

## **State College Music Boosters Meeting**

September 25, 2018

7 pm

LGI, State High

### Attending:

Leigh Hurtz	Suzanne Neely
Kristy Bagley	Brendan Bagley
Elizabeth Bagley	Karen MacZura
Will Hurtz	Jackson Dillard
Emily Redmond	Ed Poprick, SCASD
Paul Humphreys	Terra Deyo
Jiro Yoshido	Darlene Nordoff
Janie Schaumburg	Heather Bodenschatz
Toni Irvin	Cathy Cohan
Jim Henderson	Connie Ollson
Sarah Kollat	Josh Kollat
Heather Russell	Curtis Johnson, SCAHS Principal
Heather Bodenschatz	Tom Jones, Massaro Construction

Paul Lescowicz, SCASD Music Director  
Bill Herzig, Massaro Construction  
Chris Weakland, SCASD Athletic Director

### **Business Items:**

Presidents Report: skipped due to meeting timeframe

Vice President's Report: skipped due to timeframe

Secretary Report: Approval of August meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report: Used instrument sale made \$1700 in commission. Details later in meeting.

### **New Business:**

Heather Brewer (MNMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade music) is requesting 25 new keyboards for her music appreciation class, would like assistance from the Music Boosters. Music Boosters reached out to see how to request funds from the school district. The MNMS principal is trying to allocate funds and this request may change based on those results.

Matt Nelson (Elem. Music) has asked for a number of items for his classrooms and the Music Boosters have decided they can help by paying for requested repairs to existing instruments to get them into student hands as soon as possible. Estimated \$100 per repair and providing \$700 to get 7 instruments fixed. Motion to approve by Chris Bagley, second my Darlene Nordoff.

Citrus Fundraiser: Cathy Cohan discussed the program and the good and bad point of the fundraiser. The percentage of donation is high, however it is not well used and there are few students that truly benefit from this. Discussion of the fact that student

accounts can be used effectively and that maybe we need to emphasize that these student accounts are available through these fundraisers. It has again been raised whether this is a good use of Music Boosters (Cathy's) time and effort. Additional review and discussion should be considered before committing to this effort for the coming year. Suggestion that a survey be sent to parents and students to further assess the fundraising efforts to determine validity of the program.

### **Curtis Johnson, SCAHS Principal**

Discussion on current situation in the 'Band Room-North'

- This is the final year of a multi-year plan and they have been as responsive as possible to the concerns and issues that have been brought to their attention. They appreciate the emails that bring to their attention these building issues that they may not have been aware of that the students are facing. The principal and construction team meet weekly to discuss issues and to get over the various hurdles.
- As of Winter break additional space will become available and what would have been the future library will now become a temporary home to the band program. Temporary modifications and arrangements are in the works to move the music program to the 'future library space' until the true band room is fully operational. The concern with this temporary fix is the potential disruption of having loud programming in a centrally located portion of the building, with two story glass windows. Tom Jones mentioned that the library bookcase order has been placed on a temporary hold until the library is ready to move into the space when the band is given the final space. Johnson asked the students to be sure to thank the librarians! In this move, choir will be using the old south auditorium for classes as well.
- Security has been a concern for parents and students alike and staff have recognized the need for additional security. They have placed additional security (3 guards) on the north side of campus, in and around the building, but with a number of sicknesses in the security staffing, the number of daily security may be reduced. There are currently 7 security staff on campus and the district is planning on adding to that due to the vastness of the campus.
- Weather, namely rain has been an issue on the north side of campus, and soon it will be a snow issue. There are puddle problems and slippery steps. All of which are addressed as soon as possible, as they are brought to the attention of the staff. Gravel has been added and help with the puddling in the rear of the north building.
- Lighting behind the building has been an issue and lights have been placed in areas where students are required to leave the building. As of this week, the students will have full access to the building through unlocked doors and a more direct route to the band room, this includes after marching band practice when it is dark.
- Bus transportation will be provided to band students after football games to return large instruments back to the band room.

- Band room conditions have been monitored for mold (none detected) and additional cleaning of the room has been provided. Fans were added for especially hot weather and there is heat is still functioning for when the weather turns colder.
- The staff would like to give the Music Boosters a tour of what they can look forward to in the new music wing, however, it was too dark to take the tour in an active construction zone. Many other districts have toured the facilities and have been amazed by the school so far. Paul Lescowitz has photos of his tour if anyone would like to see them.

**Presentation Comments/Questions:**

Will Hurtz mentioned that many of the band students would be happy to help move the library books when that time comes, in appreciation of the sacrifice of the librarians to allow the band to take the space temporarily.

Suzanne Neely asked how the heat situation will be in the current band room. Principal Johnson responded that the original heat system is fully functional in the band room.

Emily Redmond- I have seen many kids falling down the concrete stair because they are very slippery when they get wet. The step grip tape has worn completely off in some locations causing a safety issue. Could the grip tape be replaced as soon as possible? Mr. Poprick responded that the tape will be replaced this week and they can also add a longer doormat to catch additional water from shoes on the way to the steps.

Emily Redmond – There is a current scheduling conflict with the band and the orchestra in which the orchestra continually is relegated to the corner since they are smaller. Is there a way we can coordinate this to have no conflict? Principal Johnson: We are very short on real estate and trying to have everyone share spaces as they can. Those music related decisions are going to up to Mr. Lescowicz to decide and determine the best options for classroom use. Paul Lescowicz: If the move to the future library space is happening at winter break, we have time to develop the details of coordination. However, as of right now, the classrooms are set up the way they are to allow the greatest number of students the option to take the classes they want to. The reason many of these classes are happening at the same time is to allow those schedule options and not block them out.

Paul Lescowicz: I think the biggest impact we face is the changing of classes and the fact that we cannot do it in 6 minutes.

Kristy Bagley: Asked about security and crossing the street in the middle of the day when the kids are racing to get to class in a short window and if there is a nurse on staff in the north building? Mentioned the issue of lack of emergency options should an issue arise. Principal Johnson: There is a nurse on staff at the north building near the lobby and there is a phone accessible for emergencies.

Kristy Bagley: Confirmed that there will be lighting by Wednesday evening to light the rear ingress and egress for marching band? Principal Johnson said there would be.

Will Hurtz: Mentioned an issue with access to electric outlets during marching band and that the locked gates were an issue for weekly practice. Tom Jones: Padlocks were added to the fencing due to student trespass activity during homecoming weekend and there were students in the constricted area and on the building. Police were called and padlocks added to the fencing. Paul Lescowicz was given the padlock codes to allow for access to electrical outlets for marching band practice.

Emily Redmond: Fire drills are an issue. There is no communication between the north building and the south. Principal Johnson: Communication comes through the walkie-talkies on security guards and the teachers are on a buddy system so they should be able to share communication between buildings. Ed Poprick: The fire alarm in the north building is functioning so if there were a fire, there will be a warning. The systems in the building are separate so if there is a fire in the south building, the north building would not be alerted anyway.

Leigh thanked the SCASD guests and moved into the regular business.

Leigh: There is still a need for a Music booster representative to regularly attend school board meetings. This can be done in person at the meeting or via c-net on tv. There are also needs for chairs on many of the committees including the concert receptions. Heather Bodenschatz mentioned that many of the concerts include multiple grades/groups so there should be some people from each one that could fill those roles and maybe overlap.

**Music Directors Report:** Paul reported on the Maroon and Gray Society Banquet and \$67,000 was raised for the marching band uniforms. They plan to proceed with the purchase of new uniforms for next year. They are currently communicating with the company to get a price quote and the final design will be on order. He will be putting up some photos of samples any may provide a survey to assess the options. Discussion about the fact that many people have not received their DeMoulin orders yet or have gotten incorrect materials.

**Homecoming Dinner:** Dinner generally went well, pizza/sides and drinks were provided by the Music Boosters. Toni Irvin reported that many of the students didn't show for dinner and because of that they had A LOT of pizza left over. It was explained by the students present that because of the timing of school and inspection, the running between the buildings and that kids had to move their cars unexpectedly, many kids didn't get a chance to stop and eat pizza. Sue Cunningham recommended that they do the same for next year, it was estimated to cost 3.25 per kid.  
(pizza/vegetable/fruit/drinks)

**Used Instrument Sale:** 240 instruments were dropped off, 80 instruments sold at \$17,000 in sales. Music Boosters made \$1700 profit (10%). Ti was \$1000 less than last year in profit. Discussion of a possible raise in profit percentage for next year. Sue and John Cunningham did it this year and Heather Bodenschatz shadowed to learn the program. There was a discussion on having it at the HS net year, but the venue works well at MNMS. Chri Bagley suggested a donation option at the bottom if people want to donate to the school district if it doesn't sell.

**TRI-M Report:** The first concert is coming up, it is a choral showcase. Question came up about when a theme was needed for the music formal, a theme isn't needed until January when Music Formal planning begins. Noted that Tri-M is happy to volunteer if anything is needed, please email [trimboardchapter3400@gmail.com](mailto:trimboardchapter3400@gmail.com) if any volunteer needs arise.

**Barnes and Noble Fundraiser:** Toni Irvin has discussed the plans with B&N for this year. Scheduled date is 5:30-9 pm, Friday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. B&N has changed their policy on fundraisers, its it now a 5% total of the sales and all are in-store only, no online sales contribute to the fundraiser. The performers are strongly encouraged to determine ahead of time where they are setting up the performances. B&N does not want the children's area blocked this year.

Leigh closed the meeting at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the South Building.