

MVHS Instrumental Music Boosters 2020-2021

IMPA meeting March 2, 2021

Attendance: Allison Devenney, Anita Change, Anita Rao, Anna Linde, Bo Chian, Chikako Takagi, Diana Ho, Dona Lee, Ethan Jung, Irene Chen, Irene Chen, Jeffrey Kuan, Jenny Chow, Jill Denny, Jim Whitfield, Julian Tham, Kathie Montgomery, Kathy Stiles, Lara Vastano, Lou Doan, Lynne Ewald, Marilyn Stanley, Mrinalini Sharma, Peter Stanley, Ricky Alegria, Ru-Fang Yeh, Steve Jankowski, Susan Chung, Teri Faught, Tyler Doan

7:00pm Welcome and Introductions

Peter welcomed all new and current families to the meeting. A Parent Ed meeting is also happening tonight, so we are recording if folks need to jump off and watch the meeting. We are pleased to have Terry Faught, Distance Learning Administrator, here tonight to fill us in on Stable groups returning to school. Also in attendance is Lynn Ewald, assistant principal, to go over other school updates.

7:05pm Approval of minutes from Feb. 2nd meeting

February IMPA meeting minutes were approved by the group.

7:10pm Music Directors Updates- Ricky Alegria and Anna Linde

Anna Linde- Director's report

We are coming up to a year of distance learning and we are looking forward to returning to in person learning. Progress on editing for Pops Concert is ongoing. *Video auditions for ensembles for next year are due Friday March 26, by 11:59pm.*

Virtual Pops Concert - Saturday, March 27th at 7:00pm.

Virtual Chamber Concert - April 24th at 4:00pm.

Virtual Performing Arts Extravaganza May 29th

Sound trap- We are diving into Sound trap, practicing how to use the music editing software. Planning is underway for the Spring Chamber Concert with help from editing team- Zach Bashir-Hill, Camille Hsu, Andrew Daetz and David Peters. Anna played a portion of Birdland by the Jazz band pieced together by the editing team.

Ricky Alegria- Director's report- Pops Concert- Cellist Annabelle Lo arranged a version of Stars from Les Misérables for the upcoming Virtual Chamber Concert.

Winter Auxiliary has been approved for their own COHORT!

Winter Auxiliary Cohort- *Winter Guard and Winter Percussion*

- 2 x week Tues/Fri
- 3:45-5:15pm
- 14 total students (W Guard and W Percussion)
- Strict social distancing protocols will be enforced
- First cohort rehearsal is March 9th.
- Anna K is leading W Perc, Suzi is leading W Guard
- Peter asked if there are enough hand sanitizer, wipes, PPE, and if the IMPA could help in any way with that. Ricky said that was a good question, that they will check and if IMPA can support them, they will let us know.

Teri Faught- Distance Learning Administrator, Stable Learning groups update-

MVHS is looking forward to bringing students back in cohorts. The HS created stable learning groups, for students to return to campus one full day a week via zoom learning. Teachers not in the classrooms, students go outside for lunch/breaks, following strict protocols. Stable learning Models- new guidance with red tier, school guidance for reopening. We still must follow what is given to us by the CDC. Students who cannot sit in class- PE, Dance, Instrumental music, we have alternative locations for practice. ****Instrumental music students will not be allowed to play on campus.*** School will be a closed campus when it reopens. Certified adults, not teachers, will be in the classrooms, while MVHS builds sub pool. Some subs are not coming back until they are vaccinated. Lots of moving parts with this process, and administrators are keeping up on all details. Winter Percussion is not considered a cohort, but Music is defined as Wind instruments that require blowing through. Therefore, WP can come in after school. No music at first in the stable groups. Instrumental music classes will not take place, only outdoors, choir can sing outside, 20 feet apart. Strings can be brought back to campus since there is no wind being blown. During Stable groups, it is all or nothing, so Instrumental music is being restricted even more than sports and choir programs. Students (Seniors and maybe Freshman) will be returning next week. This model will likely change as we return. Stable groups will be divided by discipline, not by grade levels. For performing arts, they may all be grouped together with other performing arts students. Students must be on campus all day, or virtual all day. For further questions, please email Terri at TeriFaught@mvla.net

Jill- Strings can play, but how are they categorized with the Stable groups? **Terri-** We are concerned with having too many strings, all instrumental music is not happening on campus. Concern for enough adults on campus with 4 different years of string players. Not enough manpower for them to play on campus right now.

7:20pm MVHS Administrator Update

Lynne Ewald- It is very exciting to have us in red tier now, sports are starting to practice, and moving in the right direction. Team sports are going well, with second season starting to practice now. Some of the games will be streaming since attendance is strictly limited. Friday is Homecoming! Drive in Movie-announcement of Court. Tomorrow there will be bagels with the Court, taking pictures for the yearbook.

7:30pm Winter Guard Update

Winter Auxiliary COHORT- 2 x week Tues/Fri 3:45-5:15pm, 14 members, strict social distancing protocols will be enforced. First rehearsal is March 9th.

Suzie and Ricky are working on virtual registration for CCGC and CCGI? We will send dates out when we have more information on this.

7:40pm Board Reports- President and VP- Peter Stanley & Jacqueline Trager

Peter, on behalf of the Booster board, asked Anna and Ricky if they needed anything financial or any specific help for the instrumental music program but they did not have any requests at this time.

7:50pm Finance Update

Karen P. has been paying invoices from MB to the district. IMPA is expecting to have more money this year, so if there is anything specific the program needs, please let Peter and the IMPA know.

7:45pm Student Council report-Tyler Doan (Music Council President, DM, WE)

Looking forward to the 3 concerts coming up!

Pops concert on March 27th- 2 great pieces. playing Les Misérables and Black Panther

April 24th 4:00pm chamber virtual concert.

Joint concert- May 29th

Fundraiser- moving forward with a benefit concert to raise money.

Sound trap allows for creative freedom with classmates. Students are making pieces on the weekends, with more playing opportunities this quarter. Upcoming Drum Major try outs. Discussing how to make next year as great as possible. Student music collection samples will be shared later, after Anna asks for permission. Tyler suggested a local eatery for a fundraiser. As we enter red tier, hopefully we can have a fundraising event.

Music Awards? Anna- Main awards (Robin Kramer, John Philip Souza) are combined with Senior awards night. Anna and Ricky intend to have some event to recognize the students for awards. IMPA has budgeted a fund to help with awards.

Special sashes for graduation? Anna- Yes, we are working with Pegasus for graduation sashes for seniors. MB students can also wear medals. Peter offered again to help with any instrumental music needs.

8:00pm Music Booster Search Committee

Mina- search committee- we have a slate for the nominating committee. Interested parties are to email Mina. mrinaliniringwe@gmail.com email if anyone is interested in a position on the board

Senior awards? Yes, there will be some types of awards tied into Senior night.

8:05pm Meeting Adjournment

***Next meeting to be held Tuesday, April 6th 7:00pm via Zoom**