

Unit 5 Music Parents Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2022

Normal Community West High School – IMC

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Present: Josh Jensen, President
Present: Emily Miller, Vice President
Present: Angela DeJaynes, Secretary
Present: Logan Geigner, Treasurer
Present: Robyn Wenzel, Asst. Treasurer

GENERAL ATTENDANCE:

Meeting called to order at **7:06 PM** by the U5MP President Josh Jensen. Motion to approve August 2022 minutes by **Angela** and seconded by **Josh**. All approved. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORTS:

U5MP operating balance as of 09/19/2022 = \$16,660.15
(report attached)

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

*****CHIDDIX JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *****

Chiddix Junior High Band:

Tricia Ogdon (Director) **NO REPORT**

Chiddix Junior High Orchestra:

Jillian Meszar (Director) **NO REPORT**

Chiddix Junior High Choir:

Julia Beer (Director)

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- Chiddix Honors Choir Auditions will take place **Tuesday, October 18th**, right after school.

*****EVANS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *****

Evans Junior High Band:

Krista Beddigs (Director)

What a crazy few weeks! We are settling into the 5th grade routine! We will have a 5th grade informance on october 11th and a 7/8 grade spooktacular on October 24th :)

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Elizabeth Fontana (Director) **NO REPORT**

Evans Junior High Choir:

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*******KINGSLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *******

Kingsley Junior High Band:

Tyler Harr (Director) **NO REPORT**

Kingsley Junior High Orchestra:

Daria VanDeLoo (Director)

KJHS Orchestras are currently preparing for ILMEA and the Music Extravaganza, and the 5th graders are preparing for their “informance” in October. Fifth grade is off to a great start, and it is so great to see their excitement when learning about their instruments every day!

Kingsley Junior High Choir:

Katie Winchester (Director)

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- ILMEA: Unfortunately I had to cancel all of my ILMEA rehearsals while I was out, which led to many kids dropping out. They have practice tracks, but especially my younger singers really need the in person rehearsals. I am hopeful that the remaining kiddos will stick it out!
- Upcoming dates: ILMEA rehearsals through October 5th, Musical Arts Extravaganza for all 4 groups on 11/10.
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*******PARKSIDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *******

Parkside Junior High Band

Jennifer Bolton (Director)

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- We have our first event coming up..... 8th grade football night at Normal West HS. The 8th graders will join the marching band and pep band for the evening!
- All bands are up and running.
- We currently have Spirit wear sale running, the store will close tomorrow.
- Our Fannie Sale will begin soon.
- The 6th and 7th grade bands are preparing for the extravaganza performance, the 8th grade is preparing for the combined concert with Normal West.
- It feels really good to start a normal school year. We are looking to rebuild the program which will take about 3 more years.
- ***This year will be the 2nd year for the UNIT 5 Middle SCHOOL HONOR BAND. Directors from all 4 middle schools have been busy making nominations of their top students. Invitations will go out to all students and parents this week!
- We are very excited to be back and look forward to a great year.

Parkside Junior High Orchestra:

Angie Stalter (Director) NO REPORT

Parkside Junior High Choir:

Katie Winchester (Director)

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*******NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL *******

Normal Community High School Band:

Paul Carter (Director) NO REPORT

Normal Community High School Orchestra:

Melissa Siebenthal (Director) NO REPORT

Normal Community High School Choir:

Ben Luginbuhl (Director)

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- Our first concert is Monday, Sept. 26, which is VERY early in the school year. The students are working really hard to be ready! 7:00 pm in the NCHS Auditorium. The concert will feature all 5 curricular choirs, as well as a song from each of our a cappella groups, Key of She and Voice Male.
- The combined choirs will be performing the national anthem at both the Homecoming kickoff assembly and Homecoming game on Sept. 30
- Students are busily preparing their ILMEA music and will begin submitting video auditions in the beginning of October.
- We have a cookie dough fundraiser ending this week, and will be selling poinsettias soon, as we are looking at traveling to Tennessee this year and possibly to Austria and Germany in 2024!
- Thanks so much for all you do to promote music education in Unit 5 - it is greatly appreciated!

*****NORMAL COMMUNITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL*****

Normal Community West High School Band:

Ryan Budzinski (Director)

The Wind Ensemble opens its year with a program of chamber music at the Connie Link Amphitheatre on Wednesday, September 28. Students in all groups are preparing for concerts, ILMEA Auditions, and a variety of other repertoire. The bands also host ISU music education students for clinical experiences each week.

Normal Community West High School Orchestra:

Kim Boehm (Director) NO REPORT

Normal Community West High School Choir:

Sara Williams (Director)

- The Normal West Choirs are busy preparing for the Fall Concert on Thursday, October 6th. The Chamber Choir will be performing selections from the ILMEA All State and District literature. The Concert Choir is working on a traditional folk song from Mexico in Spanish, and a contemporary setting of the latin text for Kyrie elison. The Chorale is working on a piece that honors a young girl from the Hiroshima bombing about her plea for peace as well as a song about a letter that was written to the world from a girl who wanted to change the world. The choirs have really been focusing on technique, rhythmic figures and developing their own unique choral sound.
- Colla Voce, and Jazz Voices are just getting started this week. The ensembles are excited to begin learning their music and working together in a small, intimate ensemble.
- Other students in choir are working on preparing their auditions for the upcoming ILMEA All District festival.
- A special thank you to Kara Heuer, Jaime Meyer and Karin Streily for helping us get all of the students fit for their uniforms.
- We are truly looking forward to this year!

*****NORMAL MARCHING BAND*****

Normal Marching Band (NMB)

Multiple Directors (Ryan Budzinski, Paul Carter)

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The competitive portion of the NMB season is underway. The group gave an outstanding performance at the Washington HS competition and placed second out of 25 bands. More than that, the staff is pleased with the development of the show and looks forward to great performances to come. The NMB hosted its 10th annual invitational over the weekend, and it was a very successful day. Over the next two weeks, the band will perform at each high school's homecoming game, hosting incoming eighth graders each night. After that, the band's schedule includes competitions at Metamora, the Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional Championships, the Illinois State Marching Band Championships, and the Greater St. Louis Marching Band Festival.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Musical Extravaganza

- Will be held at Normal West on Thursday, November 10
- Will be held at Normal Community on Monday, November 14
- Donation Collection Options
 - Option A
 - All funds are donated through GoFundMe to one large U5MP pot. The amount donated is evenly distributed to all programs
 - Pros
 - All programs get the same amount of funding
 - Cons
 - Parents seem less likely to donate to one general fund; more incentivized to donate to their students' programs
 - Option B
 - Donations are made through GoFundMe to each program individually. Minimum amount each program will receive = \$600
 - If a program does not reach \$600 in donations, funds will be taken from other programs in a proportional percentage (eg. 3% of total donations) and given to the lacking programs to ensure they receive \$600
 - Pros
 - Families/friends can donate to their student's program
 - Fun to see the competition between programs
 - Allows larger programs with more expenses to earn larger amounts of donations
 - Cons
 - Smaller programs will earn less money

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- Programs may not want to have any of their earnings used to beef up other programs earnings
- Families with multiple students in multiple programs – where do they donate?
- Discussion and decision made to follow option A for this year

Josh Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting; Karen Fryer seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 PM

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Normal West High School IMC.

ATTENDANCE:

- Misty Borst – NCHS Orchestra
- Alex Borst – NCHS Orchestra
- April Post – CJHS Orchestra
- Kara Heuer – NWHS Choir/NMB
- Laura Roethle – PJHS Orchestra
- Krista Beddigs – EJHS Band Director
- Liz Fontana – EJHS Orchestra Director
- Renee Stromberger – EJHS Band
- Monica Baca – NCHS Band
- Karen Fryer – NCHS Choir
- Tanya Waninger – NWHS Orchestra
- Ashly Muirhead – CJHS Choir/CHJS Orchestra
- Krista Gaff – KJHS Orchestra
- Lora Weigman – EJHS Orchestra
- Tricia Ogdon – CJHS Band Director
- Shirisha Beeram – CJHS Band
- Roy Guzman – NCHS Orchestra
- Michael Perez – CJHS Choir