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NAMA Meeting

Monday, January 13 at 6:30 PM

Attendees: Kristine Murphy, Justin Smalley, Bryan Long, Natalie Kissel, Karen Bussell, Linda Burns, Michele Nachamie, Hope Ralph, Kim Hearst, Senay Abbay, Jennifer Kookan, Sue Francoeur, Susie Keeton, Christine Gaede

Secretary's Report

- The secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- We \$739 at the two NAHS winter concerts.
- Contributions/membership dues are lower than budgeted.
- A \$1,792 donation was made for uniforms (restricted).
- Bank balance is \$26,945.

- The treasurer's report was approved.

Band Director's Report / Chorus Director's Report

- The spring schedule went out on Friday via Remind.
- 8th Grade/Wind Ensemble concert is this week on Wednesday (1/15).
- End of year music awards is penciled in for Tuesday of Senior Week (6/2); Justin will follow up to confirm.
- The date for the little league parade is TBD.
- Trip information: the band will be at Masco; chorus is at Danvers. It will be a one-day trip with potential quick visit into Boston.
 - Cookie dough fundraiser started this week; candle fundraiser planned for next month.
- Senior district festival was this past weekend; we had 7 kids participate.
 - January 25 – All-State recommended students will be auditioning (performance is March 5-7)
- Junior district auditions is February 1.
- Justin mentioned the possibility of making Marching Band an extra-curricular activity rather than a co-curricular requirement. Some of the reasons include:
 - The directors spend a lot of time on attendance issues.
 - Having students who are actively committed means being able to set higher expectations and possibly be more competitive.
 - Class time could be used for non-marching band music, which would keep it

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fresher and more engaging.

- The logistics would change slightly in terms of signing up before the end of the school year, but at this point, the time commitment would remain the same and there would be no user fee.
- Band camp: Aug 17 – 21.

Old Business

- Chorus t-shirts are arriving this week; Michele hopes to distribute by early next week.
- The “Best Town for Music Education” plaque presentation at the school committee meeting went well.
- Plans for NAMS concert fundraising:
 - 6/7th grade band concert on 1/14 (Natalie, Senay will attend)
 - 8th/WE on 1/15 – no fundraising
 - FY chorus concert on 1/22 (Karen, Senay will attend)
- Uniforms:
 - Collection: some still some outstanding but Susie and/or Justin will follow up
 - Rain gear: Susie did research and Kristine will send it to the group for review and discussion at a future meeting.
- Adult Fundraiser:
 - Possible dates are 3/27 or 3/28.
 - After discussion, we decided not to do the adult fundraiser this year, but reconsider it for next year.

New Business

- NESBA
 - Kim created a survey to gauge interest and ability to help at NESBA 2020 and plans to send it out.

Other Reports

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.