

## MVHS Instrumental Music Boosters 2020-2021

### IMPA Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2021

**Attendance:** Ricky Alegria, Agnes Charrel-Berthillier, Zoe Chen, Jenny Chow, Michael Croft, Jill Denny, Allison Devenney, Tyler Doan, Gina Estrada, Lynne Ewald, Diana Ho, Hera Hong Lee, Amelia Hutchin, Melissa Jankowski, Kim Jones, Meena Kamran, Jeffrey Kuan, Candice Lin, Anna Linde, Candice Osuga, Cynthia Ponce-Pineda, Richard Porticos, Karin Porticos, Anita Rao, Mrinalini Sharma, Marilyn Stanley, Kathy Stiles, Jacqueline Trager, Victor Vaisberg, Lara Vastano, Mia Whitfield, Ru-Fang Yeh

**7:00pm** Welcome and Introductions- Pete thanked all the parents who helped with uniform returns and other events and those who have served on the board this year.

**7:05pm** Approval of minutes from March 2nd meeting- one correction Stable groups/Spatial groups

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

**Director's Report- Anna** thanked the IMPA, students and families for support for the year. Upcoming concerts include: Virtual Chamber concert 4/24 4:00pm, Virtual May Concert -May 28 at 7:00pm Virtual Performing Arts Extravaganza- Sat. May 29<sup>th</sup>. Students are working hard on Baba Yetu performance. May 29<sup>th</sup> event will be sure to be historical with over 300 students participating in the performance. Highlights- Virtual pops concert was a hit! Kudos to Katherine Healzer, Mingkuan Yan, Dylan Chow, Ian Shiu and Saige Deng for their 1<sup>st</sup> Place NCPA Small Ensemble. Dylan Chow, sophomore trumpet, played in SC County Honor Band last weekend. Student Leadership in-person cohort took place 2 weeks ago. Looking forward to returning to school on 4/19!

### **Ricky- Winter Percussion COHORT**

- 2x a week (Tues/Fri)
- 3:45pm-5:15pm
- 14 members in the cohort
- Strict social distancing protocols will be enforced
- First cohort rehearsal- March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Hoping to incorporate new traditions in the fall.

### **Fall In -Person Return for Instrumental Music**

Our guiding Principles- Safety, Equity, Musical Access, and Excellence

Student Data- Full Program 52% on campus, 48% at home

WE-30, Concert Band-20, Symphonic Band-4, String Orchestra-13, Chamber Orchestra-27

Jazz Ensemble-tbd

### **Space & Equipment**

Diagrams shown for special foot traffic for Packard

Equipment provided: Chair, music stand, instrument mask, stand clips, power strips, extension cords, bell covers

Students Must Bring: Chromebook/Laptop, Charger, sunscreen, glasses

What Will an In Person Rehearsal Look Like?

- Safety First
- Routine
- Re-learning
- Patience
- Engaging

The vision is that we will all be playing together, re learning, it may take a little time, but this is the vision. Engage 3 ft. apart, individual projects in cases of rain

Q: Will students be using mouthpieces from home, while using school instruments?

A: Not many kids will need school instruments, most have their own instruments.

Masks and bells, for all band students will be provided by the district. Protocol for spit and cleaning instruments? For inside spit, students can use doggy pads provided by the school. When students are outside, they can spit as they usually do when outside. Bell covers/masks- bell covers will stay at school. Masks will become the student's own responsibility. There was a delay with some of the masks, but they should arrive soon.

### **7:32 Student Council report-Tyler Doan (Music Council Pres)**

Feedback about the recent Virtual concert coming together was pretty cool. Playing in isolation, was so very different than everyone all playing together. Groups are preparing repertoire for May concert, practicing with the department for the Extravaganza in May. Fundraiser ideas- Johnny Estrada

suggested Amazon smile. We already have an Amazon smile account. Mina can report on how much we get back from that. Chipotle still doing fundraisers, Pizza my Heart, Mountain Mikes. Maybe blast the Amazon smile link to the newsletter/website?

**7:37pm MVHS Administrator Update-Lynne**

Lynn announced that about half the student body, 1114 students, have opted to return to in person classes. There are currently close to 2200 students in the school population. There is not expected to be an influx of students coming to school who opted to not return. If students have opted to return to in person classes, but become ill, please email Lynn to make sure that they do not get dropped from their class. Check confirmation emails for in person classes. Lynn mentioned emailing her individually about confirming that they are ok to come back. In person starting, previously 125 did the cohorts, for special groups, then over 325 that signed up for stable learning groups. Some dropped out, ended up with 400. Now we will have 1114 students coming to campus. Athletics has all three seasons practicing now, with games. School gyms are very booked, football team had a big win over Palo Alto- first win over PALY in 20 years. Football this Saturday: MVHS v. Milpitas with senior night on April 21<sup>st</sup>. 6 seniors are signing with colleges, and there will be a recognition day for those seniors! Mental Health week was a big success and activities were well attended. April 26-30 MVHS is holding their battle of the classes. Top teams to play dodge ball v. Los Altos. June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>- PTSA announced that there will be a grad night, senior Prom, graduation.

Paly football game- Pete mentioned that Paly had a power outage the night of the MVHS v. PALY football game, and it was great that we were able to move the game to MVHS and win with the new stadium lights!

Will the AP tests be in person? Certain tests can be taken in person, we will need to follow up on this.

Exposures with sports? There was an isolated exposure at swim, at the beginning of the season. It was easy to contain, and there have been no other cases.

**7:35pm Exploring Music Class Discussion**

**Anna Ricky-** A new introductory music course is being offered starting in the fall-**Exploring Music Class**. Created for students who would like to learn how to play an instrument or how to play a new instrument. We do not know what instruments will be needed until we look at student registration for the class. There will be financial support for instrument rentals through the school. This class has

already been approved for the fall and is a yearlong course. Due to this being a new class, we will need to take an inventory to find out what instruments students will need. We have an inventory, but we need to update the inventory and create a list of everything after school gets out.

**Intro to music-** 1 semester one teacher, one semester, another teacher. String and band in class together. Preliminary numbers- not ready to share yet.

**Plans for Band camp?** Anna and Ricky are currently exploring plans, coming up with different scenarios. By the time May rolls around, many families will have summer travel booked, so they hope to know something soon, to let families know. Contingency plans are being considered.

Q: Is there going to be a District Honor Band for LAHS and MVHS students if numbers are low, combining programs? Anna has not heard anything about this. Anna and Ricky's primary focus is on the instrumental music program at MVHS, not a district band. It is too early to know numbers for all the different groups for fall/ next year. WBA meeting update- Vision of band-broadening classes in competitions, sizes of categories still being considered. Decreasing numbers in many schools for students. Registration has been postponed for Fall from April 1<sup>st</sup>. Anna will keep us updated. Hopefully, she will have more info for the May meeting.

Pete described the process of PO's for renting instruments for class. IMPA is aligning \$1000 towards new music class, approved by the IMPA, for mostly rentals.

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

Peter- Asked if there was anything helpful that IMPA can start planning for the rest of the school year?

Jacqueline- If anything comes up, we can help. Please let us know what parental help is needed between now and the end of the year?

Planning for the hybrid- Anna is ready to look at the rest of the year. Will there be student assistants for the Introductory Music class? Yes, there are some current students who may be interested in taking the class.

**7:45pm Use of Funds from the Eddie Keep Memorial Fund**

Peggy Keep, Eddie's mom, has requested that we use some of the funds to help purchase new MB instruments, specifically mellophones and Baritones, preferably not percussion. She has also asked for some funds to be allocated to Music Council for mental health awareness for activities of their choosing.

\$3000 for instruments, \$500 for mental health. Ricky suggested that special placards be designed for all new instrument cases, stating they were made possible by the Eddie Keep Memorial Fund. Peter raised the motion for \$500 to be applied towards music council for mental health awareness, along with \$3000 from the Boosters and \$3000 from Keep on funds for instruments. Peter recognized that Anna and Ricky will have a better idea on instrument purchasing for the instrumental music program.

**7:55pm Long term planning funds for Uniform purchase**

Current uniforms cost close to \$100K. MVHS MB uniforms are 6 years old. We have been very fortunate to have had generous donations from MB families, like the Ray family, who gave \$20K for the uniforms 6 years ago, and \$10K for the London trip in 2019. Can we set aside \$10K per year so that we can replace uniforms in another 5-10 years?

**8:05pm Finance Update-Karin Porticos**

Peter made a motion to include \$10K per year for uniforms. Motion passed?

Karin- we have \$9K in donations. Reserves are allotted for tech, guest performers, MB staff, webmaster.

We have covered all our expenses with donations from this year.

Amazon smile- YTD \$172 from Amazon Smile.

Eddie Keep on memorial fund has \$6000

We currently have \$55,000 in reserves.

**8:10pm Music Booster Nominating Committee**

Mina- Hoping to have final slate by the end of this week. May meeting we will vote on next year's slate.

**8:25pm Announcements or new business**

**Anna-** working with Pegasus, to get new sashes for graduating seniors.

There was a brief discussion about a picnic or similar event for seniors, IMPA has budgeted money for senior awards and an end of year event, TBD.

**8:30pm Meeting Adjournment**

**\*Next meeting to be held Tuesday, May 4th 7:00pm via Zoom**