



PRINCETON MUSIC BOOSTERS

President: MATT GARDNER ~ Vice-President: TOM BENJAMIN ~ Secretary: KARIN BENJAMIN ~ Treasurer: WENDY LINDSEY

Music Boosters Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2020

Attendees: Matt Gardner, Tom Benjamin, Wendy Lindsey, Karin Benjamin, Kristen Brown, Robin Gandert, Robyn Russell, Lisa Stevens, Michelle Robenalt, Sherie Fortner, Kyle Phillips, Michelle Gilmore, Gary Bracknell, Cordelia Edmiston

Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm

*Due to the Stay at Home order from Governor Dewine, this meeting was held via Zoom.

Officer Report:

a. Secretary's Report:

- i. Motion made by Matt Gardner to approve minutes from May 4, 2020 meeting. Wendy Lindsey 2nd that motion. Minutes approved.

b. Treasurer's Report:

- i. Financial Report was distributed and shared.

c. Teacher's Report:

Department News:

Band, Jazz, Choir and Orchestra are all playing using a variety of pandemic accommodations found in the Princeton Music 6-12 Re-Opening Plan:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UXoc97oq1s2jH92CFMVYwM8we7EdxiNnaWI-asqI5_s/edit?usp=sharing

We have asked all band students to dedicate one mask for band that is cut with a slit for their mouthpiece. In addition, Mrs. Lindsey Young is making overlapping Band Masks that are available for purchase.

The school bought bell covers for all PHS and PCMS band students.

No public evening performances until further notice. However, we will strive for recorded, in class performances as able considering instrumentation and voicing in the Hybrid learning model. We are still figuring out what product we can produce for public viewing.

Mrs. Becky Brown retired in early July and we celebrated her with a drive by/wave by car parade. Thanks to everyone who participated!!

Mrs. Hurley has taken over Mrs. B. Brown's PCMS Concert Band, 7th Grade Band and PHS Marching Band Assistant positions.

Mr. Fermier came up from Evendale Elementary and is teaching Jazz Studio, Guitar, Keyboard Explorations and assisting with HS Band.

Dr. Mackzum has approved Play It Nights for PCMS!

We are offering 4 Play It Nights for PCMS band and orchestra students! These Play It Nights are voluntary and are meant to offer additional instrumental practice and instruction with our band and orchestra directors. You will enter and exit Viking Village and all current Covid-19 Safety Protocols will be followed. Students will be in small groups and will work on current band and orchestra book and music. The first four Play It Nights will be 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, and 11/12. The hours will be 6:00-7:00pm for 6th graders, and 7:00-8:00pm for 7th and 8th graders. Please sign up your child if interested!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DADAD2BA57-play1>

We are starting to take pictures of Performing Music Seniors in Concert Dress for the Music Senior Wall.

Band:

Mrs. Hurley is beginning live zoom sessions daily for Concert Band on Tuesday, 9/8, for both Scarlet and Gray full remote students. Students will tune in on the week in which they are assigned by last name. Due to 7th grade band meeting at the same time as other classes for remote students, recorded zoom sessions of class will begin being posted the week of 9/8. Weekly zoom check-ins have started, giving students the opportunity to give live help, and answers to any questions they may have. The first couple of weeks were spent in both groups closing out last school year, and then reopening for the current year. Students were assigned instrument lockers, received new music, learned how the online Essential Elements Interactive (EEi) platform works, were instructed on how to adapt their band only masks, and began playing the first notes of the year outside at the Matthews Loading Dock!

The *Pride* of Princeton Marching Band was most fortunate to have band camp this past July, switching locales from Stewart Elementary to our "home base" at PHS. We were able to use the new Mural as well as two practice fields for camp, and with a little creative maneuvering, were able to play outside and learn a lot throughout the week! According to a Facebook post by a local band director who got wind of our Band Camp model:

"If you want to see an exemplary model of running a band camp amidst Covid-19, look no further than the *Pride* of Princeton Band"

We thank the boosters for supporting the PoP by supplementing our mask, hand sanitizer, and bottled water supply, as well as providing funds for additional staff to assist us during camp.

The PoP makes their debut at the Princeton Viking home opener on 9/4 against Sycamore with preview of the 2020 Halftime Show: Funktion Junction

You can see the PoP perform at PHS Varsity Football games at Viking Stadium on the following dates: 9/4, 9/18, 9/25.

On 10/2 we are planning a special performance at Viking Stadium only for band families, our 2020 Season Showcase. Stay tuned for more details.

6th Grade Band is up and running! We have approximately 84 in person and 19 remote learners for a total of 103, which is in the ballpark of normal. Over the years we have had 90-125 enrolled depending on the size of the class and the year. 103 is on the lower side, but we've been lower without a pandemic! They have all dedicated a Band Mask with a slit and the school has purchased bell covers. In addition, Mrs. Lindsey Young has created an overlapping Band Mask that can be purchased.

We collected Princeton Performance Polo orders and \$ last spring. However, due to all public evening performances on hold, we will not be ordering polos. We are working on refunding order payments.

PHS Symphonic Band Audition Window is open September 1-October 1. If you would like to be a member of PHS Symphonic Band for the 2020-2021 school year, please join the Symphonic Band Auditions 2020-2021 Google Classroom Page, Code: ffzqioc and complete the assignment, which will post on September 1. By October 1, video record on flipgrid (link in classroom) 1) a chromatic scale the range of your instrument and 2) two music excerpts, found in the assignment. All materials found on PHS Symphonic Band Auditions 2020-2021 Google Classroom Code: ffzqioc. See Mrs. K Brown with any questions or e-mail her at krbrown@vikingmail.org.

PHS/PCMS Practice Partners!

This is completely voluntary. We are looking for PHS students to pair up with PCMS students (primarily 6th grade beginners) to offer them practice help and encouragement. If you sign up here, I will pair you with a PCMS student (probably a 6th grade beginner) who plays the same instrument. I will share the vikingmail address with both students, and you will connect via vikingmail to set up the first session. Practice Partners should try to meet once a week for 15-30 minutes via zoom, google meet, facetime, or

other agreed method. The high school student will be able to check posture, playing position, note names, fingerings, beginning sounds, and other beginning instrumental skills, as well as be encouraging! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. We hope to have students paired up by September 30 at the latest. If you have a specific PCMS band student in mind, please list in the comment. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DADAD2BA57-phspcms>

Jazz:

We are excited to welcome new PHS music teacher, Mr. Andrew Fermier, to the jazz department as our new director of Jazz Studio Band! Mr. Fermier brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our program. PHS Jazz is in the process of learning, developing, and submitting their audition materials for placement into either Jazz Studio, Jazz Lab, or Jazz Ensemble. We have been taking advantage of the nice weather in the morning and playing outside of Viking Village.

PCMS Jazz (Jazz 7 and Jazz 8) are starting to settle into the “new normal” of remote/blended learning, with weekly Zoom calls and new technology. Jazz 8 is currently refreshing the skills we covered last year (with some new added twists), meanwhile Jazz 7 is being introduced to jazz for the first time, learning the origins of Ragtime, Dixieland, and the Blues.

Orchestra:

Ms. Knueven and Ms. Casey are teaching both remote and hybrid. We are making video instruction for beginners, checking in weekly to our hybrid remote students and enjoying the small class sizes of our in-person students. We feel very fortunate to be able to make music without spit and air, and are using our time to make the most of the limited time we have with students.

Each class has a Google Classroom for their Scarlet or Gray persuasion, and our full remote students are following the hybrid schedule as well. We are feeling that we are not getting enough to our students sometimes, but again, are thankful to be able to play indoors without limitations.

Choir:

Mrs. Ballman is doing live Zoom sessions during the Scarlet in-person sessions for her full remote kids to view. For any that are unable to attend live she is recording and posting those to Google Classroom. She is currently investigating creative ways to get her choirs to be able to make music with the current limitations. Starting next week, smaller classes that are able to space out will be doing some singing in the classroom, and the larger groups will attempt singing in the upstairs lobby of

Matthews. Breathing and singing with a mask is definitely a struggle, but we will do our best to make it work.

d. President's Report: Nothing to report this month

e. Vice President's Report:

- i. Tom is requesting \$3000 for a “surprise” for October 2, 2020 Band Showcase. This will be a performance at the stadium for just the marching band. Karin Benjamin made a motion to approve the use of up to \$3000 for the “surprise” purchase for the Band Showcase on October 2, 2020. Wendy Lindsey 2nd this motion. Matt Gardner put on the floor for discussion. Vote taken and was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

- a. Budget Committee: Review & approve budget in October
- b. Nominating Committee: nothing to report
- c. Audit Committee: Postponed until Social distancing is over

- d. Concessions/Fundraising: Concessions went well. Band was fed during 3rd quarter (individual pizza and drink); Looking into restaurant fundraisers (Sherie Fortner looking into Chipotle and Wendy Lindsey looking into City BBQ). Wendy suggested working the polls as a fundraiser. Individuals can work the poll and the payment would be made to PMB. Still have all the old uniform stuff to sell.
- e. Membership: 19 new members for 2020-2021 school year
- f. Publicity: nothing to report
- g. Advocacy: nothing to report
- h. Senior Celebration:
 - i. Marching Band seniors will be receiving a special senior shirt to wear during the Band Showcase.
 - ii. Marching Band seniors are having photos taken for banners to hang at the stadium.
 - iii. All performing seniors will have a photo taken to hang on the wall outside of Matthews Auditorium.

Old Business: Nothing to report this month

New Business:

Sherie Fortner discussed her frustration with the way tickets to the home football games have been distributed. Per Kyle Phillips, Joe Roberts has allocated 1 additional ticket for each Marching Band senior. Joe Roberts is looking into seeing how tickets can be allocated for future home games.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Matt Gardner to adjourn the meeting. Tom Benjamin 2nd that motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, October 5, 2020