

Attendees: Kevin Berlon, Mike Kennedy, Laura Carroll, Angela Murphy, Sue Burton, Janet Cain, Heidi Reeb, Bradley Delaney, Dan Deitsch, Stefanie Schneider, Brenda Dennis, Sandy Tenhundfeld, Den Tenhundfeld, Cindy Rebman, Tina Wuorinen, Jen Schmidt

Welcome and Introductions – Kevin Berlon –

David Kennedy is unable to attend due to a family medical issue.

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

A motion to approve the April 2015 minutes was made by Angela and seconded by Sandy. The motion passed.

Sue sent out thank you notes for Dinner Before the Show and Bid-and-Buy donors - LaRosa's, salad donor via Joan Gordon, and Wolfersts. A thank you note was signed for David Kennedy since he is leaving next month.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

"Other" income category includes \$531.01 from bake sale receipts at Spring Arts Fair, the rest (\$303.75) is FMPA share of receipts from the Comedy Caravan in February.

Angela moved, seconded by Sue, to accept the May 11 treasurer's report. Motion passed.

District Update – New principal for secondary campus is Sally Thurman, previously was assistant at Walnut Hills High School. Teachers were told recently. Michael Matzko is resigning from the Board of Education at the end of May. His personal and work commitments have increased considerably this past year.

Principal Update – absent

Music Department update – Mike Kennedy

- Spring Arts Fair review will be held in the fall with the music and art faculty per Jack Fisher. 2016 Arts Fair date is tentatively set for the Sunday after Mother's Day (May 15, 2016).
- Recruiting – will be encouraging X period chorus from 6th graders, making them aware, with the goal to increase. Special needs music class possibility to be added.
- Kids are enjoying their classes, good retention this year. 4th grade has 14 orchestra students and there are 27 band students in 5th grade. One change will be encouraging kids to take Voices of Whitaker. Transportation WILL be provided for this for the first time. Currently 12- 5th and 12- 6th graders in Voices, with attrition by high school years. Goal of 25 per grade.
- Scholarship requests – this year 13 full scholarships were requested for band camp, plus requests for the Cici's trip. Brent elementary has 86% of their population on free and reduced lunch, so scholarship needs will only become stronger. As laws change, our new procedure will be for music staff to identify those needs, FMPA will write checks for scholarship assistance to the Board of Ed, who will then distribute the money. This will ensure privacy and satisfy legal requirements.

- Music dept. needs to market their offerings and advantages, as there is less parent involvement and knowledge, perhaps fewer parents who had music opportunities themselves when younger.

Band –

Deb Amend –

Middle School students performed at solo and ensemble contest. MK has the results.

Middle school band performed at the Spring Arts fair and did a wonderful job. Many kids were left to sit through the concert because parents did not attend or send notes. Many of the seventh graders showed no knowledge of concert etiquette. We need to connect better with parents not only from a chaperone perspective but also because they are missing their children's concerts.

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Choirs – Laura Carroll and Glenda Esslinger

Elementary music – VP Sandy Tenhundfeld

Whitaker Band, Orchestra and Voices (5/6 grade) kids will be traveling to Brent to perform for the kids this month. They will celebrate the end of year with a lunch trip to CiCi's the same day.

Voices (5/6) were rained out at the Red's game. they are trying to get it rescheduled for May 30th. The kids and Jeff were pretty bummed out!

Voices kids are still meeting until the last week. They will have an end of the year party on their last day.

Carpet from K4 (via Sandy) was picked up and delivered to Whitaker this morning for the new band and orchestra rooms.

Thanks, Sandy

General Music – Heidi Johnson/Steve Jones

Website – Bill Fessler

We added a page to post used instruments for sale. It states that FMPA makes no claim as to the condition and that all transactions are strictly between buyer and seller.

Posts will remain for 60 days or until removal is requested, whichever comes first. It allows for a picture, brief description, and links to other sites for more information (e.g., email link, Craig's List link, eBay, etc...).

Provide website feedback to get a post created.

President's Report – Kevin Berlon

- Music awards will be 5/26 at 7 pm in PAC

- Tentative date for next Comedy Caravan is November 14, 2015. Discussions underway about including area garage bands from Wyoming, St. X, Walnut Hills, etc. to draw in folks from outside the district. Done in 2005. Also possible food trucks.
- 2 students selected for FMPA scholarships
- PEM scholarship recipients are Alex Brown, Connor Zimmerman, Maureen Hickey, and another donor was so impressed with the field that they donated as well for a scholarship for Heather Gamble.
- Proposed budget for 2015-16 reviewed. Final budget will be presented at June meeting.
- District Support Organization Liability coverage proposal was reviewed. This is coverage offered to support orgs via the FSLD insurance policy at no cost to us. Motion to move forward with accepting this insurance was made by Angela, second by Tina. Motion passed.
- FMPA elections – discussion about returning and potential board members. Sue will send out job position descriptions to music teachers so they can distribute to help look for new board members. Janet Cain expressed interest in splitting the elementary music VP position with Sandy Tenhundfeld.

NEW BUSINESS -

Fall Fundraiser – Jennifer Schmidt

Attached is the new Savory Foods contract for the upcoming year(s). Please take a look before our meeting on Monday and bring any questions or comments you may have.

Two of the immediate changes I see are the incentives that Savory Foods provides for the number of items sold - previously FMPA bought the prizes. This year they are offering an iPad mini as grand prize. Also the fact that they do the sorting of the individual orders and deliver them that way for no additional charge.

For reference, last year we sold 1,512 units x \$6.30 (cost) = \$9525.60 - \$302.40 (.20 per unit bonus incentive) = \$9223.00 paid to Savory Foods.

This year the price appears to be \$6.95 per unit; however, if we sell 1,512 or more we could get the .25 per unit bonus back making the total price per tub \$6.70 that we pay Savory Foods.

Take a look at the first page pricing chart for reference.

Discussion re: territorial exclusivity. MK will put in for board approval so no other FSLD organizations can sell this cookie dough. FAA is already planning to sell, but in a different time frame this year.

Motion to approve signing contract with Savory Sweets as long as we have territorial exclusivity. Motion by Angela, second by Dan. Motion passed.

Motion to set price at \$15/tub, or 3/\$40, made by Angela, second by Sandy. Discussion ensued on this price increase. Motion passed.

Angela motioned, and Sandy seconded, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next meeting is on Monday June 8 at Berlons home at 8431 Fernwell Drive, bring an appetizer.