



### **Eastern Technical HS Music Boosters**

November 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm (Virtual)

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Link:

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- Welcome - Valerie Thaler
- Approval of October Minutes
- Instrumental Music Director's Report – Ms. Krawczyk
- Chorus Director's Report - Mr. Dennis
- President's Report – Valerie Thaler
- Tri-M Report
- 2021-22 Budget Discussion
- Save the date – Dec. 7 (Pizza John's Night) – Shannon Ament  
<https://fb.me/e/13K8XLbOm>
- Additional potential fundraisers for this year
- Website Evaluation (Screenshare)
- Adjournment

*Next Meeting: December 6 at 6:30 pm (Zoom).*

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# Eastern Technical Music Boosters Meeting Minutes (Approved)

November 1, 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 rep: Rachel Gaff). Also in attendance: Shannon Ament, Alicia Fales, Stacy Davies, Jennifer Corcoran

Approval of October Minutes (Kathy, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kristina)

### President (Valerie Thaler):

Concert Oct 21<sup>st</sup>- so happy to be back in a room with live music!

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

Happy with Concert on 21<sup>st</sup>. There were some last minute changes that came from the BCPS Music Office. Ticketing was required-and Mr. Deutsch helped set up Ticket Spicket-which we will probably need to continue to use going forward-to keep account of who is in attendance.

(Note-that there may be a way to see if students may not be using both of their tickets-so that more family members can come in their place-so that all of the potential seats that are allowed are being used.)

Other changes in place are shorter concerts, smaller audiences (only 2/student). This was first live concert since Feb of 2020. There were two completely separate concerts. Recordings will go up on Schoology this week. Having the younger groups see the older groups is always very positive-and may help in growing the program that has been cut in half post-COVID.

Uniforms looked good.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> will be our next concert and there is the possibility of using the cafeteria and stage as well so two could be going on at same time.

They would like to request to purchase a new percussion cart (the current one is literally falling apart) and now have to move all of the percussion instruments between classrooms. \$1300.00.

Suggestion that instead of new cart-purchasing a second set of those instruments (cymbals, blocks, tambourines, sticks, stands, etc.). This could be a cheaper option-and/or just a more convenient option. Menchey Music does offer a discount. Kathy and Mr. Dennis will continue to look into this and price options.

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Thank you (from both) for the flowers. Music Boosters gave flowers to both directors in appreciation of their hard work and to welcome back live music!

**Chorus Director's Report (Mr. Dennis):**

Drumline-excited to be in stands at first game/rained out last game. Got some FB exposure-excitement!

1<sup>st</sup> Concert went well-learned a lot and has a list of ways to improve, but very happy for the first 1<sup>st</sup>! Families were excited-this was first concert since middle school for many. Also-excited to have freshmen students comment on the upper class-and show enthusiasm to continue on. Very happy overall!!

Selecting music for the winter concert.

**President's Report (Valerie Thaler):**

Revisiting getting an email list. There were no responses from the flyer (info set on table for parents to pick up at concert). For next concert, consider setting on chairs-or as an insert in program-or even on back page of program (We aren't allowed to hand things out at this point).

Valerie will revise the flyer and Kathy will copy and send home with students. Will also post to Schoology. (Music Boosters group Schoology Join Code: 8J7M-M66K-38222).

We will continue to try to get info out via email if we can establish a list.

Concert was lovely-thanks for keeping it short.

**TRI-M (Ms. Krawczyk read Carter's Report):**

Tri-M has set up committees: Special Events Committee- small ensembles to play around school before winter break during lunch etc., to have music going on around the school and bring awareness of the program. Also music videos for morning announcements. Concert Committee- to help set up-lots of work to move everything upstairs/set up/breakdown. Service Committee- Make-A-Wish project for winter. Tutoring (still working on getting students to take advantage of this.)

Alma Mater Lyrics- Ms. Talbott found original lyrics from 1971 (need to re-find them) but song written in 2007- so need still researching all of that-but hope to have a lyric competition (spirit event) open to all students.

Next Tri-M meeting is week before Thanksgiving.

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**Treasurer's Report (Melissa Williams):**

Melissa and Valerie have worked on the budget-lots of questions about what things are-going from 2019 budget.

Dealing with PNC to get access.

We worked line by line through 2019 budget to see what still makes sense and what can be cut. Explanations of scholarships, awards, uniforms (gowns/buy-back program), private instruction, scholarships.

Fall/Spring Fundraisers-we need to look for a Spring Fundraiser.

Mattress Fundraiser is great (!)- but not going to be an option in current environment.

(Alicia will give us a deal on private flute instruction!)

Note: Current uniform is black button down long-sleeve shirt, black pants, black belt, black socks, black shoes.

We hopefully can still do some private instruction (perhaps virtually). Assessments probably won't happen this year.

At this point-we have no idea if we will be able to have a banquet this year. Do we want to continue awards.

We will continue to pay fees for Towson Honor Band as well as All County, All State, and Solo Festival for students who want to attend.

Note that now is a great time to make changes to the budget and how we do things if we want to do that!!

Will have a formal budget for vote by next meeting.

What are your music needs? Percussion Cart/Instruments and Music.

**Restaurant Nights (Shannon Ament):**

Pizza Johns- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Ice Skating isn't going to work as a fundraiser. She will pursue restaurant nights for Jan, Feb, March. (Will need to check school fundraising calendar with Kathy).

**Website Discussion:**

Tabled until December due to time.

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**Meeting Adjourned 7:30**

**Next Meeting: Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 (virtual)**

**Note that that week will be a big week: Monday Meeting, Tuesday Pizza Johns (and Ring Banquet for Juniors), and Thursday will be the Concerts!**

*Submitted by Kristina Harwood*

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