



Douglas Tiger Music Boosters Meeting – Minutes
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DATE/TIME/LOCATION: January 17, 2018, DHS Music Room, called to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. **BOOSTER BOARD ROLL CALL:** Christi Blahnik, Music Director; Kai Weaver, President; Kristen Anderson, Vice President; Ben Miller, Treasurer; Harriet Cummings, Secretary; Colton Weaver and Skyler Bunn, Student Liaisons. Parent sign-in list attached.
2. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**
The President reviewed the following upcoming events/chaperone needs:
 - Honor groups:
 - Honor Band – 25 students (chaperones not needed). Pre-rehearsal is on January 16 at PWLMS (students have to provide their own transportation); event is 9am-4pm February 1-2 at Churchill County High School in Fallon; Concert is at 7pm February 2nd
 - Honor Choir – 30 students (chaperones not needed). Pre-rehearsal is on January 22 at PWLMS (students have to provide their own transportation); event is 9am-4pm February 8-9 at Churchill County High School in Fallon; Concert is at 7pm February 9th
 - Middle school students will be travelling with the honor students to Fallon
 - Parents are encouraged to attend the concert(s) in Fallon and to sign their students out there; if they cannot attend, they are requested to be at DHS prior to return of the busses from Fallon, as it will be late
 - A memo went home with Honor students with the details
 - Music in the Park: Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble trip to San Jose May 4-5
 - 10 chaperones are needed on the busses
 - Chaperones must be fingerprinted and complete a background check; they must also have prior experience as a chaperone before they are allowed on an overnight trip
 - The cost per student will be approximately \$150 (cost is higher this year due to school district now charging for school bus travel)
 - Students will be required to pay trip costs in full by April 1; otherwise they will not be allowed to go
 - To save costs, the President has volunteered to drive the equipment trailer
3. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
The Vice President reported the following regarding fundraising:
 - The President will be addressing the students regarding the need and opportunities for fundraising.
 - Discount cards: Cards will be sold for \$20 each and are good for 1 year (until March 1, 2019). Our cost is \$10/card for the first 200 cards; we receive an additional 800 cards for free. Examples of local businesses participating include: Ace Hardware, Black Bear Diner, Denny's, IHOP, Red's 395 Grill. The cards can be used nationwide—participating businesses can be found online. Sales will begin mid-February.
 - Raffle prizes: We currently have two large raffle items (Hard Rock Hotel & dinner, CVI) and are hoping to receive 2-3 more big ticket items donated. Tickets are being printed in-house and will sell for \$5 each.
 - Bowling fundraiser: The bowling tournament is scheduled for March 3rd at Silver Strikes Lanes (time is TBD). The bowling alley has 22 lanes, with a maximum of 6 bowlers per lane; we could do two sessions if we have enough bowlers signed up. Bowlers can purchase food and beverages at the bowling alley. This is an easy fundraiser that is fun for all ages. We will also raffle off 6 themed baskets—each music class will be asked to donate a basket consistent with their theme.
 - Parental assistance with fundraising and other department events is always appreciated.



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4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The Treasurer presented his report for December-January (to date) and reviewed income, expenses, and outstanding balances (report attached).
- Very few students have turned in their popcorn money from last fall so there are a lot of outstanding balances. Students will be sent reminders regarding money owed.
- Students will also be sent reminders regarding upcoming expenses. They will be advised of upcoming costs and will also be given suggestions on fundraising they can do to meet those costs.
- Students will be informed that in order to attend Music in the Parks in May, their accounts must be paid in full by April 1st. (Hardship exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)
- Unpaid balances may be put on students' school accounts as fines, which could impact their ability to graduate.
- The department has had an unanticipated expense in that it was invoiced approximately \$2500 for school bus travel last fall. (Previously the school district had not adhered to this policy.) The Treasurer had numerous questions regarding the details of the charges and is currently awaiting a response from the school district. It is hoped that the invoice total will be reduced, but regardless, this is an unexpected expense for which we will need to fundraise.
- To avoid further unanticipated expenses, in the future, the district will be requested to provide in advance a written estimate of the cost of any trips.
- The department is expecting to be reimbursed approximately \$1500 for drum harnesses.

5. MUSIC DEPARTMENT STUDENT LIAISON'S REPORT:

The Student Liaisons stressed the need to communicate to students how much they owe from previous events; how much they need to fundraise for future events; and methods for achieving fundraising goals. They also suggested assessing money owed as fines on student's school accounts, to get their attention. They also encouraged the Music Director to award extra credit to incentivize students to contribute to the themed baskets for the bowling tournament.

6. MUSIC DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Music Director stressed the need to consult the department calendar to stay on top of upcoming events. She also mentioned that she has additional duties in the coming weeks, because she is Chair of All-State this year.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION:

In addition to events already discussed, there was brief discussion regarding numerous other upcoming events, including:

- January 18: All-State choir auditions (All-State is April 11-14 in Las Vegas)
- January 23: Pep Band A performing at basketball game (Music Director has requested to be in the stands)
- January 26: All-State band auditions (All-State is April 11-14 in Las Vegas)
- February 3: Band performance at wedding at Edgewood, Lake Tahoe (chaperones needed)
- February 6: Pep Band B performing at basketball game (Music Director has requested to be in the stands)
- A complete calendar of upcoming events can be found on the music department website

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 02/07/18 6:30 pm (location TBD)

NEXT BOOSTER MEETING: 02/28/18 6:30 pm DHS Music Room

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:43 pm