Dow High Music Booster Meeting
October 13, 2026
6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room
Carrie Burr, Mark Stachowiak, Byron Bills, Linda Stachowiak, Angela Kalcec, Davin Erikson, Colin Hufford, Peyton Harder, Evie Schramm, Matt Schramm, Amanda Thoms, Stephen DeRees, Arley Celis, Lizhu Lin

	Agenda Item	Special Notes or Information
1	Call to Order and Welcome	☐ Welcome to the meeting! Let's introduce ourselves! ☐ Call to order at 6:01; Facilitated by Byron Bills
2	Review and Approve Sept 2026 meeting minutes: Carrie Burr Angela and Matt (approved)	☐ We will need a motion to approve the Sept meeting minutes.
3	Review and Approve Sept 2026 Treasurer's Report: Mark Stachowiak	☐ We will need a motion to approve the Sept Treasurer's Report. Update on budget subcommittee. Received a donation of $1000. Thank you note sent. Treasurer Report Proposed Budget Approval Motion to approve Linda, Davin passed unanimous Financial Review will be completed by Connie Sit, we will review in November meeting
4	Director Reports	Choir: Adam Gardner-Northrup ● Cabaret was a wonderful success again this year. The kids sounded beautiful. Big thanks to Jenny Lowe for her assistance in prepping the solo acts. ● we are in our longest concert less stretch of the school year. Our next concert is not until December, so we are currently reading through potential festival pieces as well as some winter concert music. ● audition packets for the spring musical will be available starting Monday outside of the choir room. (Pirates of Penzance) Band: Steve DeRees ● Marching showcase went well but we did have trouble with recording the show. The general impression was that marching was good and crisp. For Friday, there will be a change out for the pom song. If we get into playoffs, marching band will continue. Santa parade is coming (same day as CMU Honors Band). Winter concert will be December 2 at MCFTA. Marching Band pants still missing. We do have a bill but haven't received the goods. Sample uniform also missing. Auditions for the concert bands coming soon. Orchestra: Amanda Thoms The first concert of the year went very well. We were able to perform On the Nature of Daylight because I know there are booster funds to support the program once I spend down my district funds. (On the

		Nature of Daylight was a $400 rental, so we would not have been able to perform that piece without the boosters.) · The bass extension is back and is working exponentially better! · The Jefferson Music Parents are still looking for high school volunteers to help at Music & More. If your child needs volunteer hours, make sure they sign up to help on November 5. · The Grove Music Festival Masterclass is this Friday at 9:00AM at Midland High. Joshua Yoo, Raymond Chai, and Sydney Ma will be playing. All MPS orchestra students can attend the performance of the Bayberry String Quartet for free that evening (October 16). · All State Honors Orchestra auditions are October 24 and 25. The audition schedule was released on October 12, so if your child does not have their audition time yet, make sure they ask for it. · The Honors Orchestra has been approved to travel Thursday night to the Michigan Music Conference. We won't know exactly how many students and parents will be traveling until we know which students audition into the All State Honors Ensembles. I will keep you updated when I know more. · Sign-ups for orchestra winds, brass, and percussion are taking place right now. Currently, there will need to be auditions for flutes, oboes, clarinets, and trumpets. We hope to have everything finalized by the end of Midland/Dow week so that rehearsals can start right after that. · The next orchestra concert will be on December 1 at the Midland Center for the Arts. It will start at 7:30PM, and the end of the concert will feature a preview of what the Honors Orchestra is performing at the Michigan Music Conference.
5	Business Reports	☐ Marching Band Showcase – Kendra Coston ○ No update ☐ Spirit Wear Update – Jamie Haag ○ No update ☐ Sponsorships-Christy English Sponsorship Update for Booster Meeting: - Campaign is officially underway through Thursday, November 19. - Oct. 1: Began outreach to past sponsors. Website updated with new form. (Already more than $3,000 raised). - Oct. 12: Ten students participated in the first ever student letter writing campaign. - Thanks to student reps for the great idea and particularly to Evie who helped craft the template. 35+ letters were written, addressed and ready to send. - Oct. 13 (today): Sent the email to our music directors with request for them to send to music families tomorrow with the sponsorship form. - Oct. 14: Start email outreach to potential businesses organizations not part of letter writing campaign. - ASK of all boosters to consider taking a form and becoming a sponsor, or take multiple forms and reach out to businesses that they

		have connections with. If they'd like a pre-drafted letter, have them reach out to me for a copy. ☐ Social Media- John Pietrzac ○ No update ☐ Web Page- Carol Webpage is going well. If you have events or any updates please send them to Carol. Next step is to remove pages that are totally out-of-date ☐ Fruit Sale – Linda Stachowiak & Angela Kalcec February 4-6 Fruit Pick-up. Fruit Sale meeting is still looking for someone to support logistics of the event. Costs are going up. Cases are now 72 and Grapefruit cases also down. Shipping to Midland will be ~$1400. Prices haven't gone up for ~4 years. What do we want to do? Increase price, increase price to legacy profit, shrink the number of fruit per order. Hybrid approach. Keep total price under $40. Most everyone agrees that the total number of fruit is more than enough. ☐ RenFair- Jenny Lowe Auditions are coming up the 27th and 28th. POM team is a go, so scheduling shouldn't be an issue. David Wolfly will be the stage manager. ☐ Jazz-n-More - Angela Kalcec Nothing to report for now Friday April 30 is the date. More details post-fruit sale ☐ Capital Projects- Byron Bills No capital projects expected for 2026-27 ☐ Uniform Update; Arely Celis Tuxedo fittings completed. We had about 25 volunteers that made sure things ran smoothly. ☐ Santa Parade; Angela Kalcec SUG is done. Share link to Amanda and Adam to share with students. Plenty of cards to share.
	New Business	Adam created a new scholarship form but it has been updated to reflect the new approach. Have him send to Linda. She is working with Marcia to vet the new approach based on the conversation from the last meeting and add the new approach to the Booster documentation/policies.
7	Adjourn	☐ We will need a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark, Angela Meeting adjourned at 6:50

		☐ Next meeting will be Nov 10 @ 6-7:00pm

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.