

East High Performing Arts Parents

Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2025, at 6:30 PM in East High Band Room

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chris Naumann
2. Welcome and Introductions:
 - a. Colt Maichle - Band
 - b. Lindsay Tippins - Choir
 - c. Amy Summers
 - d. Devin Summers
 - e. Bill Tubbs
 - f. Julian Sieber - Rhapsody
 - g. Vince Buss - Vice President
 - h. Chris Mariucci
 - i. Chris Naumann - President
 - j. Dean Kolze
 - k. Stacey Kolze - Treasurer
 - l. Charlie Brawner - Secretary
3. Teacher Reports:
 - a. Joe Baltus - Orchestra
 - i. In the past the parent network has paid for major award engravings done by Global Awards. Roughly \$150-200. Is this possible again this year?
 1. Will provide a more accurate estimate once we have finalized winners and current prices.
 - ii. Wednesday May 28th is reserved in the school facilities calendar. 4pm-8pm. District approval for kitchen use is still needed. I believe Vince handled that last year. Can someone from the parent network do that again?
 - iii. Graduation May 31st 11:00AM Kress Center
 1. Choirs and the East "Symphony" will be featured rather than all orchestras and bands
 2. The symphony will be composed of the Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra plus volunteers from other groups.
 - iv. Creating parameters for use of individual fundraising money
 1. Colt has brought up that some students would like to use funds to purchase supplies/instruments that are not directly used on their primary instrument or music class
 2. One could argue that interest in secondary instruments boosts musical skills overall. Or do we stress fundraising monies leftover are held for the greater good or instruments used in classes? I am open to both sides of this argument.

- b. Colton Maichle - Band
 - i. Concert Band is planning a trip to Washington and Aldo to perform and recruit for next year
 - ii. Spring Concert is May 14
 - 1. Two separate concerts
 - 2. Orchestra is at 6:00
 - 3. Band is at 7:30
 - iii. Jazz is officially wrapped
 - 1. UWGB Jazz Fest was awesome
 - 2. East kids were active during Q&A with artists
 - iv. Grant money
 - 1. Overnight Sun Prairie Jazz Fest
 - 2. Instrument specific clinicians
 - v. Colt Maichle going to NYC in June for band teacher's training
 - vi. GBAPS Jazz All Stars
 - 1. Performing for a retirement dinner on May 22
 - 2. Trying to setup a concert on May 27
 - vii. Trying to plan 2025-2026 now/early
- c. Julian Sieber/Leeya Nolan - Rhapsody
 - i. Rhapsody is working on 2025-2026 calendar
 - 1. Looking to add another full week to work before the season
 - 2. Auditions for musical and Rhapsody potentially the same time
 - 3. Brat Barn coming up Memorial Day Weekend
 - 4. Festival of the Arts in 2026 will not include visual arts so they have more time to let 3rd trimester students get work done
- d. Lindsay Tippins - Choir and Musical Theatre
 - i. Vocal Jazz went to Vocal Jazz Festival in Stevens Point on April 4
 - ii. Concert Choir is going to Southwest for WSMA concert festival tomorrow during school day
 - iii. Tentative dates are set for next year's musical
 - 1. Pushing dates back a week so opening weekend doesn't fall on Halloween
 - 2. Nov 7-8, 14-15
 - 3. Auditions by end of the school year (possibly June 2-3)
 - iv. State Solo & Ensemble is May 3
 - 1. 16 total students going between vocal and instrumental
- e. Esrom Williams - Dance
 - i. Everything is covered financially for the Dance Showcase
 - ii. Had a residency last week with a professional dancer
 - 1. Did some master classes and 1-on-1 sessions

- iii. Wisconsin Dance Group coming to dance at East High in fall of 2025
- 4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Over \$10,000 in our accounts at the moment
 - i. Still have about \$1,000 in the school account that we can access
 - ii. When we take out what's owed the balance is \$5,500
 - iii. \$1,700 of that is for instruments
 - iv. Still need to pay into individual accounts for Butter Braids
- 5. Old Business:
 - a. Butter Braids
 - i. Kids raised \$4,981
 - ii. \$2,051 in profit
 - iii. \$926 toward greater good
 - iv. Everything else is going to individual student accounts
 - v. Thanks to Julie Miller for doing a great job running this fundraiser
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Accounting
 - i. There's been inconsistency in the way accounts have been handled over the years
 - ii. Chris Naumann met with Lisa Lipp, Kristina Ha, Joe Baltus, and Lucinda Roberts to discuss what's happening with the accounts
 - iii. We're looking for a specific policy that we can follow from school administration
 - iv. If there's not a big ticket item, the district doesn't want us saving money in an account
 - 1. There currently are no solid plans for a trip but ideas
 - v. Students may have the accounts, but there are specific rules about what they can spend them on
 - 1. Students need to order instruments before the last term of the senior year
 - 2. If students can order small items/consumables (like reeds) through a school store it will help avoid confusion
 - 3. If money is not used by graduation it goes to the greater good
 - a. Money can be transferred to a sibling as long as they're enrolled at East
 - b. They can't hold money for students at middle (or other) schools
 - 4. Seniors that have a balance and want to spend it should do so now
 - b. Spring Play
 - i. Nine rehearsals left
 - 1. Will be going past 8PM tech week

2. Asking for meals each night that week
 - a. Feed 30 total people
 - ii. Parents will provide bake sale
 - c. Spring Concerts
 - i. Parents will provide cookies
 - d. End of Year Banquet
 - i. Held in cafeteria last year
 1. Did a potluck last year and had more food than we expected
 2. Will do the same thing this year
 - ii. Wednesday, May 28
 - iii. Awards for Students
 - iv. Will setup a sign-up genius for food
 - v. Parents Group will provide beverages
 - vi. Committee meeting on May 5 at Zambaldi
 - e. Rockers Game
 - i. Friday, July 25
 - ii. Every \$15 ticket we sell we get \$7 back
 - iii. Will promote this heavily at the Banquet
 - f. 2025-2026 School Year
 - i. Registration for new school year will be August 19 and 26
 - ii. Opportunity to recruit parents to join group
 - g. Scholarships
 - i. We are in a position financially to give out scholarships
 - ii. Dollar amounts will be determined when we have an exact number of applicants
 - iii. Form will be activated ASAP and stay open until Mid-May
7. 2025-2026 Performing Arts Parents Board Nominations:
 - a. Chris and Vince have outgoing seniors and will not be back in leadership roles next year
 - b. Things are well setup for next year with accounts
 - c. Bill Tubbs was nominated as Treasurer
8. Open Floor/Q&A:
9. Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 12, 6:30 PM in Band Room
10. Adjournment: 7:30 PM