

Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2018

Location: BHS C271

27 Attended: Lori Madison, Adriana Rahfaladt, Claudette Lew, Brigid Tileston, Paul Mahon, Rachel Baer, Maggie Bogue, Katherine Logue, Kimberly Priola, Carrie Stegvik, Jeri Broderick, Elba Mitoraj, Angela Nazha, Jen Shimp, Noelle Boncher-Garcia, Deb Watson, Kelly Trapp, Mary Beth Norton, Jenny Shannon, Therese Davis, Dale Juffernbruch, Leah Lazzari, Nicole Zielske-Schmid, Marla Geraci, Nicole Higgins, Tricia Davis.

Call to Order: 7:11pm

Welcome and Introductions – Lori Madison

Report of Director of Fine, Visual and Performing Arts – Brigid Tileston

Brigid Tileston offered a general welcome to the group and was pleased to see such a large group of parents who were there to support the diverse group of BHS students across all areas of fine arts from choir to woodworking.

Reports of Discipline Representatives

Band – Elba Mitoraj & Deb Watson

- Band camp began on August 12.
- Friday, September 14, the band will be performing at the football game. Music selections will be several songs from Wicked including No Good Deed, For Good, Dancing Through Life, and various others.
- There will be an informational parent's meeting on the 29th.
- The band will also be performing during the Homecoming parade.

BHS TV/238 Studios – Kelly Trapp

- BHS-TV was asked to create several videos for the first day of school to promote school safety, school spirit and the new Superfan App
 - We Are Barrington <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rekcgg67VtY&feature=youtu.be>
 - Superfan App <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xhu38tQCLE&feature=youtu.be>
- BHS-TV were asked by admin to create a video to promote all of the CTE courses and especially the new Health Medical Terminology Course <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgCjwsUmNnA>
- Crew of 10 current BHS-TV students live streamed all of the Chicago Bandits home games on ESPN and Bleacher Report.
- BHS-TV Alum RJ Sachdev was hired by the ESPN Digital Marketing team

- BHS-TV Alum Cam Good now works for the Chicago Bears and recently created a promo video for the Bears. <https://twitter.com/CamronGood/status/1037709788107427840>
- Over the summer 5 BHS-TV students and Dr. Doles created 3 videos for the Incubator Project and Coding programs.
- BHS-TV has had 3 weekly shows so far and will be live streaming girls volleyball on 9-18 and the Homecoming football game.

Choir – Kelli Davenport and Mary Beth Norton

- The district has hired Caity Kania, choir director at Station to take on two classes at BHS. She will now teach the Freshman Women's Ensemble and will co-teach 3rd hour Concert Choir with Jessica Surprenant. She will also continue to teach the choir classes at Station.
- Some new choir uniforms have been purchased to replace older/worn dresses and suits.
- New cabinets have also been purchased for the Choir to use.
- The mum sale is in full swing and ends on Friday, September 14th. Pick up is September 26th.
- The Choir picnic was held on September 7th and well-attended and enjoyed by all.
- October 1st is the audition date for the ILMEA.
- October 3rd is the Fall Choir Concert.

Dance – Katherine Logue and Jenny Shannon

- Homecoming Assembly –Orchesis dancers learned half of their Homecoming dance last spring and the other half after our annual picnic on September 15. We are performing to a music collage including Space Jam, on September 28th at the Homecoming Assembly. It will be an out of this world experience for the audience!
- Giordano Dance Chicago Residency – Orchesis & the dance classes are preparing for the Giordano Residency. The professional dancers will be working with all the dance classes on October 8 9, 11, & 12 & 15. We are also arranging master classes with the Giordano dancers for Paula Nowak's first period theatre class, Brandon Pemberton's first hour choir class & Clark Sheldon's 5th hour Orchestra class. The new sophomore level "Intro to Dance" class may also receive one master class this year.
- Giordano Dance Performance– Giordano Dance Chicago will perform their Chicago Harris Theatre program here at BHS on Thursday, October 11, from 1:00 – 3:22 pm. The performance is followed by a Q & A and
- "Meet the Dancers" segment. All Performing & Visual art classes have been invited to attend the performance. We hope that many of our FA classes, our Fine Arts Booster Board, and booster members will be able to attend!
- Orchesis Main Stage Performance– Orchesis is working on their upcoming October concert entitled "THIS IS US". The concert consists of eleven student choreographed works and six guest artist pieces. All student choreographed works must be proposed

and adjudicated. Professional guest artists for Freshmen Orchestris Dancers are: Jacqueline Stewart & Lauren Spoehr. Professional guest artists for Sophomore, Junior & Senior Orchestris Dancers are: Sarah Ford, Jessica Deahr, & Gena Brady (former BHS Orchestris dancer). Pointe dancers worked with Joffrey Ballet Faculty member Lynne Alberding to produce the pointe piece. We hope that our Fine Arts Booster Board and members will attend the concert!

- Dance Classes -The dance classes have been working on Pilates conditioning emphasizing body awareness, proper alignment & efficiency of movement patterns used in locomotor movement and combinations along with anatomy. This week they will experience their first yoga class on what we call, Yoga Wednesday!

Drama – Therese Davis and Claudette Lew

- All casting and crew assignments are completed for the Fall production of Metamorphoses by Mary Zimmerman and the Fall Experimental, The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie. Both the cast and crew lists are available on the fine arts website.
- Drama Club will be decorating a float and participating in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday September 29th so come out and support us!

Orchestra – Dale Juffernbruch

- Enrollment in the BHS Orchestra program is at an all-time high - both the largest incoming 9th grade class, and overall enrollment.
- We are continuing our partnership with Barrington's White House and will have world-renowned and Chicago's own violinist Rachel Barton-Pine perform for students at BHS Monday, September 24.
- Also, we are planning a 9th grade field trip to the Art Institute and the Chicago Symphony October 5.

Visual Arts – Leah Lazzari

- A request for volunteers was made for the Spring Art Show in April that is held at the Barrington Ice House. If anyone is interested in helping, please reach out to Leah and let her know. Without having a dedicated parent group, it can be difficult to connect with visual arts student's parents.
- BHS-TV put together a nice promotional video for the art show last spring. Leah requested that a link be sent out to the FAB board.

Reports of Officers

President – Lori Madison

- Welcome
- Upcoming Fine Arts Boosters Meeting Schedule
 - Tuesday, October 9, 2018
 - Monday, November 5, 2018
 - No meeting in December 2018, or January 2019
 - Tuesday, February 12, 2019

- Monday, March 11, 2019
- Monday, April 15, 2019
- Monday, May 13, 2019
- The Board of Education is establishing a Blueprint 220 Referendum Advisory Committee. Lori Madison has been asked to be a member and also received another invitation to be extended to a member of the FAB Board. The Referendum Advisory Committee will consist of up to 62 members that represent the Barrington 220 Committee. There are four meetings, the first of which is on Monday October 8. If anyone is interested they must be able to present an objective perspective and be available to attend all meetings. Please contact Lori Madison if interested.

Secretary – Claudette Lew

- Passed around sign in sheet.
- The May 2018 meeting minutes for meeting 1 & 2 were presented. Adriana Rahfaldt made a motion to approve both the May 2018 meeting minutes. Dale Juffernbruch seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the May 2018 minutes for meeting 1 & 2 were approved.
- The Membership Committee asked to purchase incentive items for the Fine Arts Boosters Fall 2018 Membership Drive. Lori Madison has made a motion to approve the funding of up to \$1000 to purchase incentive items for the Fall 2018 FAB Membership Drive. Adriana Rahfaldt seconded the motion. An eVote was taken on September 3, 2018. Of 20 FAB Board Members, 12 voted. 12 votes in favor, 0 votes against. The motion passed.

Treasurer – Adriana Rahfaldt

- The financials ending June 30th are complete.
- Adriana reported the FAB board made a little more than budgeted, and spent less than planned, ending up with a surplus of \$5,500, where only \$1,000 was expected.
- The board reviewed the proposed budget.
- Interest income was highlighted as something new. Adriana Rahfaldt took some of the operating money and placed it into a CD to gain a higher interest. There was a question raised about whether or not the board was allowed to make interest on this money. Adriana explained that because it is a part of operating income, there are no stipulations on how it is used so she is making it work harder and earning some interest on it until it is needed.
- Concessions will be handled differently this year.
- On the expense side, the goal is to grant as much funding to the fine arts teachers as possible this year. The goal is over \$30,000. Some of that funding will be allocated differently this year.
 - One new budget proposal was that Brigid Tileston be allocated \$2,500 funding now, and from hereafter in the spring, so that she can use that for special fine arts programming at the very beginning of the school year. Adriana Rahfaldt requested a motion to approve this new funding. Noelle Boncher-Garcia seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Grateful, Brigid mentioned she will use some of that funding to bring in an artist for a mural in the Visual Arts hallway and for music and theatrical guest professionals to come in and help with some of the BHS fall concerts and productions. This offers the opportunity to bring in additional inspiration from outside the classroom.

- Stipends will also be increasing to \$6,000 to be split between fall and spring stipend awards. This increased amount was recommended because of the large number of applications that were received last year.
- Also noted, a small request for funding was needed to pay for an email subscription service, MailChimp, to manage the growing FAB email database.
- In addition to the \$1000 that was approved via eVote for the FAB promotional merchandise, an extra \$200 was added to cover the expenses for that allocation. A careful inventory will be taken before and after the Back to School night so more accurate forecasting can be made in next year's budget.
- Adriana Rahfaldt requested a motion to approve the proposed budget. Carrie Stegvik made the motion. Katherine Logue seconded. All voted in favor and the proposed budget was passed.

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership – Rachel Baer, Jeri Broderick, Kelli Davenport and Lisa Davenport

- Jeri Broderick reported that Membership is getting ready for the big drive at Back to School Night this week. The membership table will be in the gallery and volunteers would be appreciated. She explained the different levels of membership, as well as the costs and benefits to each.
- As of September 10, 2018, there were 19 members who donated a total of \$4,850. Last year, over \$23,000 was raised.

Citrus Fundraiser – Sarah Hoban, Dale Juffernbruch, Kimberly Priola and Carrie Stegvik

- The citrus fundraiser begins September 17th and ends October 1st. Pick-ups will be the first weekend in December, with an extra pick-up date added on Wednesday, December 5th, from 3-7 pm and the Saturday, December 8th pick-up time has been changed from previous years to 10am to 1pm.
- Volunteers are needed to stuff the 1,500 envelopes that will be going home with students next week. If anyone is available, please come to BHS on September 11th after 9am and see Kimberly Priola. Students are also able to help during their open period.
- Brigid Tileston was asked to send an email home on the Monday (September 17th) that the kids will get the sales envelopes to make parents aware in lieu of Friday, when the kids won't have it yet. She agreed.
- The committee has been vocal with teachers that the more we sell, the more grant money may be available, in an effort for them to keep reminding students to sell.
- There will be an ad at the CATLOW as well as on the electronic village sign and sign in the library. A press release will go out on the 14th of September and an article was submitted to Quintessential Barrington. There was a question about whether it was too late to ask BHS TV to do a short promotion. Lori Madison will follow up.
- The only way to maximize Citrus Sale success this year is to increase volume because of rising product costs and maximized retail pricing. Last year, only 25% of students made

any citrus sales. If every student sells at least one item, there will be a significant increase in sales and money raised for fine arts.

Alumni – Judy Bruce/Diane Mahon

- No report

Concessions – Tracy Rivera

- No report

Playbill - Elba Mitoraj

- Elba reported the letters have been printed for mailing and the deadline for business sponsorships is October 1. Elba is no longer managing Fan O Grams. These can be purchased directly through the Revtrack website now.

Publicity – Paul Mahon

- No report

Scholarship – Jen Shimp

- The Nancie Kozel Scholarship award winners both had their checks sent to the college they were attending in early August. Both recipients went to Ball State University. The recipients were Liam Boyle and Graeme Mahon, we wish them both a great year! Applications will once again start being accepted in February 2019 - an application date window is yet to be determined.
- Lesson Stipend Application windows have been approved by Brigid to run during the following time frames and will be posted on the FAB website as soon as possible:
 - Fall: October 8-12th
 - Spring: January 14-18th
- Due to the increased applications we received during the fall and spring season, the board approved to increase the amount of awarded stipend from 21 to 30 students this year. Thank you! We hope to continue to increase the amount of students that apply. We hope to do this by continuing to get the word out, promote through Brigid's e-blasts, communicate with the fine arts teachers to promote the application windows, and maybe even try to promote through social media if possible.

Student Artists Council and Leadership Board – Sarah Parrish

- Will hold their kick-off meeting September 11, before school to discuss plans for the year, the organization and to introduce new members. Volunteers will be requested for Thursday night's back to school night and Kimberly will discuss the Citrus sale with the members.

Website – Noelle Boncher-Garcia

- The citrus sale page is up and running. Annie took care of that.
- Noelle will be working on making sure the site is open during the upcoming application window for the Fall Stipend Awards.

Advisor – Paul Mahon

- No report

New Business

Interlochen Scholarship Discussion

- Lori Madison highlighted an entry on the financials entitled Interlochen Scholarship Fund. She explained that these funds have not been used on a regular basis. The reason might be that the price to attend Interlochen has increased upwards of \$5000. The executive committee of the board, in conjunction with the scholarship committee is looking into how the fund was initially established and whether there are any restrictions on how the monies should be used.
- Paul Mahon recounted that he and Davida met with Mr. Lageschulte, whose family donated the money. Mr. Lageschulte was shocked that after all this time, the money was still there, but then remembered that one of the rules was that the principal of the funds was never to be touched. He told them it was not his family's money, but money that was raised by a group of people.
- The FAB board would like to look into using the money for any fine arts summer camp, not exclusively Interlochen, which has significantly increased in price over the years.
- Kimberly Priola, past FAB board president noted that careful attention be paid to this matter and the board should try to locate the original paperwork that accompanied the funding before any changes are made so that the board does not violate any agreements that may have been made.
- The scholarship committee will do more research and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Jen Shimp made a motion to adjourn the September 10, 2018 Fine Arts Booster Board Meeting. Katherine Logue seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudette Lew
Secretary