

Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2th 2023

I. Call to order

Lauren called to order the meeting of the **Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters** at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 2nd 2023.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: President: Lauren Shogren, Vice President: Sharon Pruski, Treasurer: Alison Johnson, Director of Events and Communications: Kim Carpenter, Teacher Liaisons: Julie Dee (Choir) and Denise Maifield (Speech/Acting & Plays/Musicals).

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

No approvals were made on any minutes.

April cannot be approved since we still need the financial minutes for them to be complete

IV. Updates

Choir update: Julie

- High Note Festival: Big Hollow is hosting and doing so much for it - looking for some parent or booster volunteers
- Six Flags - most kids have season passes and most of those who do not have one have purchased their ticket; 4 have not yet - looking for booster assistance for these (was already in Julie's budget)
- Electives Night will be in the cafeteria with the art show during the choir concert and band concert
- Sharon will contact My Flavor It Place about coming for the choir concert and band concert
- Julie's proposal: \$1000 - More sheet music, Unknown amount - get lapel mics to replace the handheld microphones that the Board uses. They would work with the current system as Julie fears just purchasing new ones would overload the system and cause issues. Julie will talk to tech and look into this so that we can maybe have it for next year at some point.

Band update: Julie

- Marimba Proposal: Quinlan and Fabish - was over \$15,000 and is now \$5745.60
- **From Dan's email:**
- **Marimba Proposal**
- 4 1/3 Octave Marimba
- MSRP \$15,120
- Discounted Price - \$5,745.60
- With a marimba added to the band, we would be able to expand the sound colors of our percussion section (marimbas provide a much more rich, dark sound compared to the brighter, pluckier Xylophone, or the metallic sounds of bells or vibraphone). In addition, because of it 4+ octave range, we would allow for more students to share for warm-ups and other concert songs, which will be needed as our band sizes

continue to grow to pre-pandemic numbers. It can also be used across multiple grade levels, as opposed to a wind instrument (which really shouldn't be shared by students at the same time).

- We want to make sure he really wants this instrument and not one that we were talking about purchasing for him earlier in the year

Art Club/Set Crew update: Julie

- No updates

Speech update: Denise

- Grant speech team is coming Monday to perform and talk about the Grant program and theater (Showcase is Tuesday)

Theater update: Denise

- Looked at Spring play budget
- Will have next year's budgets at next meeting
- Lighting Upgrade Proposal: Theater created in 2007 and nothing has been upgraded since. The current lighting board is not even supported anymore so we cannot fix or modify it. Denise would like to switch to LED and have a board in the audience to work the lights. Denise could discuss with Bob Gold and Josh Cornwell to see what they can fund via the school board - All in would be \$17000 - 20000 to get it done right. She would like us to commit around \$10000 towards this. Someone can come in but does not want to until she involves the administration and gets the go ahead from them. Denise is going to email Bob about a future meeting and will inform him that someone is coming in to give a concrete quote so she can present it and move forward.
- 6 Pop Up Pods proposed: \$190 total approximately - so kids could change more easily - **Alison motioned to approve and Sharon seconded**
- Denise and Julie will go through the closet and will need new bins - About \$250 for new bins (she would like clear) - **Kim motioned to approve and Lauren seconded**

Art Club/Set Crew

- Cori asked for about \$500 for items that are for art class and for set crew - light box, camera stand, marker sets and misc.

Volunteers & Committee

- Cori absent - no notes

Communications & Events: Kim

- Discussed Bob Gold donation and would like to thank him in some way - Have the fine arts students make thank you cards for him and we will give him a card from the Boosters

Miscellaneous: All.

- Discussed defining board roles to recruit parents for next year since we are losing Kim and Alison - everyone can write up what they have been doing for their roles and we can brainstorm to create an email to get parents to join us. Sharon will email the boosters about this with goal of having responses by the end of the week

- We need to look for speaking points for the concert as far as what has been purchased and actual items we are putting money towards
- Per Lauren: What is our working budget? What do we need in the bank at all times? We need to figure this out.
- Alison proposed that we purchase the choir shirts for students since they are like a uniform - something to discuss in the future
- Make our last meeting virtual so that more people hopefully attend
- Graduation cords should have arrived and Julie is going to help get the wording into the program about them - Gold for 4 year and white for those in 8th grade
- Last meeting: May 30

Finance Report: Alison

- Allison is working on it and we will revisit
- We are currently at about \$30,600

Open Public Forum: All

- Next meeting Tuesday May 30th 2023 in the library. We will offer a Zoom option as well since that seems to get more attendees

V. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at **9:13 pm**. Lauren motioned to adjourn; Sharon seconded the motion – all approved; motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Vice President Sharon Pruski

