

Minutes for MAMBO 10/17/18

1. 7:03 meeting called to order
2. September Minutes were approved.
3. First item of business was the Budget Approval for 2018.
 - a. Discussion began about items on budget that can be zeroed out such as Jazz Night which we are not having this year but may decide to add back in future years.
 - b. Hardship Funds were also discussed.
 - i. Is it necessary to split Music from the Arts for this fund? So far there have been 10 requests for ASB cards from Music alone.
 - ii. There was a discussion as to if the need is increasing or if the students are beginning to feel more comfortable asking for financial help. Mr. Hornstein and Mr. Rengsdorf discussed covering anywhere from 50% - 100% of the cost for ASB cards. Right now there is no paper trail as these are confidential requests.
 - iii. The discussion continued with the teachers saying that the hardship fund could be added to the handbooks and the syllabuses at the beginning of the year so that students are not deterred from joining Music and the Arts for financial reasons.
 - iv. The treasurers and the MAMBO teachers will continue to discuss the best way to proceed in planning for the increased hardship needs in regards to the budget.
 - v. It was decided to approve and write the 10 requested checks for Hardship Funds directly after the meeting.
 - c. The \$500.00 cost for the Drama director was questioned and explained that because Katie Powell is on maternity leave it was necessary to add support. This cost is not covered by the district and was covered out of money left in Katie's drama funds from last year.
4. Christie discussed the fact that she may not be able to be a signatory on the account as she is an employee of the ESD and this may be considered a conflict of interest.
 - a. 6 individuals were agreed to be signatories: David (President), Carmen, Rachel, Mark, Vanessa (both of the treasurers), and Dian. Carmen moved to approve the signatories, the vote was seconded and approved.

- b. David explained that Donnie was not able to be present at the meeting to complete signature cards.
- 5. Carmen moved to approve the budget, the vote was seconded and approved.
- 6. David spoke about the Keys For continued success for MAMBO.
 - a. David urged the group to share responsibilities and foster volunteerism. Challenge people to get involved in MAMBO – follow up by taking their name and then email and phone them and ask for help. This will help the group to not reach burn out.
 - b. Mark suggested that we reach out to parents directly and also mentioned that Facebook has diminished it's return greatly. David spoke about what an amazing job Rachel has done in PR communicating via newsletters, Facebook and emails. A conversation began about the best mode to increase parental involvement. It was suggested that we try an "opt in" to receive emails or use the remind format that Emily Hurd uses in band. Reaching the middle schools using these methods was discussed so as to have involved parents from freshman year on. David wanted to ask if it would be possible to add the opt in and remind systems. Mr. Hornstein suggested that whatever we decide that we come up with a strategy and create a system to be used for future school years.
- 7. Diana White the Vice President of the Equity Project and the Vice President of the Edmonds school board then spoke about Diverse Equity Inclusion. She spoke about how the project began and the policy that has been passed by the legislature so that every student can have equal access to everything from music to ASB cards, sports and other opportunities within the schoolhouse. This policy is called the 0600 Policy. Diana then spoke about some of the challenges and goals of the Equity Project.
 - a. Diana will email the group her PowerPoint presentation.
 - b. The question was asked by David is it fair to use some of the funds for MAMBO for the Canada trip as 3-4 kids would be unable to attend for various sensitive reasons. Emily Hurd stated that we have to help some that can't help themselves. Mr. Horenstein explained that to offset the fact 3-4 individuals could not cross the border into Canada that there would be a stop in Bellingham so that 100% of the kids could participate in the trip to that point. Diana then said that she could not say that the Canada trip was wrong or would violate the policy. Mr. Horenstein stated that the idea is that the Canada trip would become an annual trip.

8. It was suggested that the Mattress Event be moved to November. Results for the Mattress event will be discussed in November for the purposes of time.
9. The group then spoke about upcoming events for MAMBO
 - a. Bingo Night is Thursday the 25th at 6:30.
 - b. 10/27/18 Instrumental Jazz Symposium
 - c. 11/1/18 is an All Band performance at 7:00.
 - d. 11/6/18 Fall Jazz Night (all jazz groups)
 - e. Empty Bowls fundraiser is 12/6/18 from 5-7.
10. A discussion began talking about snacks for concerts. It was discussed that we should pick and choose when we have concessions. Inclusive concerts are the best time to have concessions.
 - a. It was decided that the December 18th concert would be a good time to have concessions.
 - b. Christy asked to be informed so that she could organize.
 - c. The group discussed whether David should speak before the concerts to inform parents about upcoming events and such.
11. Drama opens with Macbeth on November 30th.
12. Financials- Mark & Vanessa
 - a. Budget was just approved so David suggested that because no monies have been spent that we save the financial report for November.
13. It was discussed that Equity Summit was included in the MAMBO Facebook page. It was suggested that we do not post items such as these if we cannot stand directly behind them and if they do not pertain directly to MAMBO.
 - a. Students of the Month for September and October were presented. Anya Petroff Howarth, Katie Dreesen, Elliott Greenleaf and Drew Wright were voted in as the Students of the Month for September and October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

