

## **MPA Parent Meeting Minutes**

### **West Campus**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016 7:30 pm**

**Board Members Present:** Donna Beard, Nancy Chew, Susan Chimdemi, Kathy Collier, Kyle Costanzi, Patrice Costanzi, Kristy Deischer-Eddy, Neil Johnson, Jan Lassen, Shawna Powel, Nellie Santos

Board Members Absent: Teresa Foster, Carrie Fell, Kim Woodward

**Music Directors Present:** Brent Lewis, Ed Otto, Sherry Weaver, Matt McCloskey

Music Directors Absent: Brian Lloyd, Adam Speakman

### **Donna Beard, President:**

1. Welcome everyone
2. Shawna's report on Joe Corbi's: 17 students participated, we sold 137 items with \$5 per item in proceeds. Pickup is at East on April 25 and I will send out a reminder email to those who are participating.
3. We have MyApp deals fundraiser running now. It is a \$20 donation for 12 months, with access to many deals. Each student earns \$14 for each one sold into their DSF account. This will run through Wednesday, April 27. Parents should have gotten an email from the directors about this app. The students can put the customers name and info in and send it directly. There's an 800 number, Monday through Friday for help using the app. This is the same company that has been

selling loyalty cards for 30 years. Customer can have up to three users per app sold, and it must be with the same username and email address. We are doing presentations in each music class.

**Patrice Costanzi, Treasurer:**

1. Financial handout
2. Cynthia Long's husband, a past school board member, passed away. We have been getting donations from East band in his honor.
3. Indoor guard chapter is on April 23. Between 25-30 groups will be here and we could use volunteers.

**Neil Johnson, Concession Stand:**

Concessions stand could use volunteers for the playdate for Lacrosse. Also, need volunteers for Relay For Life 24 hour even coming up. Please sign up through i-volunteer; trying to get word out. Thinking about having a volunteer button on the website.

Patrice mentioned when West was at Hershey, we reached out and one of the football parents said they had a blast in the concession stands. Pia said she is concerned that we need to be clear that proceeds from concessions go to music department.

A parent mentioned that there is a fear factor with some parents. She suggested someone talk to parents at the middle school level. Sherry mentioned she liked it when MPA set up a table outside the concert at the middle school where parents could see what MPA is all about.

Donna suggested opening up the band picnic to include all music families (band, choir and orchestra). By default, if your student is taking a music program, you're in MPA, but parents don't realize this.

Donna said the scholarship committee includes Susan, Kathy and Michelle. The essays have all been read and there is a meeting on April 18. Susan mentioned that all the essays were well written, and it is tough being a judge.

Donna said Diana Bradley accepted the position for carwash coordinator. The election of new officers will be at East on May 10.

President - Nancy Chew and Michelle Nedved

VP West - Robin McMillan

Carol Reiner – Treasurer

Secretary, West – Carolyn Withka

### **Brent Lewis, East Band:**

Concert is on April 28, same as West. Dress rehearsal is the Monday before the concert. Memorial Day parade is coming up. I announced my retirement and am putting every effort into making sure a really great candidate will be selected in from of our administrative team to be selected. Re-iterate to East parents: have to do this now, so whomever is selected will have ownership in the Fall for the band show, picking the staff, etc...

Thank you, parents for everything you do! I see hard working people with great ideas and it's been great to be involved with everyone.

A parent stood up and said she had Mr. Lewis for three years in band.

**Ed Otto, West Band:**

One more concert, on April 28. The Memorial Day parade is coming up. I am in the process of trying to put together a combined band trip. We take May off because of testing. We are in the second round for the Inaugural parade, and we may know in November if we made it.

I want to thank Brent for getting me my first teaching gig, from 1981-91.

**Matt McCloskey, West Choir:**

Thank you, parents, for coming out to see, “Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang”.

Dress rehearsal is May 9.

We are going to miss seeing Brent, and I’ve been here since 1987.

**Sherry Weaver, Orchestra - East, West and STEM:**

Our last concert of the year is this Friday, April 15 at 7:30 pm, combined bands, East, West and STEM.

Pitt orchestra musical, “Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang”. Amazing what the students did in four days. I’m very proud of them!

East Octet is performing at the Downingtown Alumni Association at the Downingtown Country Club.

Chamber Groups – East, West and STEM starting Ensemble rehearsal next week to prepare for Living Arts and Senior Awards.

Orchestra members participation is required at the Graduation ceremony as their final exam grade:

Wednesday, June 8 – East

Thursday, June 9 – West

Friday, June 10 – STEM

All begin at 6:00 pm, be there at 4:30 pm.

All high school orchestra banquet sometime in June.

I showed Paul Hurley between 30-40 applicants for the orchestra program with the three high schools. I am retiring along with Brent and started at the same time as Brent.

Donna said Brian Lloyd is working on concert preparation. He wants to thank MPA for coming to speak to the audience. Concert is April 26. Brian is deciding on a choir/orchestra trip for next year. Brian is also deciding on a graduation song.

Donna said that Adam said that Carnegie Hall was approved for next year. Take advantage now of MyDeals app fundraiser.

**Nancy Chew, Ways and Means:**

MyDeals is a living product. We are taking any suggestions.

Donna said next meeting is at East on May 10. This is also same date as LMS and DMS concert.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jan Lassen

DHSMPA West Secretary