

MVHS Instrumental Music Boosters 2020-2021

November 10th 7:00pm

Pete welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Oct. meeting minutes were approved.

Music Directors update:

Anna Linde-Friday is the final guest speaker in the Music in Diversity Music Speaker Series. Had a good talk with Christopher Tin, last speaker, who wrote a piece "Baba Yetu". Hip hop for change was previous speaker. Looking forward to guest speaker on Friday. MB videos were submitted last week, and editing is well underway.

Ricky Alegria-Happy November! Update on Fair Share- Fair share campaign is being postponed until 21-22 school year. Main goal is to have alignment across clubs, sports, district wide.

7:20pm MVHS Administrator Update

Lynn Ewald-Spartan pause activity on 10/28. Turkey trot virtually happening. 10 cohorts of students to be returning- 2 special ed, 2 English language learners, others who are struggling with distance learning. Cohorts will have opportunities to work with adults on campus and hopefully help with their studies.

Mike Jimenez- School Board updates- Brenda M also spoke. Cohorts? Can these happen if under 30 students? District is working on 4 options to see how to best operate when students return. Probably 2 weeks or so in to the semester. District seems to be moving back into the red. Safety and student health are top priority. Direction will be taken from superintendent and board.

Budget discussion

IMPA budget for 2020-2021 will cover this year's expenses. District allocated funds are provided in a pinch, for other necessary expenses.

Brenda M. – 6 weeks spent social emotional piece is missing. Parent volunteer aspect? Road block with parents is the legal supervision, being bonded, certification for supervising?

7:30pm MVHS MB staff Marching Band Update- Thomas Peters and Casey

Thomas Peters-This was a very different but successful marching band season. We focused our attention on the following: 1) Marching Skills that students would normally have been

working on 2) Video contributions from all students and 3) Students had the opportunity to work in groups, in a small group. Some collaboration, diverse groups, among grade level, old and new members to create music selection. All of this should make a rich learning experience. Cohorts are only allowed for small special needs students. Winter Percussion and Winter Guard- mtg. 11/13 and 11/17 and there will be a parent mtg. on 11/30 7:00pm- Color guard as well as Percussion. We will go over what classes will look like in the Spring. Anna went over survey about Winter Percussion and Winter Guard, as well as ‘Our Guiding Principles’ as well as Factors to be considered: Space, Instructors and Materials.

Casey- It’s not just MVHS and LAHS, but WGI is also going virtual. The local circuit is also online, free, flow (\$12) on Netflix. We will be asking the community what they are doing and also, Northern California NC Percussion line competitions, finding out how they are making the shows.

Suzie- Cologuard is going as well as it could be. As far as Winter goes, maintaining a safe space for guard. Space has always been a battle, even when not in a global pandemic. MB update- social and emotional needs for the guard have been a priority. Susie has been collaborating with the guard to make things happen. Students have been learning skills, minus in person skills.

Casey- Had a discovery, how can we make things effective? Casey made some videos, watched students play along. Stomp at home stuff, coffee cups, hoping on to zoom to say hi, etc.

Questions: Cindy from chat:

(Pertaining to the music survey) How many of the need more info were freshman? Maybe reviewing videos from last year, would that help? Anna- yes, watching videos is a great idea. Leaders in WG to start a dialog.

Dance cohorts are practicing on campus, why not Color Guard? Lynn- Not aware of groups practicing. Cheer will return in December. Dance Spectrum should not be practicing on campus at this time.

The teachers will need new ways to teach if going to hybrid? Mike- Will have to work with the teachers on this, but Winter break is quickly approaching, so limited time as well.

How many kids are in band v. how many are they losing as seniors? How many kids are aging out as seniors? How many are we losing this year? Anna will find out numbers on Freshman and Seniors in MB and Winter Guard.

Light update: Up and being adjusted, ready to go now.

Sports teams practicing but not music? Anna- it's all about being equitable.

Brenda- PTSA came out with MV Cares sponsoring a basket. **Peter-** Gift basket for a family in need. MV Cares. Looking to make over 50 baskets. Sports Boosters is also adding a tree to the baskets. Music could still add something to the baskets.

Jeff Kuan- Possibility for Winter Winds? Ricky- it's all about safety. PPE for instruments is an option.

Casey- Winter Winds- is it creeping into WGI- 6 registered for last season. Lots of groups are looking into it, our circuit is really good. Winter program in the winds is out there, something to think about.

Mia- any update for Jazz band? Ricky- Jazz band like similar classes, either distance learning or hybrid, we will take it as it comes.

Music Outreach Club? Music Council is a club which helps with the building of the program. Apollo club- another club that was absorbed by the music council. Apollo is within the Music Council.

Board Reports- President and VP- Peter Stanley & Jacqueline Trager- Peter mentioned that Agnes and Brenda spoke at the school board about students social and emotional needs.

Budget Addition to add funds for webmaster- increase line to \$2400 from \$1600. Passed

Music Booster Direct Appeal Discussion- Peter we will be table this until January. We are running up our reserves to pay staff. Please hop on and donate to the Boosters. Lara and Gina have offered to work on fund raising for Direct Ask.

Student Council report-Carolyn Smith (Music Council VP)- Virtual performances in chamber ensemble, more performance opportunities. Sectional time v. virtual performances are going well. Leadership team- equality among people in the group. How to get more people involved in the leadership. Brenda- any negative comments? What is being said? Level of pieces has dropped. Pieces are more conducive to virtual learning.

Announcements or new business

Bridgepoint Music Menlo Park is closing- Mrinalini spoke to them, but they are closing, selling inventory, ok stuff, new equipment, used equipment, 20 % discount. Continue to service rental equipment.

String Fling/ Band Bash- Usually happens in January. Nothing has been discussed about this event, but Anna will check and keep us posted.

Jill- Choir update- No small groups have been meeting on campus.

Music difficulty- Ricky-Some music learning takes place through osmosis, with online learning, we need to play fewer challenging pieces. Ricky wanted to give music that will allow the students to be successful. Pieces have to be conducive to editing recordings together. Ricky really wants to ensure that the students can handle the music level of the piece. Ricky admitted that they played it safe, students and teachers understand the reason for easier pieces, but that's where they are during COVID.

Jill- Took the same level of music, just fewer songs. Kids who are struggling, are the ones who need more help.

8:30pm Meeting Adjournment

*Next meeting to be held Tuesday, Jan. 5th 7:00pm via Zoom