



AGENDA

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: RBHS – BAND ROOM

Attendees: Michelle Pihlaja-Olson, Karla Highland, Sarah Leone, Kelly Farbach, Kathy Ginder, Jessica O'Neal, Luis Martinez, Marta Martinez, Jason and Sarah Czjka, Nora Durbin, Scott Wirth, Kristen Halverson, Cathy Battistoni, Jill Dourlet, Joe Willhite, Ann Hufford, Lisa Guillot, Janette Douglas, Mollie Otterhoff, Lyndee Cichon, Mark Parslow

Faculty: Sarah Johnson, Kaily Smetana, Matt Loeb, James Baum

Call to Order & Consent Agenda *(No Minutes or matters for consent this month.) Can review the minutes from the May 2026 meeting on MTS BoosterHub.*

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

MTS Welcome-President Kelly Farbach gave opening remarks

Administration Introductions-no administrator present

Music & Theatre Staff Introductions and Updates

Sarah Johnson-Theatre Fall play in Nov-*Mary Zimmerman's Metamorphosis*, Spring play March 4-7th-*Cinderella*. Auditions coming up next week for Fall. Auditions for Spring play will happen in December. Tech Crew is available on Mondays in the auditorium. They are also doing Theatre Fest next year also and we have two kids that are part of the Tech Crew and Pit Orchestra.

Matt Loeb-Orchestra Also co-teaching band this year. Orchestra Festival is coming up in October. Orchestra is the biggest it has been in years. ILMEA auditions are due Sept 30th

James Baum-Band, Rock Band and Jazz Band Freshman band camp, parades, Field Show camp. It has been a very busy summer and the start to the school year. Will be working on uniforms for next field show. Jazz is working on etiquette and foundation. Rock Band is working on new music.

Kayley Smetana-Choir Great start to the year. 45% new kids to the choir program. Also co-teaching String Orchestra. Co-sponsor Shenanigans. Lead Acapella choirs which are having auditions this week. ILMEA-got rid of the caps on voice parts.

Introduction of Music & Theatre Sponsors Board Members

- a. VP of Music-Karla Highland and Mark Parslow
- b. VP of Theatre-Sarah Clark
- c. Secretary-Michelle Pihlaja-Olson and Sarah Leone
- d. Treasurer-Jessica O'Neal



New Member Welcome-IceBreaker!!!!

Treasurer Report

Financial Report-reviewed budget from last year and this year. We will be approving at next meeting. Copies of our budget will be available on MTS BoosterHub. One of our biggest costs is the summer study grants-we give out \$10,000 a year. Most of the summer grants have been paid out but we still have a number where we are waiting for receipts, waiting for response, etc.

Senior Banners

Senior Banner pictures were taken for the Marching Band to be ready for Senior Night. Google form worked out well, but we still have 9 that were not filled out so general information will be added.

Seeking Senior Committee members to help with both music and theatre related activities. Senior Banners, billboards, senior tshirts, etc.

Fundraising Update-it is a big year due to the trip which will be happening over Spring Break. Cost is approx \$1300 per student. Will continue to discuss ideas.

Worlds Finest Chocolate-\$2 chocolate, box is \$80 and earn \$32 that goes back to their student account

Vertical Raise-Entourage will offer links for students again this year

Trip Calendar Fundraiser-would provide a template where people can sponsor a day from \$1 to \$31 for each day of the month and could be managed by each family with the potential to earn \$400-500 per student for a month of sponsorship.

DoRite Donut Fundraiser-Mr Mannon has approved MTS will benefit from the Fall fundraiser

Current and Upcoming Activities

- a. Open House - Aug 26 We will have information about MTS at the Open House
- b. Labor Day Picnic & Jam Session – Monday, Sept. 7 Will be held at the Williams/Kesselring residence again this year. Music and theatre students and their parents get to play, perform, sing, hang out and meet other families.
- c. Home Football Game volunteers (Sell merch, sell popcorn, help with uniforms, help with water, set-up podiums, etc) We always can use extra hands!
- d. Fall Play - Business Sponsorships & Other Support Help us out with businesses that you know and can ask for support. Can run the ads on the TV now with businesses.



Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 15 | 6:00 pm Kelly Farbach motioned to adjourn at 7:09pm.
Seconded by Mark Parslow