

## **MVHS Instrumental Music Boosters 2020-2021**

**Attendees:** Ricky Alegria, Jenny Chow, Jill Denny, Allison Devenney, Gina Estrada, Lynne Ewald, Melissa Jankowski, Michael Jimenez, Jeffrey Kuan, Anna Linde, Cynthia Ponce-Pineda, Anita Rao, Mrinalini Sharma, Carolyn Smith, Marilyn Stanley, Peter Stanley, Kathy Stiles, Jaqueline Trager, Lara Vastano, Ru-Fang Yeh

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm**

Pete welcomed everyone to the meeting and the group approved the November meeting minutes.

### **Music Directors Updates- Ricky Alegria and Anna Linde**

Anna Linde- There is a production team composed of MVHS alum Zakariya Bashir- Hill, Camille Shiu, Andrew Daetz, and David Peters who will be polishing up the virtual performances. The Virtual Pops Concert date has been changed to March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm. We are playing more music, and hope this will allow for more time, success for students. The Virtual Chamber concert will take place April 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm- Trisha is heading this concert. Virtual Spring Instrumental Concert is being held May 21st at 7:00pm. There are also plans in place for Virtual Performing Arts Extravaganza TBD. This will be one of the last performances before the school closes for the year. Outreach programs to the middle school continue, just visited Graham, Blach and hoping to visit with Crittenden. String Fling and Band Bash are not happening right now, so working to elaborate on the outreach programs. Working with Jill, to include both instrumental and choral programs, during this difficult time. Marching Band flier was created by a student to help with recruiting. Colin made the flier, and Alyssa spoke to Mike about recruiting 8<sup>th</sup> graders for MB for next year. Leadership in the music program is thriving. Student Bright Spots- Student led virtual chamber music concert, students working on POPS concert, Jazz Band is up and running. Musicians will be participating in the Pops concert! Leadership reflecting on last semester and working on implementing SMART goals and how to achieve said goals by end of semester.

Ricky Alegria- Winter Aux. Honor Ensembles:

### **All-State**

Allison Cheng- Viola

Mingkuan Yan- F. Horn

Dylan Chow- Trumpet

David Rich- Trumpet

### **Santa Clara Honor Band-**

Dylan Chow- Trumpet

Instrumental Survey results- biggest take away was to have the students play more music and we are working to do this.

We hope that the Pops concert will highlight more pop culture that might not normally be a part of the regular concert.

**Carolyn- Student Council report-** Feedback has been very positive, all very excited about the upcoming concert. Chamber orchestra is focused on more sectionals than entire group playing. Students can send in individual recordings. Music level is not as hard to encourage more student success.

Chat- what are numbers looking like for MB for fall? Anna- I think that lots of kids will be happy to join MB

### **MVHS Administrator Update- Lynn Ewald**

Building, PSAT, on campus, etc. New buildings, the 700 wing, is going to hold SStudies, some English, TEdEx, Comp. Science, Robotics, expected to open when school gets out. Then, the front part of the 100-200 wing will be redone with a new student services building, mental health therapists, cafeteria, conference rooms, etc. Restrooms are almost finished. Close to 200 juniors took the PSAT on campus. Socially distanced, went very well. Upcoming events- Club fair in March. Homecoming will take place next month. March 1-5 Homecoming week. ASB is working to find activities for students. Clubs working on Black History events this month. Drive in movie night next month. Construction- Football field and stadium- up and running. Lights are controlled via computer; PA system still needs to be finished.

Elective and athletic night took place tonight. Sports will start on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. Hoping to allow students an opportunity to participate in a sport. Spartan Pause- coming up soon for mental health. Pods- in purple tier, we can't add any new pods at this time. Teacher vaccs- the district office did not have anything new on this.

### **Board Reports- President and VP- Peter Stanley & Jacqueline Trager**

**Peter-** Recap of 8<sup>th</sup> grade info night-In addition to drop in classes that Anna and Ricky were participating in, there were also zoom links for different break out rooms, like what has been done in the gym in years

past. Lots of questions about different ensembles, etc. Good turnout, most current students are already enrolled, so not as many current students. There was a very good turn out for incoming students who want to know which classes to enroll in. A very productive hour and a half. We do not have the list of what is being offered when yet. Class offerings- Concert Band Symphonic, WE for advanced. 9<sup>th</sup> grade strings, Intermediate, and Chamber Orchestra. Also hoping to offer an intro to music class for all students who have absolutely no background in music- a music and theory class. 8<sup>th</sup> period- MB, Winter Aux, Symphony orchestra possibility (never offered as a class, but after school).

Do we need more instruments for next year? Ricky- Possibly, we will have to start thinking about, once we have numbers for next school year. 8<sup>th</sup> period is 4:00pm, "after school" Jazz band will continue to be a one semester class Jan-June next year. Field usage for fall- working on finding out a schedule that works. Looking at 2 nights per week and Sat. for MB. Jazz band was changed due to enrollment and change in staffing and directors, so music directors decided to make it only one semester. Jill Denny- Getting rid of zero period made it impossible to play in Jazz as well as WE.

Jacqueline- Thank you to everyone for all they are doing for the kids

Pete- gave a quick financial update from Karin.

We will not be merging with another high school for MB for next year.

### **Music Booster Nominating Committee**

Pete and Mina are forming a committee, will work with Lara and Jacqueline for next year. Mina- It's a wonderful group to support. We hope to get back to the whole sense of community. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Pete or Mina.

Other Committee Reports- Winter Guard (Ricky) WG has some virtual performance opportunities to WGI. Suzie said they will be doing an exhibition, no place ranking or prize, which could change. For W percussion, focusing on the virtual performances and virtual concerts for the semester.

**8:20pm Meeting Adjournment**

**\*Next meeting to be held Tuesday, March 2nd 7:00pm via Zoom**