



## PRINCETON MUSIC BOOSTERS

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

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### Music Boosters Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2020

**Attendees:** Matt Gardner, Tom Benjamin, Wendy Lindsey, Karin Benjamin, Kristen Brown, Jodi Kessler, Robin Gandert

#### Meeting Called to Order at 7:08pm

\*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 September 14, 2020 meeting. Tom Benjamin 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion. Minutes approved.

##### b. Treasurer's Report:

- i. Financial Report was distributed and shared.

##### c. Teacher's Report:

###### **Department News:**

First round of Scholarship Payments went out. We have 4 students deferring their private lesson scholarship until next year.

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>

###### **Band:**

Polo Refunds: Some concert band students paid for polo shirts last spring. Info has been given to Wendy (treasurer) to write and send refund checks.

PHS Symphonic Band audition deadline was October 1. PHS Symphonic Band should be posted by 10/16/20.

PHS/PCMS Band Practice Partners are starting. 6th graders signed up and PHS students signed up. I paired them up and the plan is for them to meet virtually every 2 weeks for 15-30 minutes to practice, coach and encourage. PHS students can get volunteer hours.

PCMS Concert Band and Band 7 are moving right along as we continue to navigate through hybrid learning. Our main focus in both groups have been playing with good tone and in tune using proper air support. Students have been reviewing out of the Essential Elements Book 1, as well as learning new warm-ups, notes, fingerings, and sheet music. Mrs. Brown has been working with a small group of students for sectional each morning during Concert Band, and Mr. Leonhardt takes Band 7 percussion and brass students out for small group instruction. We are making great progress in both groups, even during these odd times!

The *Pride* of Princeton Marching Band had their first ever Season Showcase and Senior Recognition last Friday, 10/2 at 7:00 pm. It was a resounding success, with the band performing their full halftime show, as well as a senior show comprised of the senior class's favorite songs from their 9th, 10th, and 11th, grade years. We were able to take our time and truly give our seniors the recognition they deserved, as well as perform to an amazing audience of just band families. The whole event was capped off by a spectacular fireworks display by Rozzi Fireworks. Special thanks to the music boosters for providing funds for senior shirts, banners, and the fireworks display. Your faith in sharing the funds, despite not knowing what they were for, was hopefully rewarded :) If you want to see photos/videos from the showcase, check out the *Pride* of Princeton Google photos page from this season- [2020 Season Photos](#)

The PoP will continue its season as long as the Vikings are in the playoffs, starting this Friday at home versus Oak Hills. If all goes well, we will have 3 additional performances: 10/9, 10/16, 10/23. The playoffs will continue on 10/30, but OHSAA has not yet announced what role- if any- bands will have in those games.

### **Jazz:**

Now that auditions are over, the PHS Jazz Bands- Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Studio Band- have been settled and are up and running! Some great music is coming out of the groups- including charts by Dave Brubeck, Cantaloupe Island, Earth Wind and Fire, Tower of Power, and Chicago

PCMS Jazz groups have been starting work in their books, and working on building the fundamentals of improvisation, jazz articulation, and listening

to jazz legends such as Scott Joplin, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Charlie Parker, Dexter Gordon, and Dizzy Gillespie.

**Orchestra:**

The PCMS and PHS Orchestras are beginning to find normalcy in their Hybrid learning situation. We are working through our books and music, and the students are really achieving so much with our smaller class sizes. Both PCMS and PHS groups will be recording one piece for a “performance video” for Halloween. Not sure yet how the video will be shared, but the intention is not the audience, but the student performers. A special shout out to The Music Booster fam, and especially to Robyn and Karin for rocking the uniform world for all of our kids. We are truly lucky to have such a supportive parent community.

**Choir:**

Vocal Chamber Ensemble auditions were completed last week. Auditions were open to any A Cappella Choir member on the gray, scarlet and full-remote learner teams. 24 students auditioned for 16 positions. Audition results will be announced within the next week. After results are posted, they will be rehearsing using Google Classroom and Zoom meetings.

Middle School choirs are working at musicianship skills of all sorts, and singing in the balcony of Viking Village a few days a week. We are doing projects to help the students get to know each other, since we are masked and not having the camaraderie that is typical in choir class. We continue to serve both our in-person students as well as our remote choir students.

**d. President’s Report:**

Matt commented on how great the Showcase for the PoP Marching Band.

**e. Vice President’s Report:**

Nothing to report

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Budget Committee: Revised budget (due to Covid-19) was reviewed and approved as presented.
- b. Nominating Committee: nothing to report
- c. Audit Committee: Postponed until social distancing is over
- d. Concessions/Fundraising:
  - i. Football concessions: It is unknown if we will be doing Football concessions during the playoffs. Contact has been made to Athletic boosters but no definitive answer.

- ii. Raising Canes is an ongoing fundraiser for every Friday in October.
- iii. Chipotle Fundraiser has tentatively been set up for October 28, 4-8
- iv. City BBQ looking to set up in mid November, early December.
- v. Marching Band Uniform Sale: Jackets will go on sale soon.
- vi. Bracelets are starting to sell
- vii. No Mattress sale this year. Debbie Harbin (coordinator) has other ideas for fundraising. Matt Gardner and Kristen Brown will be meeting with her Wednesday.
- viii. Holiday Raffle Baskets: use Rallyup.com to raffle off our baskets (looking to do one a week or so from end of November – December) Anna Johnson is willing to head this up again.
- e. Membership: 28 new members for 2020-2021 school year
- f. Publicity: nothing to report
- g. Advocacy: nothing to report
- h. Senior Celebration:
  - i. Pictures for the Matthews Auditorium Wall are just about finished. Kristen Brown will put in a work order to have nails put in for the remaining frames.

**Old Business:** Happy with the outcome of football ticketing for Marching Band.

**New Business:** No new business to report

**Adjourn:**

Motion made by Tom Benjamin to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Kessler 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020**