

2020_08_10 FORESMA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Brooke Doyle, Aleka Brown, Holly Iosso, Kirsten Blair, Ashley Kangas, Emmy Ulmer, Jami Kimble, Jessi Desert, John Aguilar, Lindsey Dustin, Marni Campbell, Jana Gezon, Katie Pearl, Kate Kahle
[Meeting conducted via Zoom due to pandemic]

From the Co—Presidents (Brooke Doyle, Aleka Brown):

- Introductions
- We have bank account set up at Verity Bank, waiting for tax exempt status approval as 501c3 , expect to take 6 months, in meantime continuing with Alliance for Education
- We are still looking for VP for fundraising/events.
- Neressa willing to coordinate Dine-Outs and Holiday Evergreen fundraisers
- We discussed 2020-2021 Activity fee, waiting on fee vs trying to build community and have shirts to help identify, needs not clear, but agreed on “optional program fee” of \$25, and decided to go ahead on t-shirts

From Lindsey Dustin Orchestra/Guitar/ Wind Director

- 130-ish, a few more than last year
- Wants to be cautious w activity fee idea, since not starting in person

From John Aguilar Band

- > 200 students signed up
- He is on re-entry for arts team, working on possible software, waiting to see what is approved
- Jazz Band 1 and Jazz Band 2 planned again
- Marching band - does not seem viable since parades not happening, plans to teach fundamentals so that next school year ready to go
- Remember why fundraising - maybe wait until going back to school to ask for activity fee since not having planned activities
- Plans on doing more videos to encourage performing like “Lizzo” , will need resources to do this
- Concern about aerosol spread with band instruments, especially tricky with flute, bassoon, clarinet - since can't just cover bell

Access/anti-racist ideas:

- Mentorship parent-parent to help connect parents who may be unsure about music

From the Co-treasurers (Kate Kahle and Kirsten Blair) :

- Will meet with teachers to determine some numbers for budget, since so unclear at present
- We have bank account, checks, teachers won't have to spend own money and be reimbursed

From the Communication Directors (Jessi Detert and Holly Iossi)

- Newsletter prior to school, would like exact numbers for students, need info on activity feed
- 6th grade orientation event on 23rd Sept., can have outreach at this event , details TBD
- Website charges to switch to new account, will work on point of sale transaction service
- Dr. Campbell suggests a Zoom music Q&A for parents
- FORESMA letter will go to parents after school starts

ACTIONS: A motion was made and carried to have an “optional program fee” of \$25 for music program students this fall, and to move forward on producing T shirts for the music program.

(John A. will investigate t-shirt options and see if 8th graders have ideas for design)

Next meeting: 21 September 7 pm, via Zoom