

## **IMPA Minutes: Jan. 17, 2023 (meeting via Zoom)**

- November Minutes Approved - motion by Richard, second by Gina
- Lara welcomed everyone back and thanked everyone for joining.
- Jo Update
  - Camp Campbell had to close due to severe weather and road conditions.
  - String camp had to be pivoted to an at school addition. It was supposed to be Friday, 13-Sunday 15.
  - We had rehearsal after school Friday and all day on Saturday. Student leaders did a wonderful job stepping up
    - Had a fort building
    - In contact with Camp Campbell about rescheduling
  - String Fling is Tues., Jan. 24
    - Already met with teachers at Blach, Graham and Crittenden, excited to greet 8th graders;
    - We are meeting with our leadership to form a greeting committee so that the 8th graders feel welcomed when they get here.
    - Annette Olson (current orchestra parent volunteer) has volunteered to be on the bus with the students on their way to MV to and will be answering questions the 8th graders may have. There will also be a couple orchestra students that have free 7th period on the bus to answer questions as well.
    - Will have a full afternoon of rehearsal; then dinner, followed by a Parent Information session
    - Ending with a very short concert combined with 8th graders
- Coming up: Feb. 11, 2023, 8:30-1pm - Homestead Festival
  - First time Mountain View has participated in this festival
  - Festival includes all orchestral, all strings festivals, featuring many of the local school ensembles. Our ensemble will be able to watch all the other schools.
  - Program will be all morning from 8:30-1pm.
  - As part of the festival; our students will be able to perform their repertoire; they'll receive a clinic from one of the adjudicators; and then get a chance to watch the performances from the other schools.
- Intro to Music
  - Very excited to start our first official band piece tomorrow (1/18).
  - Intro to music didn't get to this level last year. They were not able to play an official band score, so this is a big success for the students.
  - Students are feeling really good about getting to this point in their learning.
  - Joe was able to find a flexible score that works with their ensemble. (Six marimba players and one saxophone player).
- Ricky Update
  - When we tout that we have some of the best musicians in the county and in the state, it's absolutely true!
  - On this past Sunday, (January 15, 2023), was the 71st Santa Clara County Honor band in which two students represented Mountain View High: Sid Mandava, Nate Jones both in the trombone section.
    - Ricky shared a photo taken with the guest conductor, Dr. Timothy Mahr from St. Oloff College

- As part of this concert they premiered a commissioned piece that was written specifically for this ensemble which was supposed to commemorate the 70th, but due to Covid was premiered at the 71st annual Santa Clara County Honor Band.
- Performed a very fun piece called "Do the Math" - Dr. Mahr. Professionals always talk about the relationship between math and music. Dr. Mahr took it to the next level! He really made the orchestration and the melodies and harmonies such that you could explain it to a non-musician.
- Hearing it live was a real treat and that Sid and Nate were on that premier performance was definitely something special!
- We also have two students that are going to represent Mountain View high at the California All-State Honor Band: Dylan Chow and David Rich both in the trumpet section. Making this group is a huge honor. There were thousands of students from San Diego up to Sacramento that auditioned for these groups. Shows the quality of music programs that we can provide and the talent of the students. Very proud of those four individuals for their accomplishments.
- Spring semester ensembles are on their way.
- Winter Percussion and Winter Guard have been doing clinics and rehearsal.
  - Each group has about 30 students which is larger than last year.
  - Winter Percussion has a number of students from Los Altos. Our percussion captain head, Armeen welcomed them to come on over as LA does not have a Winter Percussion group.
  - Four or five Los Altos students in the pit and some in battery.
  - Will have a full slate of competitions for both groups.
  - Both winter groups are in different circuits and will not be at the same schools at the same event.
  - Excited to build onto the success that the groups had last year.
- Symphony Orchestra had their first meeting this afternoon (Jan. 17) and were able to sight read three pieces that will potentially be at the next few concerts.
- Pit Orchestra - Jo has been leading this group since early December for Little Shop of Horror and had its first rehearsal last Wednesday.

Ricky and Jo are really really excited to offer such a large array of experiences for our students. Looks like a busy but fun semester ahead!

**Upcoming Events:**

Jan. 24 - String Fling

Jan. 25 - Band BNash

Jan. 26 - 8th Grade Parent Night (6:30pm - 8:30pm)

8th grade students and their parents can visit campus. There will be three different stations for them to visit and ask questions. It would be helpful to have a couple more students at the 8th grade parent night; email Ricky if you're interested.

Feb. 11th - Homestead Orchestra Festival

**Parent Volunteer Opportunities:**

Band Bash - Serving Food, IMPA

8th Grade info night - Ambassador

General Question to parents:

Looking for different ways to outreach; If you have any ideas or different outreach techniques that we haven't yet thought of please let us know.

As a parent, if you have thought of something that maybe the Orchestra can perform somewhere else, or any other suggestions please email Ricky and Jo.

- Finance Report - Richard
  - Current balance: \$67,177.61 (about the same as last year at this time \$66,000)
  - Pizza My Heart: earned \$273
  - Stock Donation (working with Lara); Deadline: ASAP
  - Need seal from Lara
  - Working with the accounting firm to send out the 1099 (will need Ricky's help with unknown names)
  - Ricky will get back to Ricky on the names and addresses
- Music Council Update - Valerie
  - Met today. Discussed outreach efforts for course registration.
  - 1/26 at lunch with electives fair.
  - Council is coordinating who will cover the lunch outreach and also the evening at the Band Bash
  - Looking ahead to CIA, students going to the schools possibly on more of an informal basis; getting student quotes for band bash and string fling
- Fundraising Update - Allison & Melissa
  - Allison will be discussing spring e-waste fundraiser, combined with a goodwill donation
- Other Comments
  - CMEA - What time should we expect; Morning or early afternoon
    - Ricky will update as soon as he received the
  - California Music Educators Association - They host a panel of educators, collegiate level as well. Will receive scores with written feedback
  - Sight Reading assessment
  - Depending on how we do on our performance we can get a rating that could qualify our ensemble to compete at the competition next year.
  - It is not mandatory;