



Tallmadge Band Boosters

October 21, 2025

Agenda and Minutes

1. 5th Grade Band Director's Report - Mr. Kuhlman

- a. This year is shaping up to be one of the most effective years for 5th grade band - in spite of the large numbers, which could tend to be overwhelming, in terms of quality of sound we are rocking out! I am moving a little slower than past years, but that is paying off. Students are consistently practicing and developing good habits and I think that will develop into good retention rates into future years of the band.
- b. **Concerts are 1/22 and 4/30**
 - i. Attire will be a t-shirt that we will design and sell later this fall. Design is nearly finished with Levinsons and will be put out in November.

2. TMS Band Director's Report - Mrs. Koogle

- a. Practice Sheets are due each Friday - Students may come in during academy to practice. 10-15 minutes count if it's during academy since Mrs. Koogle can help. 10 points each week for their logs. Sheets are in the room to take home by Pencil Parking
- b. Polos for Performances need to be purchased by October 27th: Polos to be delivered to the school. They come in Men/Women/Youth sizes. [Link](#) will be sent out every other week.
- c. Century Resources Fundraiser October 28 - November 10th. Funds will go through the Booster account to be used for new music stands. Music stands will benefit both band and choir. The current ones are very old and squeaky and they are not sturdy. They need to be replaced.
- d. **Winter Concert: Thursday, December 11th at 7PM.** Polos, black pants, black shoes and black socks. Bring your instruments home with you that day so you can take them to the high school that evening. Call time is 6:15PM at THS. Mandatory performance.
- e. Jazz band is open to 6/7/8 - Thursdays during Academy C. Last week we had 35 students. It's more challenging - great opportunity to learn! Working on Level 1.5-2 music. Jazz band could use some more members.

- f. We will open the Fundraiser to 5th graders as well since they use the music stands. The fundraiser through CR will be October 28th-November 10th!
- g. Next year, we plan to hire local university juniors or seniors as instrument specialists to lead weekly Academy practice sessions, with each lesson focused on their specific instrument. Students will pay a flat \$20 fee at the beginning of the year to help cover the cost of these lessons. We are asking boosters to pay around \$3,900 to go towards lessons for the entire year. This is if we have 105 students in grades 6-8 paying \$20 each to help with fees (\$2,100). We would need 8 instructors paid \$750 for the year for weekly 30 minute lessons.
 - i. Can Mrs. Koogler/Mr. Kuhlman poll the families about what they might be willing to spend as a one-time fee or even per month for these lessons for current 5-7 graders??
 - ii. Mrs Koogler will talk with the universities to see what students may be available to do this.
- h. Want to plan a party for the MS Bands and Choirs after performances, Choir will be participating in fundraiser for stands so potentially funds could be allocated for food items for them as well.
 - Winter (After Concert) December 12th, Friday
 - Spring (After Concert) April 24th, Friday
 - Sweets: Ice cream party! A couple gallons of lactose free and bowls, spoons, toppings. 3 gallons per grade times 6=18 gallons of icecream=\$126 worth of icecream if \$7 a gallon. \$30 for Syrups!
Bowls and Spoons for 240 students around \$75 for the whole year
- i. District 6 OMEA MS Honors Band Nominations have been sent in. Only 10 can be nominated. 7 and 8 grade only. Monday, Nov. 17th Students will be informed if they made it! Concert Saturday, Feb 7th 9am-4pm, concert to follow.
 - i. If we have kids who are chosen can we do a field trip (official or unofficial) or have a school send-off for them??
- j. Solo and Ensemble: 7th-8th Grade, April 18th, Saturday
Deadline is March 18th
\$18 for solo plus \$30 for accompanist=\$48
\$22 for Ensemble (cost to be divided by group)
 - i. If Mrs Koogler does not feel that they are going to earn a 1 or 2 then they decide to defer until the following year.

3. Treasurer's Report - Scot Silbaugh and Kayla Delaney

[Click here for full treasurer's report](#)

Reporting on Date - October 19. Year To Date

- a. Revenue total \$51,510.96 YTD
 - i. Expenditures total \$38,344.54 YTD
 - ii. Net Revenue \$13,166.42 YTD
 - 1. Concession income. \$40,453.11 YTD
 - 2. Concession expenses \$22,904.37 YTD
 - 3. Concession net: \$17,548.74 YTD
 - iii. Unaccounted income
 - 1. \$2,000 Donations
 - 2. \$ 438.23 Interest Income
 - iv. Fundraising:
- b. Misc Expenses:
 - i. \$300 Sr. Banners
 - ii. Yearbook Ad - Needs approval - Mr. Kuhlman or Scot can explain it.
 - 1. Lea Weeks makes a motion to approve \$505 for a 12 block color ad in the 2026 THS Yearbook for band. Lisa Webb seconds. Motion passes
- c. Upcoming expense:
 - i. Ice Machine (Est \$1,000 next year)
 - ii. Harmony Director \$695.00 (Included in our instrument/program yearly budget)
 - iii. End of Season Awards - they have been ordered and should be delivered soon.
- d. Bank Balances
 - i. \$ 22,715.43 Checking
 - ii. \$ 30,000 CDs
 - iii. \$ 53,651.05 Money Market
 - iv. \$ 106,366.48 Total Bank Accounts
- e. Establish financial aid fund as outlined in [Attachment A](#)
 - i. Discussion and Questions
 - ii. We would like families to look over the information in detail and we will vote during our November meeting. Thank you Webbs!!!
 - iii. [Application Form Link](#)

4. Update from Julie Ball - Band Boosters President

- a. Concession stand inventory
 - i. Spreadsheet that tracks historical sales for over a year, by item, by date. We have been using this to better predict what we are going to sell so that we do not run out of key items, especially on a Friday night.
 - ii. As we are learning this year, we are carrying more inventory than in the past, which is why our profits aren't as high as expected for the concession stand this fall. However, our gross sales are up 30% from

last year for the varsity football games, and due to new processes we have implemented this year, we are moving through the line faster than ever on a Friday night!

- iii. We will take our learnings from this year, and make tweaks for basketball season and especially for the next year's football season. Overall, I think it has been great tracking the sales and looking at the detail more closely, to see the trends and what we can expect to sell.
- b. Thank you's
 - i. Thank you to all of our volunteers during football season, you are appreciated more than you know. Whether it is your first time volunteering or your 20th time, we hope you have had a fun time volunteering and hope to see you indoors for basketball season.
 - ii. Thank you to the other members of our executive board. We have all put in long hours since band camp, texting at all hours of the day, and we've had a lot of fun in the process. Huge thank you to the team for all of your hard work during the busy football season!!

5. Concessions Updates

- a. Fall Season we have had 86 families sign up to work at least one shift and most have taken on 2 or more! We have already beat last year's family count of 74 in the FIRST SEASON. LET'S KEEP GOING!!!
- b. Feedback and suggestions from you have been welcome and SO helpful
- c. All TBDMB families are asked to sign up for at least THREE shifts per season. TMS needs 2 and 5th needs 1. MORE shifts are encouraged and appreciated!
- d. Link for Winter will be going out soon - Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball and Wrestling. Indoor concessions are pretty chill with the exception of varsity boys basketball games. Most can be staffed with 3-4 people total and it's an entire season that would be great for first-timers. No cold or hot weather to worry about. The stand is located right inside the rotunda at THS. The door for entry is on the right as you head down the hallway marked Auditorium.
- e. SHOUT OUT THANK YOUS
 - i. Amber Byers/Arihannah Jones - Just moved to Tallmadge! Welcome and thank you for being brand new volunteers and just jumping in after our home game on 10/10 to see if we needed help cleaning up and also for the fantastic donation of the rechargeable frother to make hot cocoa!
 - ii. Telichia Beckley/Kennedy/Anaya and Lea and James Weeks for jumping in at the last minute to help us with the TYF playoff games!

- iii. The 10/10 Homecoming game Friday night crew - Linda, Joe, Kathy, Charles, Kim, Lindsey, Matt, Jeremy, LeeAnne, Bob, Bev, & Kim - That was the absolute FASTEST and most efficient halftime/3rd quarter we've ever experienced. When we finished I was in complete awe at how smoothly it went!
- iv. Charles Rousculp - thank you for measuring, ordering and installing our new plexiglass doors for the food warmers. NO MORE BROKEN SAFETY GLASS!
- v. The James Family - it's wonderful to have a family with so much experience that can manage an entire concession shift on top of organizing all of our band dinners! THANK YOU - your knowledge has helped teach all of us AND our newbies this year!

6. Band Credits

- a. [Click here for full explanation](#)
- b. All credits earned from summer through today have been logged and we are getting ready to fill the Winter Signup Genius
- c. Don't forget that you must attend at least one band booster meeting per semester to validate your credits.

7. Duma's Fundraiser Information

- a. This will be a Spring fundraiser (Grilling season!) More specific information is coming soon, but all band students will receive tickets to sell for Duma's Gift Cards. Tickets will be \$10 each. Last year we sold 1,056 tickets and gave away \$850 in prizes.

8. Tallmadge HS Marching Band Director's Report - Mr. Kuhlman

- a. Season is wrapping up, ready to move on to concert band season.
- b. Very thankful and happy with the parent help this year - it really has been amazing.
- c. Concert Band - December 10 concert 7pm THS Auditorium. Call time 6:30pm
- d. Asking for a purchase in the amount of \$993 for new, high quality step-up low brass mouthpieces. These are for students at TMS and THS who are advanced beyond the basic mouthpieces and are ready for the new quality of sound, range, and flexibility offered by different mouthpieces. This price is based on the lowest quote offered by Pellegrino's (this was quoted out to Pellegrino's, Taylor, Music and Arts, and A Max and Pellegrino's was the lowest price)
 - i. Telichia Beckley makes a motion to purchase step up low brass mouthpieces for \$993. Amy Papatoukakis seconds. Motion passes

- e. Asking for \$250 to sign on to a commission of a new piece by composer Nicole Piunno through Aaron Rex at Mason Middle School in Cincinnati. A commission is the process through which new pieces of music are created, and Aaron has commissioned a new work that is an easy middle school band-level piece with a professional level alto saxophone solo. The piece would be in our hands sometime in January or February and we could perform it and have the right to say that we are premiering it. Piunno has done one other piece like this before but for trumpet and it's a very cool way give students a cool experience:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fVTvtqQqFs>
- f. As of right now, we are still planning on our end of season concert on October 28 in the THS Gym. 6:30-7:30pm - includes awards
 - i. Allow for extra time to park since there are soccer playoffs happening at the same time.
- g. CAVS game - March 9 - TBDMB will play on the floor (Includes Guard). We must sell 100 tickets total but we can go beyond as well. Tickets are in "Loudville"
 - i. Rehearsals will be in February - Light prep.
 - ii. Mr Kuhlman will check with the Cavs to check to make sure that there's no way that they'll get bumped. He will also check to see what the process will be to purchase tickets

9. Lea Weeks Motions to adjourn, Seconded by Cynthia Mitchell