



MINUTES

Attendees:

Lisa Janunas

Liz Buoscio

Maggie White

Amy Moran

Naomi Tselepis

Ann Kissel

Sarah Clark

Kelly Fahrbach

Kirsten Bell

Michelle Pihlaja-Olson

Kara Kesselring

Kathy Ginder

Mark Parslow

Karla Highland

John Bowes

Nick Caputo

Faculty/Admin:

Hector Freytas

Kayley Smetana

James Baum

Matt Loeb

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: RBHS – BAND ROOM

Call to Order & Consent Agenda:

The meeting was called to order at **7:02** by President Janunas

Motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting made by Karla Highland and seconded by Kelly Fahrbach. The motion passed.

Administration Updates

Dr. Freytas made the group aware of the following end-of-year events:

- April 30 - May 1 Senior Survey
- April 30 multicultural night, featuring RB's Mariachi Club
- May 2 Graduation ticket request
- May 7 Cap and Gown & graduation ticket pickup
- May 14 Local scholarship breakfast 7:30 AM
- May 15 YB Pickup Fieldhouse
- May 15 Sr awards night 6pm
- May 16 Senior sunrise 6 AM
- May 19 Finals Week
- May 23 Graduation rehearsal for graduation, 11 AM followed by the senior picnic
- Commencements Friday May 23 at 6:30 PM
- No class this Friday & Prom on the 25th



Officer Reports:

President's Report

Intro of Nick Caputo since he could not be at the candidate forum. Gave an introductory statement.

Summer study grant application is open to all students. Up to 12 earlier in the week. Open until May 2. Will work with RBEF to make sure kids don't "double dip"

Apollo awards are May 8.

Graduation raffle – 4 VIP packages working with PTO and Boosters. \$10 per ticket, unlimited. Will do the drawing on the 9th. Reserved parking, Reserved seating with water and snacks along with student escorts. Drawings on the 6th and 13th. Unclear if they are two separate drawings or in entries roll over

RAW weekend – we are looking to have a booth again. Lisa reached out to the committee and they want us again. June 7-8. Believe the sponsorship is \$250. Mariachi might want to play along with Maple Jazz Trio. Might have some orchestra kids (rising freshmen) who may be interested in playing. Not sure what the community art project is yet.

Treasurer's Report

Exceeded budget so we have lots of money for awards season for scholarships. We received a check for a PayPal award account. Will have about \$45,000 this year. Kirsten's first year we raised about \$5,000. Indicative of all the hard work the group has done.

VP Music Report

Promote Jazzapalooza is tomorrow, April 16 in the Little Theatre

April 24 band and orchestra concert.

Uniforms – don't let kids lose Jewel Masters (Marching Band shoes). They will need their shoes with their uniforms. Amy and Kelly will work on cleaning the uniforms. (Kids pay a fee to have the uniforms cleaned)

VP Theatre Report

Amy – No Theatre, but need volunteers needed for Apollo awards and concerts. Send to full parents list that we need stuff. There is currently a sign up for this.

With all Spring performances, we should have a presence with merch.

Naomi suggested we advertise the clubs; Matt will list it in the program and we can direct parents to look at it in the program. The Gross concert is just for Gross. Naomi will contact the school and ask them to put a blurb in the program about clubs

Secretary's Report

Exploring new application since MTK contract is coming up. Booster tools are about \$500 less with more flexibility. Hoping to simplify everything and be more user friendly.

Faculty Updates: (Teacher reports: James Baum, Matt Loeb, Kayley Smetana, Sarah Johnson, Earl Baum, Colleen Fischer)



Kayley Smetana –

Had Choir/Orchestra concert then went to New York. Fabulous trip! Mads is doing 3 songs together then solos and ensemble. Then they have the Spring concert May 6, two days prior to Apollo Awards.

Talking about ILMEA Prep Camp over the summer. She will communicate that it is a go. Looking for more Fine/Applied arts seniors for signing ceremony. And will have a choir picnic as well

Choir is singing in Madrigals and next years are all required to perform at commencements.

Matt Loeb –

Chamber Orchestra plays for commencements. Trip was excellent. Shows were incredible. Time Square was challenging. Mariachi went to Lewis for a workshop and the kids were so excited. April 24, come to the concert

Senior concerto performer.

April 22 – Orchestra plays with Hauser, all of their music program.

April 29 – Chamber Orchestra concert in Little Theatre. 7PM

James Baum –

NY was one of the smoothest trips ever. Kids didn't want to leave the chaperones. Excited for Jazz concert. New arrangements. Next week is Band/Orchestra concert April 24, lots of great music and honors seniors. Rock band concert is May 13, they will have last concert of the year. Nearly all band will be at commencements.

Jazz playing Fitzgerald's May 11.

April 30 Tri-M Master's classes by ensemble type.

Committee Reports:

- **Feeder schools –**
- **Concessions –**
- **Senior Stuff –**
- **Advocacy –** Had a successful candidates forum
- **Fundraising/Sponsorship –**

Old Business

- **Mariachi Fest –** Lewis started a Mariachi class based on a student recommendation. Then someone opened a school. So Naomi wants to see if she can get Gross to start a club in Middle school. Suggested that they get some type of uniform. Maybe like a t-shirt or a mariachi tie.



People at Lewis were pointing to the curriculum at Morton West. Guy from MW would help with summer workshops or something over the summer. Music Sponsors paid for transportation.

New Business

- A Bill working through the legislature that would restrict the PE waiver for Marching Band. We sent an email with all the information. We are encouraging parents to call their reps to vote no on this.
- Senior shout out in Apollo awards. See if seniors want to do that.
- Vote on the Board at the May meeting

Meeting adjourned - 8:22 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20 | 7 p.m.