

Pulaski Music Booster Meeting

Monday, Sept 8, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m. Pulaski High School

1. Meeting call to order - 7:01 PM
2. Student Reports
 - a. Leah Dyal
 - We had a full Choir and Show Choir Camp, as well as the Tenor/Bass & Soprano/Alto get together. Everything went smoothly.
 - Thank you to the Boosters for the meal during camp.
 - Chamber Choir performed at the District Meeting for all the staff on August 25th. The performance went well.
 - Descant had their first rehearsal before school today. Accafellas will have their first rehearsal Thursday.
 - This month, the choirs will start preparing for Red Raider Showcase, which takes place Nov. 8th at 7:00 PM and Nov. 9th at 2:00 PM.
 - October 3rd the full choir will sing the National Anthem at our Spirit Day pep assembly and football game.
 - On Saturday Sept. 27th, there will be a performance to raise funds for the choir's 2026 Italy trip with Dominika in the PHS auditorium. Also that day, Chamber Choir and Show Choir will be performing at Shippy Park at 5:00 PM.
 - b. Will Gosse
 - The band has begun performing our field show at halftime. August 28th was our first performance, and we also performed the Armed Forces Salute before the game.
 - We wrapped up our summer marching season with the Suring Labor Day parade on Sept. 1st.
 - Jazz Band had a successful performance at Kelly Lake on August 23rd and the teachers in service on August 25th.
 - Upcoming events for the band are Senior Night on Sept. 11th and Homecoming performance on Oct. 3rd
3. Director Reports (Mrs. Brown, Mr. Busch, Mr. Guerrero)
 - a. Mrs. Brown
 - Putting together a trip to see "Come From Away" at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. Tickets are \$25. We would like to get a good idea of the number of tickets we will need by Friday. There is a google form on canvas for the choir

students. The trip is open to family as well. Totally open to other people who want to go as well and can open it up to all music students. Transportation is up in the air until we know who all is going. Getting quotes on that. Will either be a school bus or Lamars. There are restaurants on site, just have to decide if the group wants a fancier meal for around \$30 or a more economical option. People are also allowed to bring their own food. Would leave around 3:00 PM, eat at 5:00 PM, show at 8:00 PM and return to Pulaski by midnight. The show is on Dec. 6th.

- Having another sign up for Italy. Some people have expressed interest and some people previously sign up have dropped out.
- Having a “Pass the hat” fundraiser on Sept. 27th with Dominika performing.

b. Mr. Busch

- We had a wonderful summer of music. The kids did a phenomenal job as usual.
- Football season has begun. Thanks to everyone who shows up to help with the kids, the uniforms and all that. We do have a situation on October 17th for Band Night. In the past, we have taken care of the 8th grade band with feeding them because it lined up with Senior Night. With Senior Night being this Thursday, they got separated. We don't get to decide when Senior Night is. That's done through the Athletic and Activities office. This year was too early in the schedule to have the 8th graders over. So we are looking at possibly having another opportunity to provide food before the game. Maybe we get a bunch of pizzas to feed the 8th graders. We can use our activity funds or if Booster can support. Either way we can make it work.
- Kids are doing a great job and really practicing hard. They've been giving their best efforts and Mr. G and I have been very proud of what they've accomplished to this point.

c. Mr. Guerrero

- We had phenomenal weather at Kelly Lake for the Jazz performance on August 23rd. The tavern is under new ownership, and I was a little nervous going in, but it was fantastic. Thanks to all who helped with this.
- Thank you to all who came to the Suring parade and standstill. The new owners and the old owners of the tavern in Kelly lake came to Suring and enjoyed it.
- Teacher inservice day went well. The students did a great job. I just want to say just how much I appreciate all their extra time and efforts over the summer.
- Currently Jazz is working on their performance for the Veterans Day concert.

- Jazz started full rehearsal this week before school. Trying something a little different this year with rotating sectionals for RRJE. Looking forward to starting additional jazz groups in October.
- Have timing to share for Senior Night this Thursday. Mr. Busch has been doing work on the list of seniors, so if he's communicated with you, please respond right away, so we can meet our deadline with the school. Will be sending a Skyward email in the morning. We have 37 seniors.
- Timing for the night:
 - 5:30 PM - Gates open. You must pay to get in
 - 6:25 PM - Parents & Students arrive at the North Plaza gate
 - 6:31 PM - Band announced
 - 6:52 PM - Band enters stadium
 - 6:55 PM - National Anthem

4. Coordinator Reports

a. Chaperones - Carmen Raymaker - no report

b. MET Force - Jessi Drevs

- Trailer is back at its temporary home out at the bus garage. Larry will do some maintenance when he has some free time.
- Thank you to Jeff for filling in as MET Force lead this Thursday because of the soccer game.
- For Senior Night, students stage instruments near tennis courts in grass. Directors will pass on the information.

c. Resch Center - Margie Reynolds

- Bummer with dates this September. Hopefully we will get more dates for October. Fall is always a big time for different fundraising groups. Getting dates gets easier as the year goes on.

d. Apparel Sale - Julie Murphy

- Nothing new to report. Last month we talked about doing more of a store that would open up around the end of October for people to purchase gifts for Christmas. Hoping to have dates next month.
- People are asking about merchandise for Philly

- Barb found some patches for those who participated in the Rose Parade. There are a lot of them, hoping to pass out to the students who went. Maybe we can mention something in the newsletter about them.

e. Bake Sales - Jackie Lyons

- 1st bake sale will be at Red Raider Showcase
- Sign up for the bake sale is included in the Red Raider Showcase sign up

f. Music Feeds - Jennifer Sinkula/TBD

- Welcome Ashley Carlson as new co lead for music feeds. Still looking for another co lead for next year.
- Will be picking up meat for the feed tomorrow.
- We will also put stuff left over from Band Camp that is stored in the band closet out for the feed.
- Will request access to the kitchen for that day.
- Will put needs still on sign up in the newsletter.

g. Festival gift card sales - Ashley Carlson

- Received all but 2 payments for the Festival cards.
- We sold 175 cards this year which got us around \$2100 in profit.

h. Pampered Chef fundraiser - Kris Mommaerts

- Waiting for the check from Pampered Chef. It should be around \$300.

i. Communications - Jennifer Sinkula

- Will be talking about the feed on Thursday.
- Waiting for details from Directors for Senior Night

5. Treasurer Report - Jessi Drevs - Review & approve financial report

a. Current Balance in Premier - \$109,055.76

b. Current Student Balance - \$33,949.38

- Mackinac trip covered but not cleared yet.
- Sold out of Kwik Trip cards. May place an extra large order. September Kwik Trip cards can earn your organization 10% back.

- A lot of new families seem to be checking out the Raise Right website. Definitely getting more activity on it. If you buy e-cards, there is a .29 service fee on the order. If you buy physical cards, you pay shipping to your house.
- Approves - Jackie Lyons
- Seconds - Margie Reynolds

6. Secretary Report - Kris Mommaerts - Review & approve minutes from last month

- Approves - Jeff Mommaerts
- Seconds - Jessi Drevs

7. Vice President Report - Mindy Melendy

a. Christmas Wanderland

- Looking for volunteers to take over decorating and clean up our tree. We have decorations already or you can make new ones. Possibly have Tri-M students run this for volunteer hours? Have a sign up for them? Trees will be lit and on display Dec 1st through Jan. 2nd. Our tree just needs to be decorated before Dec. 1st.

8. President Report - Cara Gosse

a. Resch fundraising

- Our Accountant Bill would like us to be more compliant with IRS regulations for fundraising. Currently we do 80/20. He would like us to do 50/50. It is against IRS regulations for a booster organization to be fundraising for individual students. The IRS has looked the other way, but are starting to crack down.
- Motion made to vote on changing to 50/50 from 80/20 starting next fiscal year made by Jeff Mommaerts, seconded by Aleshia Droegkamp.
- Vote will be held in October.

9. New Business

a. Senior Night

- Covered in the Director's reports
- Red Raider Showcase will have its initial meeting tomorrow. We have 2 new parents jumping on board to help run things. Jackie Huisman and Janea Weisensel have both stepped up to lead and learn the ropes for next year.

- Booster Hub update. Last month security was figured out, next month will work on communication, website and online store.
- The new school volunteer tracker is back up and running. If you didn't do it during registration of your student, please go to the district website and fill it out. It's quick and easy.

10. Adjourn - 8:19 PM

- Approve - Jackie Lyons
- Seconds - Jessi Dreves

Next Meeting: Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 7:00pm - PHS Room LGI-1