

Dow High Music Booster Meeting
October 14, 2025
6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Marica Wiseman, Mark Stachowiak, Linda Stachowiak, Angela Kalcec, Shauna Barbeau, Toko Togashi, Sarah Hasket, Sherry Swier, Christy English, Davin Erickson, John Pietrzak, Kendra Coston, Heather Miller, Lizhu Lin (Lisa), Deb Poupard, Stephen DeRees, Amanda Thoms, Adam Gardner-Northrup (Zoom)

Mission Statement:

The 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 Booster club volunteers 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 Item	Special Notes or Information
Call to Order and Welcome: Marcia Wiseman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☑ Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm☑ Welcome to the meeting by Marica and introductions of all present listed above.☑ Marcia read the Mission Statement.
Review and Approve September 2025 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	Motion to approve September meeting minutes By Angela Kalcec Second Heather Miller Motion passes
Review and Approve September 2025 Treasurer's Report: Mark Stachowiak	<p>Motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report By Heather Miller Second Sherry Swier Motion passes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☑ Budget/Expenditures Update - showcase looks to be similar revenue as last year. Final numbers will be reported next month.☐ Earl and Carol Miller donation of \$250 to Music Boosters☑ Financial Committee Update (members: Mark Stachowiak, Jeff Miller, Paul Barbeau, and Christy English) – have a proposed budget to present. Looking at budgeting similar to last year. The club account for band will lower \$4000 dollars this year. The Detroit trip is new this year to cover transportation to Detroit to see Gretchen Shope perform in April. We are also lowering the Boosters operating budget as expenses are lower than what we truly need. \$100 from each program will be put towards the operating expenses for a budget of \$300.☑ Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget By Heather Miller Second Sarah Hasket Motion passes

<p>Business Reports</p>	<p>☑ Marching Band Showcase – Kendra Coston A little hiccup. We weren't able to get all the volunteers (Midland High sign up) so we were scrambling last minute for volunteers. The thought is next year to do a single sign up genius from either high school.</p> <p>Could the QR code be sent ahead of time? There is no way to verify the the purchase and it not being passed on to others as a shown payment. Thought of looking into VENMO and Lotus for ticket sales.</p> <p>☑ Sponsorship – Christy English A bit slower than last year. Current income is \$4100. Goal is \$12000. Marica is asking that each Booster member reach out to 3 individuals or businesses.</p> <p>☐ Fruit Sale – Heather Miller & Angela Kalcec Committee meeting Wed. Oct. 29th in the Orchestra Room @ 7:00 pm Looking to fill a few positions, document and printing, linguistics, publicity, & volunteer coordinator.</p> <p>→ Data Entry: Lizhu Lin → Documents and Printing: OPEN → Logistics: → Prizes: Karrie Bixler and Arely Celis (Learning) → Social Media: Alan Mead (Senior Student) → Volunteering: OPEN → Publicity: OPEN</p> <p>Sales will be November 21st- January 10th Pick up days will be Jan. 29-31 Phone blitz will be in December- date to be determined (thinking Thurs. Dec. 4th)</p> <p>☐ Jazz & More- Angela Kalcec- Date set for Friday, May 1st</p> <p>☑ Spirit Wear Update – Toko Togashi \$152.73 from the fundraiser -tentative- haven't received the check yet 26 umbrellas 27 ponchos 116 car decals All to be sold as a pop up- School Store- Mark Baczewski</p> <p>☑ Capital Project Update – Shauna Barbeau - no updates</p> <p>☑ RenFair – Jenny Lowe/Amanda Thoms ○ Announcements have gone out. RenFair emcee auditions will be on Oct. 28 and act auditions will be on Oct. 29 & 30th</p> <p>☑ Uniform Committee- Deb Mead No report. Marcia says they are working on inventory.</p>
<p>Director Reports</p>	<p>☑ Choir- Adam Gardner-Northup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cabaret was a huge success. 400+ audience members ● Working hard on finalizing our music for the October 27 concert while simultaneously preparing music for the winter concerts ● This year the chamber singers will hold their own stand alone winter concert at Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturday December 13 @ 7:30. This concert will also feature several orchestra and band students adding instrumental elements to many of the choir pieces.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Poppins auditions are fast approaching - November 10 & 11 audition materials will be available Monday October 20. <p>📌 Orchestra - Amanda Thoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra had the first concert on September 23. We were not able to livestream because while the cameras were all installed, they did not all have a power source yet. We should be able to livestream using the new cameras very soon. • The music for <i>Lift Off</i> by Kirt Mosier has been delivered, and the Symphony Orchestra will perform it on their December concert. This was the music for the composition consortium that the orchestra joined last spring. • The next concert is Monday, October 27. Symphony Orchestra will perform a piece alone and will also perform a combined piece with the choirs and orchestra from Dow, Midland, and CMU. The concert will be at the Center at 7:30PM. • The Grove Music Festival recital with Addisen Teng will be on Sunday, October 19, and all orchestra students can attend for free. The Grove Music Festival masterclass will be during 2nd and 3rd hour on Monday, October 20. Mia Bayardo, Sydney Ma, Kanushi Desai, and Tessa Swier will be performing. • All State auditions will be on October 18 and 19. • We're completing sign-ups and auditions for winds, brass, and percussion. There was enough interest this year that we will have to hold auditions for flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone. • Composite photos are next month on November 11 and 12. • Our December concert is on December 2 at 7:30PM at the Midland Center for the Arts. <p>📌 Band- Steve DeRees</p> <p>Completed a wonderful evening at Showcase. Smooth power amongst the instruments... no one instruments sticking out. Sharon DeRees said it was one of the best show cases. This Friday's football game is senior honor night. There will be an extended half time so the band can do their showcase show AND honor the seniors. Marci is looking for several parent volunteers to do something special for the seniors.</p> <p>Next week's football game is a home game for Midland/Dow game. Combined band.</p> <p>20 students signed up for all state auditions.</p> <p>Jazz band starting up in November.</p> <p>Dec. 3rd band concert at the Center for the Arts.</p> <p>First round of football play offs will be on Halloween night. Question about having a "pep" band for playoffs. Steve will talk with student leadership about what the band will look like for playoffs- full band or pep band???? To be determined.</p>
Other Items and To Do Items-President-Marcia Wiseman	<p>📌 Senior Marching Band Posters- will need parents to participate in holding up signs for seniors during the game.</p> <p>📌 BiLaws-update- The Executive Committee will meet to update- thinking of staying after one of the Tuesday meetings.</p>

	<p>☐ Sign-up Genius Flow</p> <p>Some discussion on where to put this process/flow chart. Thoughts of adding sign up genius info on the website AND on the sign up genius registration/confirmation</p> <p>➤ Student Rep Proposal- Christy (see attached DRAFT). The Executive Committee will review the proposal.</p> <p>Questions... will students have a vote in music boosters? Will there be budget implications? Short discussion regarding students not having voting rights (like directors).</p>
Adjourn: Marcia Wiseman	<p>☐ Motion to adjourn the meeting by Christy English Second Mark Stachowiak Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:31</p> <p>☐ Next meeting will be Nov 11 at 6:00pm</p>

Sign Up Genius Flow (SUG):

Board members or Team Leads (examples: jazz and more, uniforms, fruit sale) will develop the needs required for an event. Access to previous sign up genius may be needed. Previous documents can be obtained from the sign up genius coordinator at:

amjonook2014@gmail.com

Or the Music Booster Secretary dhsmusicsec@gmail.com

Team leads will directly send the SUG requirements to the SUG coordinator and copy the applicable music rep two weeks prior to the event.

SUG coordinator will respond with questions and target completion within 3 days.

Once complete the SUG coordinator will send the document to the applicable music director(s).

The secretary and 1 band music rep (to be defined) will have the sign in and password to the DHS Music Boosters SUG in case of emergencies. When acting as the SUG coordinator the Secretary or Music Rep will assume the responsibilities for the SUG coordinator for the remaining portion of the process for continuity in that singular event.