

**Music Parents Support Group
Thursday February 7, 2019**

Present: Linda Cudmore, Gord Aitken, Katherine Rinaldi, Jason Sinkus, David Leech, Karen Lawford, Elaine Johnston, Kim Kimbell, Natalie Dayneka, Diane Glauser, Sarah Godwin, Natalie Waldorf, Adrienne Salo, Leilani Schaefer, Sador (student co-head)

Regrets: Heather Monkman

1. Welcome – Linda

MOTION: *Motion to approve January 10, 2019 minutes, moved by Gord, seconded by David. Carried.*

2. Student Update – Sador

- a. Spirit Week took place before exams, with fun activities and opportunities to dress up. Points were awarded each day to the discipline with the most participation. Intermediate Strings won 3 of the 5 days.
- b. There are plans for a Dodge Ball Social March 4. Half of the gym has already been reserved for this activity.
- c. Photographs for the Grade 11 Recital at the NAC and for Grade 12 Cadenza will taken shortly.
- d. Music Council will poll students for interest in another clothing sale in spring for lighter items such as t-shirts, windbreakers etc.
- e. A Tie-Dye Social in spring is in the planning stages.
- f. Spring Music Night Silent Auction for student made gift baskets. The student baskets were a big hit last year. Sador will discuss this idea at council.
- g. Progress reports from various groups on the Music yearbook will be brought up at the next Music council meeting.

3. CACDA Update – Gord

- a. Gord attended the January 22 meeting.
- b. The survey to parents was discussed in advance of the planned retreat. The survey is to discover what is currently known about CACDA, and to elicit ideas for the council going forward.
- c. The next meeting will be held February 26.
- d. A discussion was had about the piano fundraising. The fundraiser will end March 31 and any shortfall in funding will be made up by CACDA reserves. It is possible that the piano will be in place for Spring Music

Night. Gord confirmed that ease of movement within the auditorium for the piano is of primary consideration.

MOTION: To make a \$1,000 donation to CACDA to help fund a new piano for the use of all disciplines. Gord motioned, Linda seconded. Carried.

4. Fundraising

- a. Frozen Berries – Natalie
 - i. Deadline for student to bring forms is February 8, though some late forms can be accommodated.
 - ii. Cheque deposit date is February 13.
 - iii. Pick-up date is February 23.
 - Berries should arrive at the school at 10:30
 - Pick up is 11:30 – 12:30
- b. Bottle Drive – Linda
 - i. This year there was no ‘point person’ for the drive, and donations were down from last year, at approximately \$410.
 - ii. However as we keep 100% of proceeds it was decided to revisit the bottle drive next year.
- c. Fundscrip – Linda
 - i. Proceeds are down from last year
 - ii. We discussed highlighting how easy it is to buy gift cards through online banking. Sarah created a web document to show how to make a payment through various banks.
 - iii. Perhaps a new format for the Fundcrip emails would help spread the message. Sarah and Nina will work to update the messaging.

5. Spring Music Night Working title “In The Heat Of The Night – Sweating To The Oldies”.

- a. Video – Kim
 - i. New online video from Fall Music Night was well received.
 - ii. Videographer has made a commitment to be available for the Spring Music Night.
 - iii. It was suggested that she be given a heads up on running order and content so she can have the camera ready for solos etc.
- b. Volunteers – Leilani and Elaine
 - i. The new coordinators did an excellent job with their first Music Night.
 - ii. There is lots of documentation from previous years for the new coordinators to follow moving forward.

- iii. Kudos to Leilani and Elaine as they pass the torch to Chantal, Laura Lynn and -----
- c. Silent Auction – Gord
 - i. Gord and Paula have met to discuss plans and communication strategy.
 - ii. Letters to past sponsors have been updated for distribution.
 - iii. The website has been updated with Gord's contact information. These are also lists of suggestions for donations.
 - iv. Requests for donations emails will start being sent in the coming weeks, please keep Diane in the loop.
- d. Other Fundraising
 - i. Roses – Adrienne
 - Linda has information on last years supplier and will notify Adrienne
 - Last year 3 volunteers helped put the roses together the night before Music Night.
 - ii. Fans – Natalie
 - Natalie will look into having paper fans available for sale.
- e. Tickets – Craig
 - i. Jason has requested that the entire first row of seats (all sections) not be sold.
- f. Communications – Diane
 - i. Request to have the poster early to be incorporated into advertising.

6. Treasurer – David

- a. Student accounts are \$1,700 less than last year, grade 9 savings is very low
- b. A discussion was had on why the grade 9's may not be as engaged with fundraising this year and how to improve for next year. It was suggested that grade 9's have no trips announced so they have no incentive to save. New parents have to be engaged early though communications once their child has been accepted to the school.
- c. There is approximately \$7,000 in the general account after current allocations.
- d. Updated Wish List in order – Jason
 - 1. The donated grand piano in the vocal room requires a one time fix of \$1,500. This piano is used by all music disciplines for solo exam accompaniment etc.
 - 2. New tenor trombone with trigger \$4,500.

3. Repair 9 French Horns.
4. Baritone Sax.

MOTION: *Motion to spend \$1,500 to fix the piano in the vocal room, moved by David, seconded by Katherine. Carried.*

MOTION: *Motion buy tenor trombone with trigger for \$4,500, moved by David, seconded by Gord. Carried.*

7. Music Dept. – Jason

- a. All grade 9's got to visit the NAC with a tour of the facilities and meeting with staff to learn about music careers outside teaching / performance. This was an excellent opportunity for the students and satisfied part of the curriculum.
- b. Because of snow days there are only 2 weeks left of rehearsal time for some important performances. All students are expected to practice!
- c. April 3 is Grade 11 recital at the NAC, tickets to go on sale soon through Yapsody for \$15 each.
- d. Cadenza for Grade 12 is June 9 at the Chateau Laurier. Tickets for guests are \$50 each for the first 2 guests, after which tickets are \$80. This is to offset the high cost of the venue rental and meals. Grade 12 students are paid for by the Music Department.
- e. Auditions are going well for incoming grade 9's.

Next Meeting is Thursday March 7.

Adjourn at 8:41.

