

## **Music Parents Support Group**

### **Thursday September 6, 2018**

**Present:** Linda Cudmore, Gord Aitken, Neil Monkman, Heather Monkman, Katherine Rinaldi, Colin Higginson, Craig Cudmore, Elaine Johnston, Sador and Sarah (student music heads), Elizabeth Bryce, Joanne Harvey, Natalie Dayneka, Natalie Waldorf, Jason Sinkus, Nina Tough, Loralyn Churchill (spelling?), Clare Pelley, David Leech, Karen Lawford, Lorraine McCormack, Leilani Schaefer, Elizabeth Moreau, Chantal Nault.

**Regrets:** Diana Hampson-Wilson

**1. Opening:** Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the members to introduce themselves. a special welcome for Sador and Sarah, our new music council co-heads.

*MOTION: It was moved by Joanne, seconded by Linda that the minutes be approved as corrected.*  
*CARRIED.*

**2. Student Update:** Music Council has 6 Committee heads and committees (advertising, decorating, spirit, coffeehouse, clothing and social.) There are also representatives from each class. They are meeting Mondays at lunch.

- **September 13 (lunch) First social** of the year: welcoming grade 9's (and other new students) with pizza and snacks. Snacks will be donated by grades 10 (fruits and vegetables), 11 (snacks, ie chips, granola bars) and 12 (drink boxes or cans.)
- **Need 2-4 parent volunteers** on that day from 11:30 to 1:00. Linda send out an email to parents.

**3. Music Department Update:** Great start-up, all grades were presented with overview on the 1st day.

- Importance of keeping dates, especially the week of **Music Night** and **concert nights**.
- **Senior Student Trips 2020** - Winds and Strings: Cuba; Vocal: UK (summer). There is a deadline for first installment September 28 (by cheque).
- Signing up for "**Remind**" is the best way to stay on top of news and dates.
- **Performance attire** - need 4-5 parents to iron on scan-able labels before date of fittings
- Fittings - When Natalie and Lorraine have the dates, Linda will email for volunteers.
- **First performances:** vocal - Peace Officers memorial September 18, winds - Awards' Night
- **Musical - Mamma Mia:** Vocal rehearsals Tuesday and Thursday after school; Pit Orchestra Monday mornings
- **Orchestra** (maybe) after Musical/Second semester
- School Cash Online - **Arts fees** can now be paid online, Jason will send a Remind
- CHS (school) **website needs a clear link** to chsmusic.ca (department)
- gentle reminder to be **inclusive in all our language** about students, especially in use of gender identity.

**4. Treasurers' Report:** The treasurers presented the monthly statement as of 31/08/2018. Uncommitted balance \$11,034. Committed balance \$4000 (vocal retreat); \$500 (performance attire).

- **Student Accounts(2017-2018)** - The treasurers have received 2 requests to redeem or transfer funds from 2018 grads, after the deadline (end of school year) and fiscal year end (August 31).

After much discussion it was agreed we could not extend the deadline past the fiscal year end. Communication of the deadline (June 30) and use of funds (transfer to siblings only) will be made as often and as specific as possible, with June 30 date to be added to the policy on website. It will also be added to Spring Music Night program.

- **Student Council funds:** are currently listed as a liability, though the funds are not specified for any particular use. (Used for lunch at Grade 11 Intermezzo in a previous year.) It was agreed that funds raised by students should be listed separately as revenue, but go into general fund at the end of the school year. Grade 11 Intermezzo will be added into annual budget for operations, along with Cadenza, Vocal retreat, etc.
  - **Wish List:** We have a healthy account to start the new Wish List, and are anticipating estimates for new bows for Strings.
5. **Communications:** Linda will manage emails for now until a new volunteer takes over.
- **September 12 (Wed.)** - first email to remind people about parent info night, and seek volunteers for available positions; volunteers needed for ironing and fitting performance attire.
6. **Review of Agenda/Presentation for Parents' Info Night (Monday Sept 17 - 7:00 pm)**
- We had at least 5 of the voting members coming to provide **quorum**.
  - **Review of slide show:** Music Co-heads, Department and MPSG presentations
    - **Department:** intro teachers, remind and emails, SERs, golf shirts, Intermezzo and Cadenza dates, Music trips (general)
    - **MPSG:** some revision of financials, pictures, roles and meetings; Fundscript; fundraising; volunteer opportunities.
    - **Open for election:** co-chair; secretary, community members, member at large; Communications, fundraising (shadow); treasurer (shadow); website.
    - **Sign-in:** Natalie D. volunteered.
7. **Other:**
- **Job descriptions:** please submit to Linda ASAP
  - **Social Media Update:** MPSG is on Facebook and Twitter, reinforcing the events, reminders and dates for the department. **Facebook** (Canterbury High School Music Parents) is open for public to view, but need to join to comment and post.
8. **Next Meetings:**
- **Monday September 17 at 7:00 pm** in the auditorium - Music Parents Info Night, with AGM.
  - **Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm** in Rm 160. The date was changed because Oct 5 is a PD day and it is the Thanksgiving long weekend.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:40 pm.