

TMA Notes for 5/11/2021

TMA Welcome- Intro of board

Student Representatives-

Orchestra- Jacy LeCain and Galen Walton announced that the 27th is the orchestra concert. They have been working on ensemble pieces and a senior song will end the live concert. They have had guest speakers come in to help them with their material.

Band- Elizabeth Amorelli explained that the band recorded a couple songs before vacation. The band spread out in the auditorium, so they could have the opportunity to play as a group. Band began working on marching music again so they could go outside to play. Allstate was a couple of weeks ago and it went well and was a great experience.

Dr Jorgenson came to work with the jazz band this week. The first week in June they will have a live concert. Parents will be invited but concerts are not open to the public yet.

Chorus- Cecilia Romano shared that the Chorus is working on Rhythm of Life and another piece. They recorded two pieces on vimeo. Some chorus members went to all state mid April

Guitar- Mr Lorenz shared All state went well and that they played Africa by Toto. Feb and March they practiced a piece by Frank Wallace. They hope to get a recording with the orchestra.

Christine Collins said “Congratulations to all our seniors”. She expressed how proud of them we are and that we can't wait to celebrate with them.

Music Department Update and Support-

Melissa spoke about the excitement of seeing so many people attend our meeting but we want to start the meeting by saying we are as concerned as everyone else. TMA is disappointed about how the job has not been posted. TMA wants actionable steps that we can develop and share with others to get the support of the district. We want to have a strong voice and have a major impact. Our goal is to enhance the music program. Melissa reshared what she read at the last school board meeting.

Steps to support;

- Contact your school board representatives and the superintendent for your towns
 - Emails for representatives and the superintendent.
 - Superintendent: brian.cochrane@timberlane.net
 - School Board Members:
 - kfarahsb@gmail.com
 - lewissavagetrbsb@comcast.net
 - kellybowestrsb@gmail.com
 - Bjb63052@gmail.com
 - sjfinnegan1@gmail.com
 - agentileTRSD@gmail.com
 - bkiszkaforplaitow@gmail.com
 - sheilalowes64@gmail.com
 - shawn_oneil@mail.rit.edu

- Show support at the meetings by attending and wearing your Timberlane Music apparel
- Come early to the May 20th School Board Meeting to sign up to speak about the importance of the music program to our district
- Encourage students to show their support at the meeting and to speak to the student school board representative to share their views with the board
 - **Students contact student rep- Kaylie.sheffield22@timberlane.net**
- Social media- share the issue and these points with all your social media accounts
 - Getting the word out will help a lot of people don't know what is going on
- Suggestion was made to ask if we all can't fit in the PAC with social distancing, perhaps we can use the TVs in the other rooms to watch the media or people can stand outside and watch it. The more people who show up the better it is.
- Suggestion was made that people who want to rally groups to attend to make those arrangements on their own
- Ask anyone you know who comes to the concerts or plays that don't have students to express how they value the Program
- Suggestions about having the kids play music, sing, signs or whatever they feel is necessary. It is important that the students are represented and share their thought with the boards
- We need to make sure that we are focusing on the importance of this position and the importance of the music program to this district; higher , SAT scores, how it helps students socially and to get into better colleges because of their music skills, how music shows how school skills such as math, reading , writing and history are all intertwined with real world skills in the arts.
- More voices the better but remember when speaking that people are limited to 3 minutes so have what you are going to say planned out
- Anyone who pays taxes and is a community member can speak- focus on saving the position and the integrity of the program
- Share the importance of the program for each person who has been part of it.
- Make our own recording before the meeting where every person shares how the music/theater program has impacted their lives. Then share it on our site and social media.
- Someone should contact WMUR to get them to pay attention; explain what is going on.
- Also possibly get an article in the local papers
- Discussed what can be orchestrated because Covid-
 - It is important people know what Covid rules we need to follow. The PAC inside holds about 240 with Covid and everyone is required to wear a mask and may be asked to sign in.
- **Recommendations from previous members-**
 - Let new board members know they have our support and show that they have our support.

- Share our positive thoughts with them about how the music program affects our district; examples. highest grades among music students, high rankings at All state, college acceptance examples
- Make sure you tell the school board members you expect them to follow the rules to the meeting and ask the superintendent to do the correct thing.
- Copy Cathy Belcher for anything emailed or sent to the school board members or superintendent. She will make sure it gets to the correct spot.
- Sean Meagher- Music representative spoke to give us some suggestions
 - He liked our list, but added that it is important that satellite groups take on other aspects so that the TMA, a Professionally organization, can be separated that way to show they are being respectful.
 - He stated it is extremely important we get as many students to speak as we can.
 - Make the list long for people speaking at the meeting long so they will realize the importance of this subject.
 - Encourage outside groups that use the facilities to participate too.

Other thoughts about the Board Meeting

- The question was asked if the meeting can limit the number of people to 20? This is what they do online.
- Limit is 3 min per speaker
- Clear Concise and not overly dramatic- POST the Direction of Music position now so that we can get a well qualified person to continue this position and grow our music program.

Treasurer Report- Dianne Healey

- Awards were paid for this years students
- Three scholarships from last year's winners will be paid out front the account once Dianne has received the information.
- Balance to date;
 - CD 5,410.76
 - General 1.829.03
 - Calendar 6,779.96
 - Student account 29,737.15
 - Forecasted that with current seniors money will be around 4,500 that will come back to the general fund

Elections-Nominations needed

- Need to have the nominations added at this meeting to vote next month at the June meeting
- Recap of what each position does
 - Pres guiding light and keeps the group moving in the correct direction

- VP- handles fundraising, helps to answer emails, run the meeting and helps the president

Open positions

- President- Melissa Theberge was nominated to run as President by Christine Collins; Melissa Accepted
- Vice President- Dena Fleno was nominated by Melissa Theberge. Dena was not at the meeting but told us prior that she would accept the nomination.
- Treasurer- Dianne Healey offered to stay on another year but would like to have a shadow for next year; she was renominated by Christine Collins
 - KerriSheffeld is offering to shadow Treasurer so she can run the following year
 - Secretary- Kim McCormick was nominated by Melissa Therge
- Talked about the other positions that are not official board members but are important for people who would like to help. Example;
 - Website coordinator
 - Volunteer coordinator
 - Sarah shared what she does as the volunteer coordinator, explained that it is easier with technology now

Mr D Retirement-

- Kudo board link has been shared on the TMA Facebook page
 - We are asking people to add a post to Mr D to say thank you for all his years
 - Please tag and share with people. The board is unlimited
 - Kids are most important to Mr D so we want as many of them to post as can
- Ken Clark volunteered run a concert for him
 - We will do this once we can all go into the PAC and be part of it

Louise Pajak-

- We would like to make a Kudo board for Louise Pajak too but we would need people to share it.
 - Sam Lyons offered to have his orchestra officers take it on

Senior Activities-

- **Award night-** May 28th 5pm- any ideas
 - No balloons
 - Maybe a digital frame to put around pictures can be made and shared with parents and students
- **Yearbook-** Done by Pam Pitman and Christine Collins
 - Pages with seniors and their bios, trips, activities by groups etc are in the book
 - Next year in August or september we need to think about the yearbook to add code for discount and order the number ahead of time
- **T-shirts-** Christy will pick them up and we will wrap the shirt with the yearbook
 - Kat Lancaster is making the shirts for us with her company, Hollywood Squared Design Company, this year
- **Senior Parade-** June 4th at 6:00pm

- Inviting all people to participate and celebrate our seniors
- Students will park in front of the schools and PAC. They can decorate their cars and spots
- People in the parade will decorate their cars too to celebrate the seniors
- Christy spoke with officer Pat and he will arrange to have himself or another officer there to help with traffic
- We need volunteers to help with traffic and to set up. Contact Christy Hubley at Christina.hunley@timberlane.net if you would like to help.
- A letter with all the details will be emailed to students and people on our TMA list. It will also be put on our Facebook page.

New Business-

- Water for graduation
 - TRHS has asked us to sell water at graduation
 - This will be our only fundraiser this year. So we would like to ask for cases of water to be donated. They can be dropped off at the PAC, please label them as TMA graduation.
 - Need volunteers to help the day of graduation too for set up and selling, contact Christy Hubley if you would like to help at Christina.hubley@timberlane.net
- **Band camp is scheduled for August 16th as of right now**

Next Meeting Date- 6:30pm June 15th