

**Fine Arts Boosters Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 23, 2023** (rescheduled due to weather)  
**Gilbert High School Band Room**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Cindy Bassett, Laura Bernard, Jana Staudt, Tanner Stutsman, Byron Tinder, Christine Weydert, Robby White

Welcome

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Review Minutes from 1/12/2023- Jana**

Minutes from the 1/12 meeting were unanimously approved.

**2. Membership Update- Dhuha**

Dhuha shared that we now have 74 members with a total of \$27,060 in giving.

**3. Treasurer's Report- Robby**

Robby shared the follow report as 2/28/23:

- **Deposits-** \$2107.51 (\$800 in redeemables)
- **Expenses-** \$5503.43 (quarterly reimbursements to school + mileage to Leo Timms)
- **Current balance-** \$38,241.18

**4. Funding Requests**

The following funding request was unanimously approved:

- **High school band clinician payment**  
2/14/23- Byron Tinder requested \$150 to pay Paul Brizzi for his clinic with the high school band in late March.
- **Sheet music for concert and jazz bands**  
2/21/23 - Byron requested \$1,000 for sheet music, which FAB has typically funded on an annual basis. It was noted that there are additional leftover funds that were allocated for music.
- **Funding for two high school spring productions**  
2/22/23- Zach Hackbarth requested funds up to \$1,000 to cover two spring productions due to the overwhelming number of students interested (that will include royalties, scripts and other costs.)

Update on Kindergarten Stephens field trip on snow day- removed \$503 from the approved spending list due to the cancellation.

**5. Riser/Shell Discussion: Fundraising Options/Strategy**

Tanner Stutsman provided further information regarding the need for risers and shells that was discussed at the last meeting. He noted that the music program currently has two different brands of risers that don't fit well together and are wearing down. Purchasing 4-step risers with a guardrail will allow for greater capacity and safety. The current shells are difficult to move and are a safety hazard since they can fall.

The particular models of risers and shells Tanner quoted are ones he and Chris Johnson used at Roland Story and loved. The cost is higher than anticipated. He got a quote for 11 risers (\$29,000) and previously got a quote for 8 shells (\$20,000). He will requote for 11 shells to match the risers since 11 is the correct number needed.

Cindy Bassett shared that she can use \$5,000 from PPEL funds and asked if FAB would be able to help provide additional funding. She and Tanner feel that the shells are the priority if we can't do both at this time. Tanner noted that there is a 3 month turn time on the order, so would hope to have them for the fall. Cindy will check with other building principals on what they are willing to cover through PPEL, noting that she will have a sense of next year's budget in July or August.

Tanner said he expects a lifespan of 20 years for the shells and possibly the risers as well. He said the current risers would be used for practice risers at the middle school or another building. Also, he is on the board for the Iowa Choral Directors Association and may be able to sell them through that avenue.

The board agreed to proceed with a fundraiser for both risers and shells. Laura, Dhuha, Christine and Jana volunteered to join the fundraiser subcommittee. They will report back to the full board.

**6. Review "Guidelines for Allocation of Funds"**

This document for fine arts faculty has been linked on the funding request page. Laura asked if administrators wanted to be involved in the approval process. Cindy said there isn't a need for administrators to approve every funding request.

**7. FAB Award Update: 4/21 Due Date**

Laura sent the application form to the guidance office. Kristyn Mostek agreed to chair the award review committee. Will need at least one faculty member to join the committee and Tanner agreed to help if needed. Christine also volunteered to be on the review committee (along with Ezy Nlenanya and Jana who volunteered at the January meeting.)

**8. Upcoming Events**

2/16 1st Grade Music Concert  
2/18 Allstate Large Group Festival  
2/21 All Iowa Concert Band Festival  
2/25 District Individual Speech  
2/25 Jim Coffin Jazz Festival  
2/28 Parade of Bands  
3/1 8th Grade Musical Matinee  
3/3-4 8th Grade Musical (Admissions)  
3/6 RRC Honor Band  
3/7 Night of Jazz (Admissions?)  
3/11 IHSSA Individual State Speech  
3/25 IHSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival (location?)

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on March 23rd at 7:00 in the high school band room.

**10. Other Business**

Since we charge admission to high school concerts but not 5-8, we will have a donation option for the 5-12 concert again this year. Note that donation will go directly to the band programs and not FAB. Byron will include donation information in his parent message on Monday and will send this info to Melanie and Matthew to distribute as well. Dhuha will post concert and donation info on social media over the weekend.

Discussed that robe cleaning charges were not included in registration fees on RevTrak again this year.

**Next steps: Laura will discuss this with Gayle.**

Dhuha will work with the printer and message out about another round of fine arts yard signs.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by Jana Staudt, Secretary