

# **Music Boosters Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2019**

**Attendees:** Jodi Kessler, Matt Gardner, Wendy Lindsey, Karin Benjamin, Jill Betz, Anna Johnson, Lesley Schultz, David Dendler, Kristen Brown, Becky Brown, Robin Gandert, Robyn Russell, Jon Simons and Tom Benjamin

## **Meeting Called to Order at 7:03pm**

Introductions

## **Secretary's Report:**

Motion made by Robin Gandert to approve minutes from December 3, 2018 meeting. Robyn Russell 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion. Minutes approved as presented. Membership update with 96 members and 6 corporate sponsors

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Report was distributed and shared.

Motion was made by Matt Gardner to approve the purchase of ½ of the new marching band uniforms (other ½ to be paid by the district). The purchase is to include the following: 100 Shako Hats, 100 Coats and 100 jumpsuits from Stanbury Uniforms, Inc. per specifications for \$36,470.00 in addition to 100 Raincoats, 100 14" French Fountain Plumes and 100 hat boxes from Banding Together, LLC for \$11,880.00 for a total of \$48,350.00. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karin Benjamin. No discussion. Voted unanimously in favor of this purchase.

## **Teacher's Report:**

### Department News:

Princeton Music Department Video Update:

Facebook video on Princeton Music Boosters facebook page reached 10K views!

Congratulations to the Princeton Music Boosters for winning GOLD in the **Music For All Advocacy in Action Award** for Parent & Booster Engagement for "Private Lesson Scholarships!"

This award was highlighted at the OMEA Professional Development Conference in Cleveland through a Music For All session on the Advocacy in Action Awards!

Congratulations to 11 of our highest achieving musicians who performed a Class A Solo at the **PHS Senior Solo Recital 2019**. Performers this year include Jillian Betz (soprano), Olivia Clausen (violin), Elizabeth Gandert (oboe), Stephanie Garcia (violin), Hannah Goodall (soprano), Stephen Holley (baritone saxophone), Megan Kowal (mezzo-soprano), Julia Kufeldt (viola/piano), Ben Leonhardt (tenor saxophone), Jessie McClure (soprano), and Nicholas Wallace (violin). Performers and guests were invited to a reception sponsored by the Princeton Music Boosters following the recital.

Congratulations to the 152 Princeton High School band, orchestra and choir musicians who competed in 74 events for ratings in the **OMEA High School Solo and Ensemble Competition** this past Saturday at Elder High School. Our Vikings

represented well earning 3 Good ratings, 17 Excellent Ratings, and 47 Superior Ratings! #GOVIKES #VIKINGDIFF

The Princeton BOE approved the purchase of new marching band uniforms, drill team uniforms and A Cappella dresses. Uniform unveiled for students on Wednesday, 2/6/19

The Princeton BOE approved the Disney 2020 trip for all PHS band and orchestra students. A preliminary timeline (trip dates, deposit amount and due date, and estimated total cost) for Disney 2020 will be shared with students on Wednesday, 2/6/19.

Come see the Viking Village Brass, featuring Kristen Brown (horn), Rob Brown (trumpet), Matt Gardner (trombone), Marie Knueven (tuba), Todd Leonhardt (drumset), and Kyle Phillips (trumpet), make its DEBUT performance playing Bohemian Rhapsody at "Princeton's Got Talent!" on Wednesday, February 13, in Matthews Auditorium at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available through the Princeton Music Boosters. Let me know if you'd like to purchase a ticket, or you can purchase via this link: <https://squareup.com/store/princeton-music-boosters> You definitely don't want to miss this!

Band/Orchestra/Choir Composites have been delivered and framed and will be going up on the wall soon.

Kyle Phillips represented Princeton at the OMEA State Board Meeting last week at the OMEA Professional Development Conference as the OMEA District 14 President-Elect.

Lesley Schultz presented at OMEA Professional Development Conference with a sessions titled, "Google Tools for Any Music Teacher" and "Technology Management for Music Teachers". She also coordinated all the TI:ME (Technology Institute for Music Educators) sessions at the OMEA Conference.

Kristen Brown co-presented at OMEA Professional Development Conference with a session targeted to booster parents titled "Music Support Group Mini-Conference."

Kristen Brown co-chaired and hosted the OMEA District 14 Honor Band Festival January 11-13.

Sydney Casey co-chaired and hosted the OMEA District 14 Junior High Honors Orchestra January 18-19.

Kyle Phillips hosted OMEA District 14 Honors Jazz Auditions on January 28 and will chair and host the Honor Jazz Event

Shelley Miley is co-chairing and hosting the OMEA District 14 Junior High Honor Choir event February 8-9.

The 5th Grade Recruit Concert is 2/27/19 from 10:00-11:00am for all Princeton 5th graders. Try It Nights are April 2 and 3, from 6:00-8:00pm in the PCMS Cafeteria.

The New Riegel High School Choir, Jacket Company (A Cappella group) and Band will perform for Princeton music students on March 13th from 8:58-9:47am, on their way from the Toledo area to Nashville. Any music boosters available during the day are welcome to attend. They will have 13 chaperones with them along with 45 students.

#### Band Report

Composer, conductor, clinician Dr. Quincy Hilliard spent a day with Princeton Band students on Friday, January 11.

Dwight Miller from Stanbury Uniforms came in on 1/29/19 to measure all band students in grades 8-11 for new the new band uniforms.

Middle School Students are preparing to audition for the 2019-20 school year!

Concert Band students are preparing for the 6th Grade Recruitment Concert which will take place during the school day on February 27. They are also preparing for their performance on Festival of the Arts.

All bands are working toward their performance in March.

Junior High Solo and Ensemble is being held Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Nagel Middle School. The deadline for registering for this event is February 20.

Symphonic Band is preparing to perform in the OMEA District 14 Large Group Adjudicated event on March 15 (or 16), held at Harrison High School. It has been about 10 years since Princeton Symphonic Band has participate in this event.

#### MUSICAL REPORT

Auditions have started! We were to finish last week, however, the weather was not our friend. We hope to finish by Wednesday and post the cast list no later than Friday, February 8. The orchestra is in the process of forming. Crew members will be recruited the following week.

Thanks to the Boosters for their support!

#### Orchestra Report

Students are gearing up for Middle School Auditions in 6th and 7th grade. Zero Bell Orchestra is preparing for their 5th Grade Demo Concert, and their Louisville Trip. High School Groups and Zero Bell Orchestra are preparing for the FOA performance, and Symphonic Orchestra is working towards State Contests on February 22 or 23.

Congratulations to all of the PCMS students who participated in OMEA Jr. High Honor Orchestra: Cassie Robins, James Thompson, Ariana Watson, Marie Nzale, Marissa Broeders, James Janzen, Michael Cucum-Velasquez.

In preparation for OMEA State Orchestra Contest we have invited several guests to come in to work with our Symphonic Orchestra students. On Tuesday, January 29th four CCM graduate students came to lead sectionals. This week on Tuesday, February 5th Dr. Aik Khai Pung from CCM will come to work with the entire

orchestra. The Contest Preview Concert will be Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 pm in Matthews Auditorium. Stay tuned for Contest performance date and time.

### Choir Report

PCMS Concert Choir and 8th Grade Choir are busy preparing pieces to sing for combined choirs for the Festival of the Arts in March. The directors have chosen four songs of Celtic-style to coincide with the event being March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.

PCMS Concert Choir and Concert Orchestra are looking forward to their performance trip to Louisville in May.

A Cappella Choir just recorded two songs from "The Greatest Showman" for Mr. Burton's THIS IS PRINCETON music video. The students recorded "This is Me" and "A Million Dreams" this morning and will be staying after school tomorrow, February 5th to shoot the music video after school until 7:00pm. Mr. Burton ordered matching THIS IS PRINCETON shirts for A Cappella to wear during the video shoot. This video is Mr. Burton's project to show the community. This video will be shown to the district staff at the professional day on February 14 in Matthews Auditorium. A Cappella will also be performing these two songs with the video live at the Festival of the Arts. A BIG THANKS TO THE MUSIC BOOSTERS for providing parent help with the Chipotle dinner for the students tomorrow night.

A Cappella Choir is also getting ready to leave for Disney World next Wednesday, February 13.

They will wearing their "Disney Performing Arts" shirts when they attend the DISNEY SINGS! Backstage workshop on Friday, February 15 at Epcot. They will return on President's Day, Monday, February 18.

Cincinnati Opera collaboration coming to Princeton!

### Jazz Report

The jazz ensemble and jazz lab band are gearing up for their Memphis Tour 2019. Highlight's of the trip include:

Graceland

Sun Studio

Rock n Soul Museum

Staxx Studio Museum

Hard Rock Cafe

Rendevous Rib Joint

BB Kings' Blues Club

Alfred's on Beale Street

Memphis University

Blues City Cafe

We will present a send-off concert on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30PM in Matthews Auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

Jazz Lab Band will be performing Wednesday, February 6th at the second annual Jazz n Joe event. The concert will feature Princeton Jazz Lab, Hamilton High School's Jazz Ensemble, and the Jazz Combo from Winton Woods High School.

The following students were selected to participate in the 2019 OMEA D14 Honor Jazz Band:

**Jr High**

Leah Bracknell, tenor sax  
Grace Perkins, tenor sax  
Andrew Edrington, bari sax  
Jack McDaniel, trumpet  
Carson McDaniel, trumpet  
Parker Evans, trumpet  
Aidan Kenny, trombone  
Morgan Hoog, trombone  
Steven Higgins, trombone  
Carly Nagel, bass  
James Janzen, percussion

**Jazz Ensemble II**

Nathan Rengering, trumpet  
Amari Mathis, trumpet  
Kyle McDaniel, trombone  
Carter Logsdon, trombone  
Kei Mott, guitar  
Eric Moorman, bass

**Jazz Ensemble I**

Josh Kinney, alto sax  
Stephen Holley, bari sax  
Ryan Bisel, trumpet  
Mary Kimble, trumpet  
Jacob Deubell, trombone  
Taylor Hoog, bass

These students will perform in Matthews Auditorium on 2/24 starting at 4:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

**President's Report:**

Tres Kuecher reported to Jodi that the ground breaking for the Woodland park will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be available closer to the event time.

Washing Machine update: Robyn Russell reported that per Princeton Maintenance, her office has the capability to hold a commercial size washing machine. Robyn is continuing to research the type/model of washing machine that is needed.

**Open Forum:**

The Music Boosters will have a Star Gram table in the lobby at Princeton's Got Talent.

The Marching Band is still in the application process for the Reds Opening Day Parade.

Applications for Advocacy in Action Awards open March 1, 2019

Motion made by Matt Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 8:08. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jodi Kessler