



**MEETING MINUTES FOR
EVERGREEN PARK
COMMUNITY HIGH
SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS**

I. DATE AND TIME

Date: August 15, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

II. START TIME

6:30 PM

III. MEETING LOCATION

Location: Cafeteria

Evergreen Park Community High School District 231

Address: 9901 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805

IV. CALLED TO ORDER

By Colette McCadd (President)

V. INTRODUCTIONS

Colette McCadd - President

Angel Dever - Incoming President

Karen Tallwood - Treasurer

Monica Cisneros - Recording Secretary

MeriKay Marzoni - Corresponding Secretary

Tracy Ricks - Outgoing President (not present)

Mrs. Amy Kazin - Fine Arts Division Chair and Activities Director

Mr. Ken Kazin - Band Director

Mr. Logan Scalf - Choir Director

Ms. Kylie Boksa - Color Guard Coach (not present)

VI. MEETING ATTENDEES

James Bosch

Kevin McCready

Heather LaVaigne-Dumont

Mike Dumont

Ngina Wheeler

Ana Reyes

Valerie Crazybear

Amanda Osterloh

Jason Osterloh

Kelly Gidley

Ryan Gidley

Duane Smith

Shari Wolfe

Number Of Attendees

13 (Per attendance Sheet)

VII. Introductions

All new board members were introduced (see above list) as well as a breakdown of where to find the up to date information on all things Music Boosters. The Music department consists of Marching Band, Color Guard, Drama, Choir and Build crew. Our purpose is to support the Music Department and all events that take place throughout the school year. Including competitions for the marching season (September - October), Half time performances during homefield football games and Color guard winter competitions (February - April). More information to come on up and coming fundraisers that will benefit the students for the Music department performance trip.

The Music department travels with the students and chaperones twice a year, 2024-2025 is **NOT** a trip year. However all proceeds raised during the fundraisers for this year and next will go towards the Next trip year in 2026.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Ngina Wheeler
- Amanda Osterloh

Motion to approve 2024 -2025 proposed budget

- Duane Smith
- Heather LaVaigne-Dumont

Our Budget for the proposed 2024 -2025 consists of where our monetary funds come from and how we use the funds to support the department. Membership, concession stand sales from EPCHS theater performances, split the pot ticket sales held throughout the performance events, donations and our raffle ticket sale that will be held during the springtime.

A full detailed list of the proposed budget as well as the The full Treasurer's Report is posted on the **EPCHS Band Website** - www.epchbands.org.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Music Director's Report

Presented by Mr. Ken Kazin

Class starts on the filed Monday - Friday at 7:10 am

Please talk with your child on the importance of being on time; tardies are still very much a thing, all students need to be on time.

It is also important to take note that Marching band students and Color guard students that participate in zero block do receive their Gym requirement. Our first performance gig will take place on:

**August 22, 2024 - D124 Back to School Bash at 6:00 p.m.
At Central Middle School blacktop**

Students are to arrive at 5:45 p.m. and should be done by 6:45 p.m. No buses will be provided and students are required to secure their own transportation to and from. Students are to be in their Class B Uniform (“Music Changes Lives” shirt) Black bottoms and DrillMaster shoes. Students should also be aware that they are required to learn the different band uniform requirements.

For example:

Class B - Uniform - EP Green “Music Changes Lives” T-shirts and Black bottoms with black socks and their DrillMasters (shoes) if they have them. If they do not then all Black shoes are acceptable.

Class A - Uniform - The full band uniform. Jacket, Bibbers, DrillMasters, Shako and black socks. Black socks are an important part of the Band uniform; Please make sure that your Kid has the proper amount of Black socks needed for their Band performance year.

It is important to take note that if your Kiddo is not properly prepared with their band uniform requirements, the team as a whole does get points deducted during their band competitions.

Please try to purchase a show shirt for your kiddo this year, it is not required but the Show shirt is recommended for them to wear underneath their Class A uniform when we travel for competitions. Last day to purchase a Show shirt for this performance year is August 16, 2024; A link to order can be found in Skyward and in our Google calendar.

Sectionals

Are held every Wednesday (during marching season) from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. If your student has a school related event (game) they can be excused from the required sectional for that week.

Puffs

Puffs is the last official play that I will be directing with EPCHS before retirement. Auditions will be held on Sunday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Once the cast list is released, practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A few weekend practices might be held closer to the event date but that will be announced at a later time. Auditions for our Second play (Cinderella) of the School year will be held in December; Show to be performed during the Spring of 2025.

Final remarks; Upcoming information and current grades for Band can be found in Skyward. Please remind your kiddos that participation in Class counts towards their Band grade and encourage your kid to practice at home. Standing in front of a full-length

mirror marching with their instrument may sound off but it will help them build security and confidence in their marching ability. When they're comfortable in their musical skill set, they will march and perform confidently on the Field. As always Please reach out to me via email with any questions.

B. Choir Director's Report

Presented By Mr. Logan Scalf

We're off to a great start, It's been great jumping into a well established program full of kids that are involved in band, choir and Scholastic Bowl. I grew up in Sandwich, IL and went to Sandwich High School which is not far from here. Being from a musical community similar in size I'm excited to be giving back and sharing my experiences from my own background. At the moment our Choir students have a lot less going on than Band, but are busy at work building our skills before we start our concert season. We have a handful of kids that were not signed up for Lunch choir that still came in to check things out. So if your kiddo is still thinking about signing up we encourage that, they have till tomorrow to officially add them to the schedule.

The nice thing about Choir is that we're always looking to build that skill set if they're interested. Upcoming things that we have going on are working with the Lunch Choir. Kids give up their lunch period to come in and sing, please give them my congratulations for coming in and giving up their time. We have a handful of kiddos that come in during their class Choir time and lunch choir. Class choir (35 minutes during 2 Lunch choir periods) is focused on building skills, sight reading, learning about music literacy and working on their vocal technique.

We have Madrigals auditions coming up, Madrigals is a group of 12 to 20 students that perform a musical styling of the renaissance period. This small vocal ensemble performs acapella and is generally centered during the holiday season. This is more of a challenging group of students that get to push their skill set a bit further. The video Auditions are to be submitted this coming Thursday 8/22 in google classroom. Madrigal rehearsals are held on Monday's sometime in the evening generally from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. First rehearsal will be held on Monday 8/26.

Later on in the year around Spring time Madrigals will turn into the " Unaccompanied Minors" Acapella group. It will be required for students to resubmit New auditions for Unaccompanied Minors. Choir events coming up are as follows:

- Veterans day breakfast performance at EPCHS 7:30 a.m. November 7th
- November 10th Sunday 3:00 p.m. Musical theater concert "Be the Hero"

Reminders will be given to your kiddos on all this information, and upcoming auditions. Please encourage them to check Google classroom on a Daily basis. Please encourage your kiddos to sing. Any questions please feel free to email me, I check emails a few times a day.

C. Color Guard Coach Report

Presented by Mr. Ken Kazin (Color guard coach Ms. Boska not in attendance)

Ms. Boska works with Color guard every morning during Zero block; We're seeing a positive turn out thus far. She came from the University of Iowa and attended Lincoln Way high school. It is understood that every assignment Band has the Color guard also has as well as Sectional practice on Wednesdays.

D. U Of I Performance : September 7, 2024

This is **NOT** a free event for parents and spectators but our Students perform on the field of U of I with 400 other students from around the state of Illinois along with the Fighting Illini Marching Band and color guard. ***This is a Class A Uniform required event.*** The performance takes place during Half time and Tickets are available now for purchase. Tickets are available to purchase through the link on The EPCHS Band Website. This will be a sold out event, U of I is set to play against Kansas. Therefore, it is not recommended to wait to purchase tickets if you'd like to attend. This is also a cashless event, if you do not plan on attending please make sure that your kid has the availability to access cash electronically to purchase any food or merch that they would like to have. Evergreen Park Music Boosters (volunteers sign up to follow) will provide water and some snacks for the kids but they will have to provide their own meal. It is recommended for them to bring lunch from home, please be aware that this will be a full day event. We will leave EPHS around 11 a.m. and return past midnight.

More detailed information will be released closer to the event on the EPCHS band website as well as google class room.

E. Car Wash Fundraiser: September 14, 2024 ***Rain date 9/15/2024***

The Car wash fundraiser is one of the largest fundraisers that is held by the Music Department with the help of the Music Boosters. ALL of the proceeds raised by this event go directly back to the students who work the event. 100% of the proceeds raised will benefit the students who will travel with The EPCHS Music department on their trip year. The projected trip for the 2026 calendar year is Disney World. Pledge sheets for students who sign up will be sent home prior to Labor Day weekend. The students have 2 weeks to collect their pledges towards the Car Wash.

All of the monetary donations collected the day of the Car Wash will be evenly distributed amongst all of the Music department students who sign up to work the event. The event usually runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

F. Corresponding Secretary Report

Presented by Mrs. MeriKay Marzoni

Volunteers are **ALWAYS WELCOME**. We have a few events coming up soon that we will need volunteers for:

- **August 21, 2024** - (2) Volunteers to help build “A Frames” for marching season and EP Home football game halftime show.
- **U of I - September 7, 2024** - Volunteers needed to donate cases of Water and snacks. **NO PEANUTS PLEASE!** We have a peanut allergy amongst our kiddos and we want to keep everyone safe.

Music Booster Merch!!!

We officially have Music Booster Merchandise! Coming **Monday August 19, 2024** we will have a link set up for you to purchase Music booster merch geared towards our students, alumni and parents just in time for the Marching football season. Link will be posted to the EPCHS Band website as well as the Facebook Music Booter page. The store will run for 2 weeks only; It will close on **September 3, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** This is not a fundraiser; all prices are set by Marathon. The Music boosters will work to distribute all the individual orders to those that purchase. Delivery is pending to happen before our 1st home football game on September 14th, if not then the guarantee is September 27th.

It is important that we share how valuable it is to become a part of the Music boosters. Once the parent or family member is signed up to become part of the Membership (By October 1, 2024) their student is eligible to apply for scholarships through the Music boosters. Our scholarships offered help not only to our graduating Seniors but to our underclassmen as well. Scholarships can be applied to the Summer Camp program “Spotlight on 99th” as well as any Music camp or programs at St. Xavier that our students might have an interest in.

No comments or questions were asked at the end of this meeting.

X. NEXT MEETING, TIME, DATE and LOCATION

September 5, 2024

6:30 pm

Leadership Room

Evergreen Park Community High School District 231

Address: 9901 South Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

XIII. PROPOSED MINUTES SUBMITTED

Minutes submitted for approval on **September 3rd, 2024 by: Monica Cisneros**

XIV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved on _____, 2024 Submitted by:

Approved by: _____ Print Name: _____

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