



Eastern Technical HS Music Boosters

October 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm (Virtual)

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Link:

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- Welcome - Valerie Thaler
- Introductions
- Instrumental Music Director's Report – Ms. Krawczyk
- Chorus Director's Report - Mr. Dennis
- President's Report – Valerie Thaler
- Tri-M Role in Boosters
- Save the date – Dec. 7 (Pizza John's Night) – Shannon Ament
- Brainstorm – Music Boosters' role in a transitional year

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov 1 at 6:30 pm (Zoom)

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Student: Caleb, trumpet (grade 10)

Eastern Technical Music Boosters Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021

Call to order at 6:30 pm

Officers in attendance: Valerie Thaler, Lisa Gaff, Melissa Williams, Kristina Harwood, Kathy Krawczyk, Joe Dennis (Tri-M reps: Rachel Gaff, Carter Bohart, Krystal Yackulak). Also in attendance: Shannon Ament, Stacey Dukovic, Alicia Fales

President (Valerie Thaler): Introductions of all in attendance. Excited to be back in person-moving forward with rebuilding the music program and its deficits from COVID.

Joe Dennis- Chorus (2 freshman chorus, 2 chamber classes) and 2 concert band classes 2nd year here/1st live year of teaching. Welcome!

Instrumental Music Director's Report (Ms. Krawczyk):

Our 1st live performance since Feb 2020 was this past Friday for Concert Band and Wind Ensemble and student conductors at the Homecoming Pep Rally. There is a recording of it posted to Schoology. It went really well and we will continue to build on that. We sold lots of shirts (money sent home to treasurer). We will need to restock mediums in next year's purchase order (completely out).

We received a really nice thank you card from one of last year's scholarship recipients, Sydney.

8am Tuesday 10/5 meeting with Ms. Anderson to discuss how the Fall Concert (**Orchestra and Chorus- Oct 21st**) will look. Valerie wants to really push getting the word out for the concert-if we are able to have a normal concert situation. Kathy will check on everyone's concert attire to make sure it is appropriate.

Discussion of continuing issues with most parents not having access to Schoology. *Kathy will try to populate an email list that we can use to get out information (blind cc). Shannon is able to help make that list.

Chorus Director's Report (Mr. Dennis):

Agrees that Pep Rally was a success! He is also prepping concert attire. He has started a drumline club that will play at the last two home football games!

Chorus is singing masked, which is difficult, but doable-they have been outside a few times.

For this concert, will use recorded accompaniment, may need a live accompanist in the future.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Williams):

There wasn't a formal report given-still in the process of transferring files and preparing new budget. Valerie and Melissa met with Carrie and Eric last Friday to transfer the bank account over. Melissa will meet with Eric in next week or two for a tutorial. *We need to set up a Venmo that we can use- also use a QR Code (on programs) for donations at concerts and link code to our webpage as well.

President's Report (Valerie Thaler):

*Wants to publicize and drum up support for both the Boosters and the concerts-to get back to a world where music is in person!

Further discussion of Schoology. Can we ask the school (?) to get out the info on how parents can join? Can we use an email group? What are our best options for communication? *Is the website still viable? (It needs to be updated and put to use.) Note- students don't seem to know it exists. We can also use PTSA newsletter as it has a broad reach.

TRI-M (Carter Bohart):

Thanks so much to Music Boosters for your support. Tri-M has had first meeting. Brainstormed service projects to include involving the community such as assisted living (when allowed), tutoring-especially for 9th and 10th graders who have missed so much due to COVID, Make-a -Wish toy Drive, adding lyrics to ET alma mater. Wants to encourage more Tri-M involvement with Boosters-to take some ownership of the program, encouraging all members to attend at least one meeting. Please feel free to contact Carter or Rachel if we need anything.

Tutoring: Kathy thinks this is a great idea (as do we all) especially to support the freshman who haven't had in person instruction since 7th grade. We need to help them catch up and bridge the gap.

Restaurant Nights (Shannon Ament):

*Pizza Johns is set for Dec 7th-will utilize PTSA newsletter, Facebook, and other means to get the word out. Should we do one a month? Other restaurant ideas? Will look into pairing an ice skating night with a restaurant for Jan or Feb.

Other Fundraising:

Not discussed at this time.

New Business:

Food/water at concert? Probably not at this stage (have done water/candy bars/Kona Ice truck in the past).

Future Music needs may include new orchestra music, new band/choir music, instrument repairs (approx. 50 student loaner instruments at this point)-may find that some instruments need some work after lack of use.

It's great to be back with so much support after the crazy last year and a half. Minutes to be sent out, action list made, work on website.

Meeting Adjourned 7:15**Next Meeting: Nov 1st 6:30 (virtual)***Submitted by Kristina Harwood*