

## RECMAPA MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Present: Jordan Zoppa, Jeff Kula, Kathy Andersson, Dennis Maione, Sheryl Hunnie, Susan Zuk, Bill Nadurak, Nicole Ens, Gabrielle Wiebe, Shari Bielert, Joyce Brown

1. Call to order: 7:05 pm

Regrets: Arlene Klassen, Gayle McNab

2. Approval of Agenda **Motion #1** Sheryl Hunnie, Sheri Bielert 2nd, all in favour- carried

3. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2014

-correction of numbering on second page

-spelling: add 'l' to Harmanly in choir director report

-music fees: no apostrophe

**Motion #2** Dennis Maione, Susan Zuk 2nd, all in favour- carried

4. Reports

Band director's report: Jeff Kula

-February 21 Wind Ensemble played at Optimist Festival with guest cellist Sam Nadurak and it went well.

-March 1 both Jazz Band and Jazz Orchestra played at Optimist Festival and it went well.

-March 15 Winnipeg Drum Talk was held at REC. Percussion Ensemble played a half hour set and got to play with and meet other percussionists.

-March 19 Jazz Orchestra had an outstanding workshop with Ron Carter.

-March 21-22 Brandon Jazz Festival: students performed and represented REC well.

-March 22 Kerey Harper, student guitar and electronic music composer, performed at We Speak Music Juno concert at the Forks.

-March 25 Percussion Ensemble performed at We Speak Music Juno concert at the legislature and it went well. MLAs played along for a piece and took photos with students.

-March 25 Jazz Orchestra had a jazz sharing evening with John Henderson jazz band, directed by REC alumna Laura Dowbenko.

-April: prepping for concerts

-May 6 will be jazz sharing soiree with Miles Mac, KEC, and Gimli High School jazz bands at REC.

- May 21 Percussion Ensemble is potentially performing at the Young Humanitarians Gala.
- April 23, May 29, and June 19 Meghan Jede and Quinn Joseph will be performing at various galas and celebrations.
- May 27: spring concert
- May 30 Jazz Orchestra students are helping at Sun Valley Family Fun Day and will use the money they earn for their wind up.
- June 5 Spring Jazz concert at 1pm and 7pm.
- Contemporary Music Ensemble date to be decided yet.
- Celebration: Maria Andersson, Liam Nadurak, and Courtney Giesbrecht have all been accepted at both U of M and BU in music programs.
- Jeff thanked every for their contributions to his MusiCounts application. He has not yet decided what to spend the school money on, as he is waiting to see what happens with the budget addition from the division for the grade 9s next year. Highlights were playing with Gord Bamford and meeting Bob Ezrin. He sat with members of the Board of Governors of MusiCounts and was excited to hear how many people value music education.

Choral director's report: Nicole Ens

- Chamber Ladies sand at Festival in the beginning of March.
- Students sang with Rajaton which was really fun and a great experience. In email correspondence with Nicole, Rajaton also said that they enjoyed singing with the choir. In Brandon, Rajaton members were very honest in answering student questions.
- Vocal groups went to Brandon Jazz Festival.
- March 27 was a highlight in Nicole's music career. Joy Smith, Chamber Ladies, Mr. Beveridge, Michael Reimer and poet- Sharmi Brown, of newly commissioned song met and had a powerful sharing time talking and learning about human trafficking.
- Poet is doing a book talk where Chamber Ladies will be singing two songs, including the newly commissioned piece, on April 30 at 7:30 pm for an hour-long performance at 188 Princess Street.
- Spring concert and jazz concert are coming up.
- Variety show is April 29 and many students are involved in musical acts.
- Some students have been asked to help at grad events.

Admin. report: Jordan Zoppa

-Congratulations to Jeff and thanks to everyone who helped in many forms with the award application and celebration.

-Congratulations to all students and Mr. Kula and Mrs. Ens for excellent performances at Brandon Jazz. Students also represented REC well.

-Congratulations to Harmanly for performing at grade 9 tours.

-Costs are lower with concerts now at NKMB, so ticket prices can be lowered.

-Spring concert: \$5 for all advance tickets, \$7 at the door

-Jazz concert: \$5 for all tickets

-Management students will be helping with the jazz matinee concert.

5. Chairperson's report: Kathy Andersson

-Congratulations to Jeff on MusiCounts award: the secrecy was well worth it.

-Kathy and Mr. Beveridge also had the privilege of having some cool Juno experiences.

-School and RECMAPA are to send thank-you notes to MusiCounts and the Gord Bamford Foundation. Jordan will send a thank-you from the school tomorrow. Susan will send newsletter paper to Kathy who will write the letters.

-Kathy suggested going out for dinner as a committee to celebrate. Jeff said he would like to invite the committee members to his house for a supper, date TBA.

-Goals:

-1.5 hour meetings not achieved

- 95% of fees not achieved

- Sheri will prepare a working draft of concert checklist for May 27, to be finalized by the end of the year

-constitution not posted on the school website: Debra Maione is looking into it

-Jordan will post revised meeting online

6. Treasurer's Report: Dennis Maione

-February Report carried. **Motion #3 Dennis**, Sheri Bielert 2nd, all in favour -carried

-Jordan needs to know student account balances so that he can reimburse them for Brandon trip

-March budget had errors and will be redone for the next meeting.

7. Student Fundraising Coordinator Report: Joyce Brown

- February 24 meeting was attended by Sheri Bielert and Joyce.
- They have drafted and strategized fundraising for the next two years.
- They will have a job board for parents to volunteer for specific tasks and want to offer prizes from a draw as incentive.
- Kathy will donate a prize.
- They would like to offer two free tickets to the Winter concert as a prize.
- Motion # 4** Dennis motioned to approve \$50 to the student fundraiser committee to buy prizes, Susan 2nd, all in favour -carried
- suggestion to have a brunch fundraiser with small ensembles performing as a fundraiser next spring. There is a potential connection with CanadInns, and Applebees does brunch fundraisers with a 70% return.

#### 8. Communication Coordinator report: Susan Zuk

- Susan emailed parents to update them about Jeff's MusiCounts award.
- She will create a newsletter about concerts coming up.
- She will propose a new music fee collection process at the May meeting.
- Letters for outstanding music fees will be sent home with purchased tickets.

#### 9. Concert Coordinator report: Bill Nadurak

- Sheri will finalize concert checklist this year.
- Bill has tickets printed and has passed the bill on to Jordan.
- Jeff will prepare letter regarding concert details within the next week or two to send home with students.
- Earlier advance ticket purchase deadline: May 16.
- Gayle and Bill will organize tickets to be sent home with students.
- Sheryl will collect orders and money.
- Six volunteers are needed for the concert evening: Susan will ask for volunteers in her next email.
- Susan and Dennis will collect student fees at the concert.
- Jeff and Nicole to send list of graduating music students to Kathy.

#### 10. Correspondance

-Mr. Beveridge sent a letter regarding scholarships. Dennis is to look up amounts given in previous years. Jordan is to let Mr. Beveridge know that RECMAPA will be providing a scholarship. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.

-Arlene sent a thank you card to the Hodge family.

11. No business resulting from the minutes.

12. New business tabled.

13. Next meeting: May 20, 2014 @ 7:00 pm.

14. Adjournment at 8:50 pm.