

Vanden Music Boosters Monthly Meeting Minutes July 30, 2026

Attendees: Christopher Hulett, Rica Lehrer, Steve Xiong, Ryan Urmaza, Adora Tenorio, Madel Urmaza

Online Attendees : Daniel Gross, Sarah Gross, Chandra Fonseca, Pauline Derr, Cheryl Cubol, Aileen Bruce

Call to Order : 6:06 PM

Approval of Agenda : Motioned by Madel , 2nd by Steve- Attendees agreed. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes : Motioned by Madel, 2nd by Aileen - Attendees agreed . Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Savings : \$ 35,984.17

Checking : \$4,363.87

Check issued for Insurance - \$2,900.

Check issued for Ashley Havens , Disney reimbursement from Fairshare

Check issued for payment for new wheel replacement for speakers

From the previous meeting - \$5,000 was approved for instrument repair.

Brass instruments are back for repair, we will get an invoice of \$648 which is very low for brass repair. Wood winds are closer to \$2,000 for repair.

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

“ We are getting ready for Band Camp starting next week. I sent the band handbook for fall. The piano class will not be in this room. They have moved to another classroom, so this will be a choir and band room.

The bell schedule has changed a little. The biggest change is the common planning day. Last year , I was able to push a Jazz band to after school on common planning days but I am not able to do that this year. So jazz bands will be at the same time everyday .

Our first home Football game is on the 1st week of September . Unlike last year, we had 2 home games in August.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

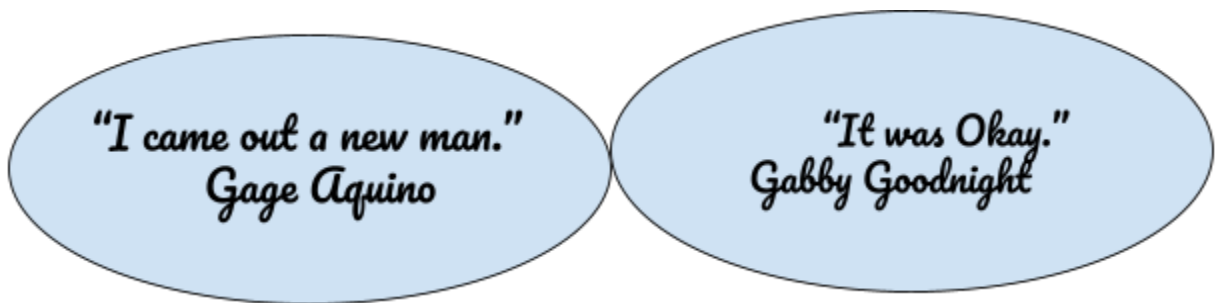
- Saturday Band Camp
- Aug 6 - Freshman Orientation - Welcome packets for new Band members will be handed out
- Lists of Fundraising events are available starting with Double Good Popcorn Sales for 7 days, starting Aug 25th-Sep 1st

OLD BUSINESS

FEEDBACK FROM LEADERSHIP CAMP

Dr. Hulett : "I spoke to all the leadership kids and the general comment was that it is better than the Mandarin's camp."

Feedback from some of the students:



NEW BUSINESS

- 👤👤 Band Camp Meals- Will be served on Saturdays.

Donations for snacks during the weekday camps are requested. Students are asked to bring their own bottles of water, preferably a gallon so they'll get used to bringing their own water/drinks.

👤👤 Band Camp Schedule is 9 am -5pm . Typically, visuals are usually done in the morning. There are 3 possible practice locations in school. Outside the band room, the asphalt area and we have access to the football field from 1 pm - 4:30 pm.

👤👤 Dr. Hulett asked the school district to pour a concrete slab for a tower before it is built on the practice field, so it won't sink in the dirt. Help will be needed to assemble the tower and put the 14 foot scaffold and to secure it. It is a semi - permanent fixture and can be disassembled but it needs to be secure when it is up.

👤👤 The school has a new fence .The fence will be open when the bell rings every morning for students and staff to come through. Staff members will have keys so if we want to come in at other times, we can come in to open the gate. It will be a push bar

from the inside. There is a wide gate and a pedestrian gate. How this affects the band is when we load heavy stuff. We would be lifting off heavy stuff from the curve . Dr. Hulett talked to the school district about this and asked for a ramp, however they cannot put a permanent ramp but we can buy a portable one that we can lay down when we need to load things and take it back to the band room. It is actually better than before where we wheel around the handicap, this will be easier which is a better solution.

The pods will be off the field and will be put in the parking lot close to us and that would be better for us.

New Website

We talked about improving the website for better communication and a one stop shop, to get information, pay fairshares/donations, view calendar, photos, videos and get new updates.

Adora tried to create one which requires the booster needs to pay the domain name a monthly maintenance of the website which costs between \$3 -20 , depending on the level of plan we decide to use.

We can create a website and/or send weekly email updates sent to band members and parents.

Dr. Hulett stated that having more ways to communicate, the better.

Rica Lehrer, new Booster President, liked the idea of having a one stop shop to check updates and information. And is looking for another payment platform for card usage since most of them have processing fees.

- Motion to approve \$200-300 to develop a new website for ease of communication.
- Motioned by Dr. Hulett, 2nd by Steve. Motions approved.
- Mode of communications for this year. Teams, Weekly email updates, and new website (when development is completed).

Dr. Hulett suggested more merchandise. New logo getting painted on connex and to have the trailer fixed or have other solutions like renting a truck, cause right now we don't have a trailer right now and we have to figure out the solution before the competitions start.

No other questions, suggestions given by members.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:55 PM

NEXT MEETING : August 27 -6 PM Band Room