

## Millard West Band Boosters

Minutes: August 17, 2020

1. Call to order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Jason DeLong, via ZOOM.
  - b. All parents of 9-12th grade band members are automatically part of the Millard West Band Boosters, and are encouraged to attend meetings to keep up to date on band activities. Adults in attendance at this meeting included: Jason DeLong, Brad Durbin, Jenny Schlosser, Erin Ward, Elissa and Neil Hamill, John and MaryAnn Skrabal, Kim Savard, Angela Gunsolley, Anna Maroon, Brian Halsey, Felicia Halsey, Brian Lhamon, Chris and Teri Cain, Brianna Lyness, Christie Hinton, Christina Kahler, Diana Houston, Vicki Schmer, Eric and Kendra Grelson, Heidi Hoffman, Jennie McLaughlin, Jeremy Langer, Karen Van Kuren, Katie Rupe, Lindsey Cottrell, Loretta Higgins, Melissa Baron, Norma Quintana, Sara Cory, Sara Park, Sarah Greer, Ylm Graner, Nancy Grice, Kristi Lord, and Byron Braasch.
2. Secretary's Report: Jenny Schlosser
  - a. The minutes from the May Band Booster meeting were shared via email with the membership.
  - b. Elissa Hamill moved that we accept the Secretary's Report, and John Skrabal seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.
3. Treasurer's Report: Brianna Lyness
  - a. Brianna introduced herself as the new Treasurer and said she is working closely with Debbie Hart during this transition time.
  - b. The fiscal year began on July 1, 2020 and runs through June 30, 2021.
  - c. Brianna reviewed current inflow from Bakers Plus cards, Omaha Gives, Mask Fundraiser, and Band Trailer. She also reviewed current outflow from Band Camp expenses, mask expenses, color guard uniforms, drill writer, equipment, instruments, and miscellaneous items like thermometers and batteries.
  - d. Brianna will provide the paperwork necessary for the annual audit to Eric Grelson.
  - e. Eric Grelson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Katie Rupe seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Fundraising: Brad Durbin
    - i. Band Aid: The decision was made to delay the collection of Band Aid due to Covid and since the competition season was canceled. We normally ask for a donation from each family at the beginning of each school year. Will wait to see what the season brings and the performance schedule to see if we need to restart Band Aid.
    - ii. Upcoming fundraisers: one TBA before winter break, the Mattress Fundraiser after winter break, then the Flower Sale and Omaha Gives in the spring. Hoping to return to the concession stand this spring as well if the baseball season resumes.
    - iii. Band Trailer: please return pledge cards to Jan DeLay as soon as you can.
    - iv. Will receive donations at the March A Thon on Saturday as well.
  - b. Activities: Erin Ward- Thank you to everyone who helped make premiere night a success!
  - c. CWS: Teri Cain- Will watch for announcements for any changes to the baseball season.
  - d. Pizza Hut: Lora Thompson- no report
  - e. Baker's Plus: no report (need volunteer)
  - f. TAGG: Kendra Grelson- Can use TAGG for HyVee online now
  - g. HyVee Coupon Books: Amy McIver is interested in this position.
  - h. Jr Wildcat Band: Jenny Schlosser & Erin Ward- the district is requiring bell covers (a piece of material covering the bell to reduce spray) for all instruments 5th-12th grade, and will provide

the materials needed to make them. The MW Band Boosters will be making them for our students and for all band students from our feeder schools (Russell, Beadle, and the corresponding elementaries). Interested in helping? Contact Erin or Jenny.

- i. Marketing/donations: Elissa Hamill- working with Christie Hinton to have yard signs available for parents to purchase to commemorate this season and to honor their student.
  - j. Travel: John Skrabal- Will see what the season brings, and hope to set up "Camp Wildcat" for the students to enjoy.
5. New Business: March A Thon
- a. The parade route is shorter this year by design due to covid restrictions (4.5 miles) and will start and end at Millard West.
  - b. There are 4 concert stops along the route at Hawthorne Park, Russell Middle School (bathroom break), Mission Park, and Beadle Middle School (bathroom break). Water breaks will be during some of these stops.
  - c. All students are required to wear a mask unless playing their wind instrument, and all volunteers will be required to wear a mask as well.
  - d. Lunch orders were due by noon today (8/17)
  - e. All water and Gatorade donations should be delivered to the evening rehearsal on Tuesday.
  - f. Sonic is donating 500 pounds of ice, and Jeremy Langer will pick it up on Friday.
  - g. HyVee is donating bagels, donuts, fresh fruit, and water. Breakfast volunteers should arrive by 6:45 to individually wrap the items.
  - h. Student call time is 7:30.
  - i. Students and volunteers will undergo a temperature check upon arrival.
  - j. Sectional Friday night pasta feeds: if you choose to host, please follow current city guidelines: social distance, wear a mask and eat outside. These are not school or booster sponsored and are not required attendance. This is done under parent supervision.
6. Director's Report: Byron Braasch
- a. Welcome to our new families to the MW Band.
  - b. We had a great band camp this summer, the kids were awesome with their masks and social distancing, and varsity put 2 tunes on the field, which is excellent progress.
  - c. The first 50/50 remote and in person class was this morning and had many internet issues on the school end. Hopefully it will smooth out over time.
  - d. The March a Thon on Saturday is for ALL 9-12 students and is a graded activity.
  - e. The students and teachers work through Google Classroom. You can join as a parent.
  - f. The first assignment is due Friday to play the parade tune. Encourage your student to practice.
  - g. Football games: all decisions are made by the Metro Conference, not MPS.
    - i. Announced today that they will allow 4 tickets per player or performer only.
    - ii. Waiting to hear if the band will be allowed to sit and play in the stands during the game.
    - iii. First game: Aug 27, Second game: Sept 11.
    - iv. Taking things one game at a time, and things will change.
  - h. JV Band: currently working on the parade, then will switch to learn music & drill for their show. They usually perform at the last home football game.
  - i. No early Varsity practice until after the 50/50 remote/in person is done.
  - j. So proud of how the band students are modeling how to wear a mask and social distance to the rest of the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm with a motion by Brad Durbin, and seconded by Erin Ward. This next meeting is Monday, September 21, location TBA (likely Zoom).