



HOOVER & MEREDITH Band Boosters Newsletter

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Met via Zoom

In attendance:

Dr. Armentrout
Bridgett Robinson
Sharon Semple
Tiffany Miller

Jennifer Walter
Nathan Williams
Amy Wishman Nalan
Becky May

Bridgett kicked us off at 6:03 with introductions and posed the first item:

1) Bylaw Discussion

- * Do we want to update the bylaws to determine how and when the notes will be shared with officers and the band families.
- * Do we send all the notes directly, do we share a reminder that they have been posted on the band site.

Dr. Armentrout shared that he does a quick review of the notes and then formats them for the website (archived notes are accessible on the right side of the screen). Both directors could include a reminder in their communications that recent and previous notes are available. Bridgett asked if we could link directly to the notes from the email. Sharon committed to sending the notes to Dr. Armentrout by the end of each meeting, and within one week they are made available via link in an email to families. If there are actionable highlights that families who don't open the link should know, then directors please include those in the email to families. As notes are made, we will denote which items need to go into the body of the email.

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- * Bylaws possibly indicate 10 members are needed, but what is our goal for membership growth and attendance at each meeting?
 - * How many people do we need to be successful?
 - * Considering effort and activity at both Meredith and Hoover. What tactics might we use to increase engagement?

Ms. Walter shared her desire to continue engaging middle school families because of the growth there and the need to keep them engaged through Hoover. Agreement from the group. First day of school

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band playing at Meredith and elementary schools? Events throughout the year at elementary schools to engage those families and students. Dr. A. shared he is working on ways he can get face time with students as well. Tiffany Miller shared she has done some research following a Jazz Fest idea around having some university students play, could we have that engagement on other days in addition to Jazz Fest. Ms. Walter shared that a director at Drake would like to get more engaged with the community, there could be an option to have students play with the Bulldog Brass. What are options for looking at mentorship between Meredith and Hoover? Meredith Jazz Band will kick off in January, Thursday afternoons (listed as Community Ed because volunteers, especially high school students, are welcome to attend to mentor). Kids with open periods 7 and 8 at Hoover could work with students in band periods 6 & 7 at Meredith. Amy Wishman Nalan, the elementary students seems to enjoy the first day band players and spooktacular concert. Also, middle school one act play will be Mon.-Thurs. after school for January and February, but hopefully the theatre students could have some flexibility. Action item: bring ideas to the January meeting for engaging more families. We will share them and vote on one or two to bring to life before the end of the school year. Also, be aware many of these options could count for silver cord hours for Hoover students.

3) Student body elections took place and Hoover - Angela Uhl is President and Easton Wilson are Vice-President. They have been sharing information with Dr. Armentrout about how things are going with students and the band in general. Action item: Dr. A will ask them to attend the January meeting and ask them to bring ideas from the students about how they would like to be supported by Boosters. Friday of Spring Break, considering a lock-in, if enough students are available. Start sometime that day and end around 10p.m., Dr. A. offered to share some dates with the students and see which is most popular.

4) January 8 meeting: what are we committed to and what will it take to make it happen AND dig into Jazz Fest that night as well.

5) ButterBraids, we will stick with Monday the 18 at 2:45 and the Health office has 2 freezers available. Sharon will own ButterBraids on the 18th and 19th. Nathan offered to help starting at 2:45.

Next Band Booster Meeting

January 8, 2024

6pm - Hoover HS Band Room

Zoom link will also be provided

You may find past band booster minutes and information @ <https://www.hooverbands.org/Boosters.html>