared and sent out by mid-March for families. Our Emcee will be Alan Mead, thank you, Dr. Mead!</p> <p>Here are some additional updates:</p> <p>Meal for Jazz and More:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field Greens Salad Bar</li> <li>- Caesar Salad</li> <li>- Chicken Parmesan</li> <li>- Penne Alfredo</li> <li>- Garlic Bread &amp; Focaccia</li> <li>- Broccoli</li> <li>- Non-alcoholic beverages</li> <li>- Cookies and Brownies</li> </ul> <p>Here's a tentative schedule (TBD- I Need Director Feedback) based on past events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5:30 PM: Doors Open</li> <li>- 5:50 PM: Honors Orchestra Performs (20 minutes)</li> <li>- 6:10 PM: Buffet Opens</li> <li>- 6:50 PM: Choir Performs (10 minutes)</li> <li>- 7:10 PM: Dessert</li> <li>- 7:30 PM: Jazz Bands (60-90 minutes)</li> </ul> <p>Question asked at the meeting if there is there a sign up genius for volunteers?</p> <p>➤ Uniforms- Kathy Rasette As the board may recall, you generously approved funding for reusable/sustainable garment bags for the tuxedos. Prior to this we used plastic bags to cover and protect them. To help with this process, we had a bagging machine that had been donated by Roth Cleaners. Last week that machine was donated to North Midland Family Center for their prom/homecoming dress giveaway events that occur twice a year. The NMFC was thrilled to receive this gift. Paul and Kim White from Roth Cleaners were exceptionally pleased that the machine will continue to serve the community.</p> <p>We are working with the directors to determine the uniform collection date and will announce this to the Board in March.</p>
5	Director Reports	<p>➤ Band - Steve DeRees It was a great day last Thursday at the Jazz Festival at CMU. Dow Jazz 1 was a second runner up. Orion Froese best drummer class C. Pre Festival Concerts- Tuesday Feb. 20th at 7:00 Green and Blue Concert Bands. At 8:00pm Gold Bands from both Dow High and Midland High will perform. Wed. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 the symphonic bands will perform.</p> <p>Great turnout at solo ensemble. Dow High had 41 one ratings. Steve working on a percussion wish list.</p> <p>➤ Choir - Adam Gardner-Northrup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new shipment of color swatches arrived and I think I have settled on a color combination for the color robes. Production on the sample robe should begin within a couple of weeks. Cousin's</li> </ul>

		<p>Concert Attire thinks that we are looking realistically at a timeline for the beginning of next school year, and not the end of this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today, Dr. Jamie Spillane from the University of Connecticut came into Dow High to do a clinic with the Chamber Singers. Dr. Spillane is on sabbatical and making a nationwide sweep to work with 20 collegiate and 20 high school choirs. He worked with the students on their festival pieces.</li> <li>• The Northeast/Jefferson/Midland High/Dow High Pre-Festival Concert is on Friday February 23rd. We will be bringing in Dr. Leticia Grutzmann from Saginaw Valley to adjudicate and clinic with the choirs during the concert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next year we need to move to 2 concerts - one for Northeast &amp; Jefferson and one for the High Schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Choir Festival for the Dow Choirs will be on Monday March 11 at SVSU - times not determined yet</li> <li>• Huge thank you to all of the Fruit Sale Coordinators and volunteers. It always amazes me how smoothly the event runs. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!</li> </ul> <p>➤ Orchestra - Amanda Thoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thirty Dow High Orchestra students participated in Solo and Ensemble in St. Johns on Saturday. They earned a total of 16 first division ratings and 10 second division ratings. Students who earned a first division rating and would like to go to State Solo and Ensemble must turn in their registration forms and money by February 15.</li> <li>• The Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert is this Thursday, February 15 at 7:00PM at Central Auditorium. The Concert Orchestra plays first, and the Symphony Orchestra plays last.</li> <li>• Festival Times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Symphony Orchestra – Friday, March 1 – 8:30PM – Bullock Creek High School</li> <li>○ Concert Orchestra – Saturday, March 2 – 9:30AM - Bullock Creek High School</li> </ul> </li> <li>• State Solo and Ensemble is on March 16. Planning is underway, and we will be sending out the sign-up genius for volunteers soon.</li> <li>• The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Celebration is on March 21 at 9:45AM.</li> </ul>
6	Other Items and To Do Items?	<p>➤ Social Media Coordinator Transition – Welcome Alan Mead Alan will work to find access to the Booster Instagram account</p> <p>➤ Linda S. would like to purchase additional Thank you notes with the Music Boosters logo to use throughout the year. Linda designed a quick thank you note through Vista Print that was used during fruit sales and for all of the RenFair rescheduling, but will work with Alan Mead to figure out social media tags to add to the design before purchasing a greater quantity of cards.</p> <p>➤ Next meeting – Tues, Mar 12 – 6:00 PM</p>
7	Adjourn: Matt Hansen	<p>➤ Motion to adjourn the meeting by Amy Larry. Second by Cindy Stemple. Adjourn 7:02 pm</p>

## 2023-24 Fruit Sale Wrap-Up Notes

### Great Team Effort!!

- Fruit Sale Committee did a great job; a good blend of seasoned veterans and first timers!
- Student Sales Participation was at 75%
- Students did a great job during sorting and distribution! As always, very respectful, helpful and cheerful!
- Families/Parents – also did a great job of creating a fun and efficient sorting process and smooth distribution experience.
- Jack's did a great job of keeping things smooth with the transition from Kurt to Steve as the lead contact
- Asked Jack's to forgo the "export" grapefruit in the future as it wasn't quite to the high standards we've come to expect
- Pumford Construction's help is invaluable and greatly appreciated!
- MPS Maintenance/Custodial staff was very helpful and prepared.
- Donated leftover fruit to Midland County Emergency Food Pantry

### Financials:

- Fruit costs weren't quite as good as last year but still much better than we expected!
- Hoping to hover just under \$36K in profit once all expenses are filed.
- For a non-trip year, very pleased with results.
- Included financials for last four years for comparison on fruit costs/sales volume.
- IMPORTANT: Fruit Sale proceeds/expenses will be allocated between the 3 music programs based on # of students participating NEXT MONTH. Did not have complete student data at this time.

### Upcoming:

- Hot Cocoa Party will be held during both lunches on Friday, Feb 23rd for all students who participated by either selling or volunteering. Will post reminder posters in music hall next week.
- Will treat Jack's Fruit Market team to a pizza luncheon as a thank-you
- Will communicate to Dow High Music families our results and submit a letter to the editor to thank our community for their support.
- Planning to work with Curt Gledhill's art class this spring to have art students create a 50th Anniversary Fruit Sale Logo
  - Any ideas to make #50 special?
- Fruit Sale Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 6 pm; please let a Committee Member know if you are interested in joining us for next year.
  - Will need to identify a co-chair for next year! If you know of anyone at all interested, please ask them to contact Cindy Cummings or Heather Miller if they have any questions.

Submitted: Cindy Cummings 2/12/2