



September Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: RBHS – BAND ROOM

Attendees: Jenny Meyer, Kathy Ginder, Sarah Clark, Kelly Farbach, Michelle Pihlaja-Olson, Karla Highland, Sarah Leone, Jessica O’Neal, James Baum, Matt Loeb, Kayley Smetana, Mark Parslow, Sarah Czajka, Kristen Halverson, Mollie Ottenhoff, Herman Jimenez, Hector Freytas

Meeting called to Order at 6pm

Approval of August 2026 meeting minutes-Sarah Clark motioned to approve the minutes and Karla Highland seconded

Administrative Update - Dr Freytas-talked about Homecoming activities, plan for dance, ACT prep, soon students will start to pick classes, check out ParentSquare for updates

Music & Theatre Faculty and MTS Board Updates

1. **Music** - *Kayley Smetana*-10/8 is the Junior High Choir Festival. Choir Game Night coming up. ILMEA nominations are due and students have a few weeks to get auditions in. A choir donation from a grandparent and RB alumni allowed the program to provide gowns to all of the students that want to wear a gown at no cost, similar to the tuxes available. The Acapella Club is up and running too.
James Baum-Marching Band is moving along, making some improvements for Homecoming. Rock Band is off to a great start. The jazz band has its first concert on 9/24 at 7pm. ILMEA auditions are due tomorrow. Spring break music trip is filling up and opened up a 3rd bus at ~135 kids.
Matt Loeb-Orchestra is doing well. 10/1 is the next concert for Orchestra Fest at 6:30pm and includes Hauser kids. Private lessons are up and running.
VP of Music: *Karla Highland*-football game went great, performance was amazing, parade went really well and RB band received multiple compliments.
2. **Theatre** - Sarah Johnson, Colleen Fischer, and Earl Baum-faculty is busy with the start of the parade
 - a. VP of Theatre, Sarah Clark-gave some information about what MTS does and how we help support the play, feeding the kids, etc.

Treasurer Report-Jessica O’Neal gave report

Currently budget positive. Gave report on money earned and some of our deductions. Have almost reached our membership goal. Budget for this year was reviewed. It is also on our



website to review for anyone interested. Sarah Leone motioned to approve the budget, Sarah Clark seconded. Unanimously approved.

Current Activities

1. Senior banners-banners are up. Big thank you to Janette Douglas for all her help!
2. Candy bar fundraiser-keep talking up the fundraiser and hopefully more students will want to sell candy given the larger number of students signed up.
3. Do-Rite fundraiser-will confirm a date (October or November) and if we are going to offer after school pick-up for pre-sale parent/community sales

Sponsorship Opportunities & Raffle Update

Business Sponsor-information was passed around for attendees if they are familiar with businesses and if they wanted to add any businesses.

Raffle-discussed how we have run the raffle in the past. This year's raffle prize will be a VR headset and will run between two of the Fall/Winter performances.

Upcoming Activities

- a. Band parent night - October 14th
- b. Choir fest - will have a reception 10/8
- c. Orchestra-may do a reception at this event
- d. Fall concert & reception - October 21st

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct 20 | 6:00 pm