



## **PLATT HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTER CLUB**

**Booster Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2013**



### **In Attendance:**

**Boosters Members:** Shelley Bayer, Dawn Crane, Diana Demers, Fran Fogarty, Christine Flynn, Wendy Keene, Holly Ludemann, Lori MacDowell, Donna Mordarski, Tammy Noxon, Kim Pandiani, Amy Schultz,

**Staff Members:** Laura Boates, Ethan Warner (*Brian Cyr- Updating Trip to VA Beach*)

**Welcome** – Christine welcomed everyone in attendance. She stated that Mr. Faticoni was unable to attend because he is watching his newborn baby. (*He asked that Boosters provide him with meeting date 1 month prior if they want his participation in night-time meetings/activities.*)

### **Mr. Brian Cyr: Report on Virginia Beach Trip**

- I. Mr. Cyr provided a summary of the activity he took that lead to offering a different trip than the one originally decided upon.
  - The students in Band and Pentangles now have the opportunity to participate in a ***Music Festival and adjudication in Virginia Beach from Thurs-Sun., May 1-4.***
  - Parents expressed concern that this trip will interfere with studying for AP exams which will begin the next day and are held throughout the next week. (AP Chem. is the only one being held on Monday.)
  - To address this concern, it was stated that they would return home as soon as possible Sun. afternoon/evening to allow students as much time as possible to study at home.
  - **30 students' deposits are required** if this trip is to come to fruition. Less than 30 would require much higher costs for all, so trip will be cancelled. **DEPOSITS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOV 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Perkins Travel was the agency that was used. (They have a very good reputation and many CT schools use them and are highly satisfied with them.)
  - Only 1 driver is required for the trip down to VA. Once students arrive in VA Beach, a coach bus will be rented for local travel.
- II. Mr. Cyr discussed how the destination of Virginia Beach was decided.
  - He received feedback from students during assembly, from 20 parent/guardians who filled out the on-line survey
  - Cost was a big factor in decision, as is the musical piece. Safety.
  - Single bus driver would reduce costs but limit location to northeast, eastern seaboard. VA, DC, DE, MD, NY, MA are the tried and true trip locations with these parameters.
  - Must keep in mind that the group costs are not the same as you can get for your family vacation. Economically, vendors increase group costs because they know there is a high need (*demand*) that few can accommodate (*supply*).
- III. Parents expressed their appreciation to Mr. Cyr for his effort to provide details of what the trip will entail.
- IV. After giving his report and taking questions from the parents in attendance, Mr. Cyr left to attend another Booster meeting at Maloney. **Thank you Mr. Cyr for sharing your time to answer our questions and clarify the trip for us!**

**Welcome Cont'd** - Christine Flynn congratulated Kim Pandiani for winning a term on the Board of Education. Our kids have been well-served by her 1 ½ year appointment as a replacement member, but this is her first term voted in by her constituents.

**Secretary's Report** – Dawn Crane thanked Christine Flynn for taking notes last month during her absence from Oct. meeting. To avoid any confusion with Mr. Faticoni's report about the trip, an addendum was included at the end of Mr. Faticoni's report that stated that the DC trip was cancelled due to lack of interest, so another trip to VA Beach is now being planned.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tammy Noxon reported that the issues with the balance of the students' accounts at the end of 2012-2013 school year have now been resolved by Mrs. Boates; who was able to manually post them into CHARMS for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. (*The meticulous accounts last year by Linda Rolstone made this possible.*)

Balances of student accounts/totals do not reflect any of the money that has been received from the Playbill or fruit sale fundraisers.

### **Staff Faculty Reports**

**Mr. Ethan Warner** – Reported:

- the play "***Frankenstein Unplugged***" took in over \$3,000. This will help students fund their trip to the CT Drama Festival in 2014.
- Blood Wedding" will be performed March 6-8– Auditions have taken place. Cast list will be posted on Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- PHS will host a competition for the Nat'l High School Shakespeare Company by English. Winner will go to Greenwich. National winner will go to England. If students are interested, they should approach Mr. Warner.

- During this competition, Boosters may need to provide a reception for the judges.
- Host an Exec. Bd Meeting of the CT Drama Assoc.
- Two workshops for interested students. **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**: A monologue workshop at Eastern CT State Univ (Also date of Christmas in Village when Pentangles ensemble will perform.) **Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**: An improve workshop at Central CT State Univ. School registration will be taken care of (\$40) and students will be expected to pay a small fee to participate (\$5/\$10)
- CT Drama Festival – 2 days/1 night. Will stay at Nathan Hale Inn (*Got great price*)

Mrs., Laura Boates – Reported:

- **Marching Band** has grown so much this fall. The Southington competition was the best they have ever been.
- Band is setting new goals. Leadership is stepping up with regard to Jazz Band and the Concert Band.
- Band will be performing in the stands for the Powder Puff football game on Monday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Charter Oak Festival; Coventry:**
  - Wed. Nov. 13, the students leave school at 12:30, should bring dinner with them, will return to school by 8:30 for pick up.
  - Thurs. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, students again leave school around 12:30. Pasta dinner will be provided. Parents are encouraged to attend the concert which begins at 7 p.m. Some students may need ride back home.
- **CMEA Regional Auditions:**
  - Platt students will be auditioning from 9 am to 4 pm. So there will be 2 shifts bring there and returning back to the school.
  - Maloney bus; Morning auditions: Brian Cyr will be in charge. Platt students should be dropped off *at the front of Maloney High School* for bus ride to Southbury for instrumental auditions. These same students will return to Maloney to be picked up by parents.
  - Platt bus; Afternoon auditions: Mark Faticoni will be in charge. Bus will load and unload *at the front circle of Platt*. Maloney students will join Platt at 11:30 for bus ride to Southbury for vocal auditions in afternoon. Maloney students will return to Platt to be picked up by parents.
  - All Instrumentalists who will be auditioning that day will need to bring their instruments home with them on Friday, as the school will not be open.

### Old Business

- The **Illiano's Fundraiser** was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kim P. will request check from profits raised that night and provide the check to Tammy N. once it is received.
- **SCRIP:** Shelley B. provided a summary of results of first order. Very few participated. Shelley expressed frustration with trying to help parents buy into the idea of purchasing, in advance, gift cards for things that they are already going to buy. It was agreed that it is a MIND SET. It is something that people have to remember to do before they purchase items.

#### Order form is on the website;

- You can print out the order form and bring payment to school along with your order
- Register credit information on line and you can receive future email notifications of bonus % days
- Scrip cards are able to be reloaded on line.
- Thanksgiving: Special Deals and Black Friday deals.

\* **Please Note: Next Order Deadline:** **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Orders will be received in time for Christmas.

- **Playbill Ad Fundraiser:** – Pure profit fundraiser, which means that all money earned will go directly into the students' accts. Deadline; Friday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Interested students are competing to have their artwork chosen for the front cover of the playbill. Sr. Bios need to be provided by each of the Sr. students as these will be included in the playbill. Chris F. will be putting all of these elements together into the final product which will debut at the holiday concert on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. If we have any donations at the blue/gold level, we will need to arrange for signage promoting these businesses).
- **Fruit Sale Orders Fundraiser:** Not very successful; perhaps because 2 other groups were also selling fruit at same time. Had to order 4 extra bags of oranges to fulfill minimum order requirement. There were many offers from those present to purchase these extra bags. Will not need parent volunteers to help with unloading the fruit boxes. Order will be delivered before Thanksgiving break.
- **Poinsettia/Wreath Sale Fundraiser:** Vendor has been highly recommended. High quality plants. Wreaths come with red velvet bows. Poinsettia can be ordered in your choice of red, white or pink. All orders are due by Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be delivered by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. \$3.00 per plant, and \$5.00 per wreath sold, will be issued into the students accounts. Plants will sell for \$10 while wreaths sell for \$15.
- **Review October Events:**
  - UMASS Band Day: Those band students that attended had a great time. Awesome to participate in such a large band and see the UMASS band perform after the football game.
  - Music of the Knights: Southington competition: Performance was best yet!

- Shades of Green florist: Sent a bouquet and well wishes to the cast of “Frankenstein Unplugged”. Provided flowers for the Sr. Night moms. **Please support them.** Located behind Walgreens Pharmacy.

### **New Business**

- **Frankenstein Unplugged**: Students did a GREAT job both nights. Most patrons attended the opening night performance. A cast party was held at the Flynn’s home. Chris F. stated that the kids were calm and mellow and party lasted until 1 p.m. as expected. They are also planning to host the next cast party overnight, keeping the tradition alive.
- **Sr. Night**: Had one week to plan and notify all the seniors and families to arrive at Falcon Field by 6:00. Unfortunately, recognitions began 15 minutes earlier than expected, so some parents were not present to participate. Flowers were given to moms that evening, and small gifts were given to students. A group photo was taken by many individuals in the stands.  
**Suggestion**: *Next year, have a Jr. parent coordinate this event and plan to have a “seasoned photographer” take the group picture. Also instead of walking across the field and getting in a vertical line, have students and parents/guardians stand in a horizontal line, so everyone can be seen and families can take pictures of their family members.*
- **Spirit Week**: Mrs. Boates approved that students could sell our spirit wear and other spirit concessions on Fri. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Mon and Tues. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> during the three lunch breaks. They will also make posters and put up signs in the hallways.
  - Students will sell scarves, pom-poms, buttons, and bleacher seats and rally towels at lunch on these days.
  - Chris F. requested that a parent supervise during these days. Shelley B. volunteered to do that.
  - Kim P. volunteered to sell these spirit items during the Powder Puff game on Monday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.  
*It would be great if another parent volunteers to help her.*
- **Thanksgiving Game**: Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> (Game starts at 10:30)
  - Marching Band will perform Movement # 3 and as requested by the students, “Twist and Shout” for the Half-Time show.
  - Pit Crew volunteers will be needed.
  - Students will be asked to bring in breakfast items to share with each other, prior to loading the bus.
- **Holiday Concert: December 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - Location is uncertain at this time due to the renovation construction.
  - Students are being asked to bring in items for raffle basket(s). Winning ticket(s) to be picked toward the conclusion of the concert.
  - Music Playbills are expected to debut at this concert
- **Can and Bottle Drive** – December 7<sup>th</sup>; 9am – 12pm
  - Parents and Students volunteers are needed from 8:30 – 1pm. There needs to be a crew at both locations: Front circle at *Platt and M& M Recycling*. Drivers will also be needed to bring donations to the Returnable Center
  - Money collected that day will go into the General Fund. If a parent wants the money from their donation to go into their child’s account, they will need to return them on their own and then ask Tammy N. to deposit it into that child’s account.
- **School Renovations**: Teacher parking in the Oregon Rd lot will be stopped for 3 weeks, except small number of spots by the cafeteria. Told to park at Lincoln. But even then, it will be a challenge for teachers to find sufficient parking.
- **Taco Night**: *Date to Be Determined* - Kim P. wants to check the home sports calendar with Mr. Katz to be sure there are no home games competing with the night. It will be a Friday night. Right now we are scheduled to hold it on January 24<sup>th</sup>, with a snow date of January 31<sup>st</sup>. *These dates may change depending upon what Kim P. learns.*

### **Other**

- A question was taken about the Marching Band attending the Football playoffs to support the team. That is being considered; depending on the dates and Mrs. Boates schedule. Will also need to see what the protocol is about bands playing in the stands at these special events. Probably not take Pit instruments but act as a Pep band playing in the stands.
- **Casino Bus Trip** – Mrs. Flynn is still looking into the possibility of doing a Casino Bus Trip as a fundraiser.
- **Insurance** – Mrs. Flynn is still looking into getting insurance for the group.

### **Next Booster Meeting: December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 in the Downstairs Library**

(Please note that the originally date to hold our next Booster meeting has been changed to Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date when the Platt Football team will have their playoffs which the Band wishes to attend.)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dawn Crane; Secretary**  
Platt Performing Arts Boosters