

## Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes

1/14/2025

6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

**Members Present:** Matt Hansen, Mark Stachowiak, Linda Stachowiak, Heather Miller, Alan Mead, Sherry Swier, Angela Kalcec, Sarah Ladwin, Connie Gavin, Lizhu Lin (Lisa), Byron Bills, Jenny Lowe, Kendra Coston, Stephen DeRees, Amanda Thoms, Marcia Wiseman, Courtney Remy

### DHMB Mission:

**Dow High School Music Booster Club supports the quality of music education at Dow High School by providing both human and financial resources beyond those supported by Midland Public Schools. The membership will volunteer time and talent to help host music events and raise necessary funds to acquire music equipment and supplies, and provide scholarship funding for students to participate in musical development.**

Agenda Items	Notes or Information
Call to Order and Welcome: Matt Hansen	Call to order at 6:03 pm
Review and Approve November 2024 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	Motion to approve November meeting minutes By Heather Miller Second Connie Gavin Motion passes
Review and Approve  January 2025 Treasurer's Report:  Mark Stachowiak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report By Angela Kalcec Second Heather Miller Motion passes</li><li>● Budget/Expenditures Update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Donation from the Cummings family for Scholarships to support students going to Prague</li><li>○ Prague trip expenses have exceeded fundraising, now using budgeted funds (\$5K each for choir &amp; orchestra)</li><li>○ Continue to ladder CDs to maximize funds.</li></ul></li></ul>
Business Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Uniform Update – Connie Gavin / Deb Mead<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ None at this time.</li></ul></li><li>● Spirit Wear Update – Toko Togashi<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Rounding to whole dollars for spirit wear raised \$46.82</li></ul></li><li>● Capital Project Update – Shauna Barbeau, update from Amanda Thoms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The district is installing cameras into Central Auditorium for recording concerts and MCTV. Timeline for installation Spring, but most likely next fall.</li></ul></li><li>● RenFair – Jenny Lowe<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In need of chaperones for both acts. All set</li></ul></li></ul>

	<p>otherwise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit Sale – Heather Miller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We've requested fruit from Jack's. Fruit will be coming from California. Orders are down this year, 464 cases of oranges 216 cases of grapefruit. 7% less oranges and 20% less grapefruit than last year. There was some conversation around grapefruit sales being down due to the poor quality of grapefruit last year.</li> </ul> <p>An email for Volunteers for fruit sale will go out Thursday. Connie will find out where volunteers who come during the day can park at the school so as not to interfere with student or staff parking. This info will be sent out in the email to parents/volunteers.</p> <p>Fruit comes the 30th of January.</p> </li> <li>• Jazz and More – Angela Kalcec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Considering raising costs of ticket OR bar tickets to offset higher costs of country club.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sponsorship – Christy English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None at this time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Director Reports	<p>Band- Steve DeRees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symphonic Band is ready for MMC. If interested in a video of the MMC concert, purchase through Steve. Check your email as there was an itinerary for the Grand Rapids trip sent out that includes the hotel address for the Sheraton (It's in the email talking about breakfast/lunch option for students).</li> <li>• Jazz Band put on a great show Friday night. They have another concert coming at the Jefferson Gym concert on Jan. 21st @ 7:30pm.</li> <li>• Tues Jan. 29th guest artist coming in during rehearsal, Kerry Moffet, director of Jazz Band at Blue Lake</li> <li>• CMU Jazz festival in Feb., solo Ensemble 2 days later</li> <li>• Gold and Green band have decided on festival music.</li> </ul> <p>Choir- Adam Gardner-Northrup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things are super hectic right now in the choir world.</li> <li>• All 3 groups plus Singin in the Rain seem ready for RenFair tomorrow night.</li> <li>• We are putting the final polish of the MMC repertoire for next week. This is the most challenging program I've ever</li> </ul>

	<p>attempted and the kids are working so hard on the details. We will represent well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir kids really stepped up for Fruit Sale this year! Thanks to the organizers for all of the work upfront!</li> <li>• Our next full concert will be the Pre-Festival concert on February 21st with Jefferson choirs.</li> <li>• We got to premiere the new robes at winter concert and they looked SHARP!</li> </ul> <p>Orchestra- Amanda Thoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symphony Orchestra sign ups and auditions are complete. We will be performing as the full Symphony Orchestra at RenFair, and rehearsals will begin in earnest after the Michigan Music Conference.</li> <li>• Solo and Ensemble schedules were passed out today.</li> <li>• The schedule for Band and Orchestra Festival should be published this week, and we will let families know as soon as possible.</li> <li>• The next orchestra concert will be split, and as soon as I confirm the times, I will publish that to all orchestra families. (I'm suggesting we do Concert Orchestras at 6:45PM and Symphony Orchestras at 8:00PM.)</li> </ul> <p>Prague Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehearsals have been going well.</li> <li>• Clark and Cindy Cummings made a very generous donation of \$1000 to help two students pay for their trip to Prague. Adam Gardner-Northrop and I are deciding on the recipients.</li> <li>• I have a call with Ada Slivanska and her colleague Karel to work out the details of our collaboration with a local group on Friday.</li> </ul>
Other Items and To Do Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting – Tues, Feb. 11-6:00pm</li> </ul> <p>Angela and Heather (and kids) cleaned up the closet in the orchestra room. It is nicely organized and there is more space.</p>
Adjourn: Matt Hansen	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting by Connie Gavin Second Sherry Swier Motion passes and meeting adjourns at 6:47 pm</p>