

# **William Aberhart Music Parents' Association (WAMPA)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 3rd, 2014,

William Aberhart High School Band Room

### **1. Opening**

#### **a. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Stephenson at 7:12pm, Monday March 3rd, 2014.

#### **b. Approval of Agenda**

Debbie Kunert moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Owen Stephenson. Carried .

#### **c. Approval of February 3rd, 2014 Minutes**

Owen Stephenson moved to approve the minutes of February 3rd ,2014 (as amended with name changes to Dessert Night tasks, ie .Chef's Table-Brenda and Wine Tree-Fran), seconded by Jennie Kwan. Carried .

#### **d. Welcome to new Principal**

Deferred until Tammy Aniss-Johnson can attend a WAMPA meeting.

### **2. Reports**

#### **a. Student Music Council**

Catherine Fong reported that the Student Council has collected some silent auction items for Dessert Night. The council has decided to donate any proceeds to the Children's Legacy Fund (provides instruction/instruments to underprivileged students). A representative from this charity was invited to attend this event, but is unable to do so. Robert Kemp has offered to take some photos to send in to the charity.

#### **b. Treasurer's Report**

Fran raised the possibility of having a professional accountant review our financials. Previously we have just reviewed "in-house". Debbie Kunert offered to get more information from her auditors.

#### **c. Flames Fundraising**

Jennie reported that participants have received payment for working the concessions for up until the end of January 2014. (payments are usually received three times a year)

#### **d. General Fundraising**

Jackie reported that general fundraising sales have still been slow. Pizza sales will be wrapping up next week and plant sales are scheduled for April.

#### **e. VPACS**

No report.

#### **f. School Parent Council**

Owen reported that the new principal gave an explanation to parents as to how she was chosen for the job. Tammy Aniss-Johnson answered questions from the questionnaire that had been sent out to parents prior to the final selection for the job of principal.

#### **g. Music Director's Report**

Ms. Phare-Bergh reported that the Vocal Ensemble had received a superior rating at the Kiwanis Festival and that the Concert Choir had received a Gold rating with the opportunity to compete at the Provincial level. The choirs will be performing at the upcoming ChoralFest March 13<sup>th</sup> (Vocal Jazz) and March 19<sup>th</sup> (Women's Choir/Concert Choir). The Concert Choir/Vocal Ensemble will also perform at an event sponsored by the Western Hospitality Masterclass to be held at McDougall United Church on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This will be a paid performance.

Mr. Willms reported that eight Aberhart bands had performed at the Alberta International Band Festival. Many groups (Abe1 Rosebowl/Abe2 Excellent +++/Abe3 Excellent/Wind Ensemble Gold/Symphonic Band Gold/Concert Band Excellent) and individual awards (Stefan Haynes, Catherine Fong, Jennifer Read, Leslie Ahenda, Rachel Wilford, Sara Wigglesworth, Paul Hong) were received. Aberhart was also well represented in the Honour Band.

The province has decided to have curriculum re-written for K-Grade 12. This will likely take some 3-5 years to do. The CBE successfully won their bid in three areas of the curriculum. Music teachers will be meeting to prepare a document outlining what is required for music.

Mr. Gingrich reported that the brass and trombones will be performing in the Kiwanis Music Festival. The All Ages Jazz Jam takes place this Friday, March 7, 2014 starting at 7pm at the National Music Centre. There are also masterclasses being given for brass instruments this Saturday, sponsored by the Calgary Wind Symphony.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop held at Aberhart called "Slide into Spring" with a concert in the evening at Hope Lutheran Church.

### **3. Business From Previous Minutes**

#### **a. Liability Insurance**

Mr. Willms reported that obtaining insurance for clinicians/guests has been resolved. There will be no need to submit police checks as long as a waiver is signed. Many music programs will benefit from these terms.

#### **b. Pool Ticket Application**

Deferred.

### **c. Band Event Costs**

Deferred.

## **4. New Business**

### **a. Choir Trip Financials**

Mr. Willms reported that there had been a mistake in entering flight costs for the Choir Tour budget. This combined with the falling Canadian dollar has impacted the budget .After combing through itinerary details, this would mean a shortfall of some \$10,000. There would be three possible ways of handling the shortfall:

- 1) ask parents to pay \$200.00 more per student
- 2) WAMPA pays for the shortfall and absorbs the cost
- 3 ) Inject this mistake back into the budget

Owen Stephanson moved that WAMPA approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> option and absorb the cost. This motion was seconded by Brenda Backus. Carried.

### **b. Transition Planning**

Deferred.

## **5. Casino(April11/12)**

Jackie reported that casino hours had recently been extended from 3am to 4am .Shift times will be extended slightly to accommodate this change. Jennifer will inform participants.

## **6. Dessert Night (March8)**

### **a. Setup/Takedown**

Tricia and Laura will be working along with kitchen/decorating volunteers to set things up. Many hands will help take down at the end of the evening.

### **b.MC/Raffles/Games**

WAMPA is pleased to have our new principal, Tammy Annis-Johnson act as MC for the evening. Brenda will oversee the games (card/bingo etc.)

### **c. Dessert Donation**

Food/dessert donations will be received by Jodi and her kitchen volunteers between 2pm and 5pm.

### **d. Silent Auction Donations**

Jackie has received these items with more to come. It was decided to have a 50/50 raffle as the only item to require an AGLC license. A lot of the smaller silent auction items will be combined to make up a “basket”.

Tickets for the Dessert Night will be made available for sale at the door.

## **7. Adjournment**

Tricia adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

## **Next Meeting**

Monday April 7th, 2014 @7pm,Abe Music Room

## **In Attendance:**

Owen Stephenson	Lorraine Pittman	Catherine Fong	Brenda Backus
Erica Phare-Bergh	Nathan Gingrich	Cathy Dempster	Fran Reid
Kevin Willms	Jackie Trowbridge	Leanne Cherry	Debbie Kunert
Patricia Stephenson	Jennie Kwan	Robert Kemp	Bonnie McDougall

## **Submitted by**

Cathy Dempster(secretary)