

Music Boosters Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2018

Attendees: Jodi Kessler, Matt Gardner, Wendy Lindsey-Head, Karin Benjamin, Kristen Brown, Robin Gandert, Robyn Russell, Tom Benjamin, Anna Johnson

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm

Minutes from March 5, 2018

- Motion made by Matt Gardner to approve minutes from March 5th meeting. Robyn Russell 2nd that motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

- Have not paid out the 2 Joan Meier Scholarships yet at \$750 each.
- Will still have uniform cleaning costs coming up but still under budget at this time.
- 2018-2019 Budget presented. Change line item 8530-Advocacy to \$3,000 to accommodate video production. With this change a motion was made by Robin Gandert and 2nd by Robyn Russell to approve the budget for 2018-2019. Budget approved unanimously.

Teacher's Report:

Department News:

Princeton Community Schools has once again been named a Best Community for Music Education!

583 Districts and 135 Schools Receive Best Communities for Music Education Designations

The Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) program presented by The NAMM Foundation recognizes the outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of the curriculum. We salute the support and efforts exemplified by these districts and schools to assure that every child has the opportunity to learn and grow with music.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with MIP this weekend! The participants were impressed with the facility and organization of the event. Everything went smoothly! We already have our \$2000 check from MIP!

25 Princeton Music Booster Scholarships at \$500 each have been (or will be) awarded. 2 Princeton Music Booster Joan Meier Music Major Scholarship have been awarded for \$750 each to Simon Jansen, Bass Trombone Performance at UC-CCM, and Vada Stephens for Vocal Performance at Miami University.

Thank you for your support of our musicians and music program!

Band Report

OMEA Junior High Solo and Ensemble was cancelled due to “snow” and our students were unable to “show off” their hard work and musical growth. So that this could be rectified, our soloists and our saxophone quartet performed for their classmates and parents on Friday, April 27 during class time.

Special thanks to those who helped make this happen: our accompanist Harry Robinson, our coaches and stagehands Kristen Brown and Emma Cristolini, and our auditorium manager Brandon Mathews.

Special thanks to Josh Kinney for filling in on the saxophone quartet.

Concert Band is preparing for our Music in the Parks performance on May 19. All Middle School Bands are preparing for our final performance of the year on Thursday, May 24

PHS Bands are preparing for the following:

- Symphonic Band Auditions due to google classroom by Friday, May 11 at 11:59pm.
Fill out application, upload 2 videos.
- Commencement Performance
Sunday, May 13. Report at 11:45am.
- Percussion in-person auditions: May 15-18
- Band Bell 10 Exam May 24
All School Owned Concert Instruments turned in.
- Memorial Day Parade May 28
- All-State Applications/Recordings Due May 31. See me if applying.
- MB: Section Leader apps due 5/10.
- DM clinics 5/10, 5/15, 5/17. Auditions 5/22.
- Student volunteers needed June 1 and June 4 for Instrument Inventory and Maintenance. Sign Up coming soon.

Orchestra Report

All groups are amping up for our upcoming concerts May 3rd (PHS Orchestras) and May 22 (PCMS Orchestras).

This year will be the first year we are taking Scarlet and Gray Orchestra to Music in the Parks (hosted here at Princeton), as we begin to prepare our grade level groups for more outreach.

High School Auditions will begin May 7th, and continue until all are finished. All students in grades 8-11 are being auditioned.

PCMS Concert Orchestra will be participating in Music in the Parks on Saturday, May 19th at 8:50 am at Loveland Middle School. Afterwards they will be spending the day at Kings Island.

Choir Report

The choir department is excited for our final performance this year on Tuesday, May 1. All 5 choirs will perform and we will recognize and congratulate 27 graduating seniors. The seniors will be singing their Senior Song called "We're All in this Together."

On Monday, April 16, the Princeton Board of Education approved the A Cappella Choirs trip to Disney World. Their trip is Feb. 13-18, 2019.

The Middle School choirs are busy preparing for our May 21st concert. Concert Choir is attending Music in the Parks on Saturday May 19th, along with the Concert Band and Concert Orchestra.

Jazz Report

Princeton Jazz (Jazz 7, Jazz 8, Jazz Lab, Jazz Ensemble) will have their final performance on Wednesday, May 2nd. We will be recognizing our seniors, as well as issuing awards for high school years of service and middle school accolades (Most Improved, Outstanding Soloist, etc)

The high school jazz bands are excited to announce our plans to travel in March of 2019 (pending BOE approval) to Memphis, Tennessee! In addition to seeing all the important musical sites around town, the bands will participate in a clinic at the University of Memphis, as well as possibly performing a joint concert with an area high school in Memphis. Specific details (cost, dates, itinerary, etc) will be sent out once we get board approval.

To end the year, our 8-11 graders will be preparing for their auditions for jazz placement next year, as well as completing end of year projects.

President's Report:

- The Uniform Policy was reviewed as presented (see attachment). Robin Gandert made a motion to approve and 2nd by Robyn Russell. The Uniform Policy was approved unanimously with the correction of the link address for payment. <https://squareup.com/store/princeton-music-boosters>
- Officers for 2018-2019 were voted in as follows:
President: Jodi Kessler
Vice President: Matt Gardner
Treasurer: Wendy Lindsey-Head
Secretary: Karin Benjamin
- Discussion of membership levels. Suggested we add a level of \$125 due to the large jump from \$75-\$500 in current hierarchy. Tabled discussion so Kristen Brown can present to the music staff and get input from them regarding adding and renaming levels. Will discuss in June meeting.
- Discussion of advocacy banners. Jody has ideas for banners. We will finalize plans for banners at the June meeting.
- Next meeting will be on June 4th at Robyn Russell's home.
- Meeting Schedule for 2018-2019:
October 8
November 5
December 3
February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
- Voted to not participate in parking cars June 1-3 for the Woodlawn Music Festival.
- Concert Dates for 2018-2019: Robin Gandert to set up Sign up genius.

Special Presentation:

- Jai and Cody presented to the group to bid on the video production the boosters is hoping to put together to advocate for the Music Program. Jai and Cody will go back and put together ideas and present a couple of bids (different levels). The hope is to get filming finished in August/September so video can be ready by October but may need to push to December.

Motion by Robin Gandert to adjourn, seconded by Robyn Russell