**Call to Order**

Due to evening weather forecast, the February meeting was cancelled. Directors reports submitted via email below.

**Attendees**

**Directors**

Steve Boswell, Glenn Eikenberry, Sarah Farster

**Secretary’s Report**

Review and approve January 14, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by: XXXX Seconded by: XXXXXX

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer’s Report from January

Motion to approve by: XXXX Seconded by: XXXXXX

**Old Business**

* Events
  + Sun, 1/20: Bowling Bash, Bertrand Lanes, Waukegan 12:00pm – 4:00pm
  + Wed, 1/30: Evening Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal @ Viking, 6:00pm
  + Thur, 1/31: Gurnee Portillo’s Fundraiser 5:00pm – 8:00pm
  + Sat, 2/2: District Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Park Campus – Round Lake
  + Wed, 2/6: Evening Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal @ Viking, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**New Business/Upcoming Events**

* Upcoming Events
  + Tue, 2/19: 5th Grade Band Rehearsal @ River Trail, 8:30am – 9:30am
  + Tue, 2/19: 5th Grade Band Concert @ Prairie Trail, 6:00pm
  + Wed, 2/20: Black History Month Celebration @ Prairie Trail, 6:15pm
  + Thur, 2/21: Warren Jazz Festival, Jazz Ensemble 6:30pm
  + Sat, 2/23: Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival, Jazz Ensemble
  + Thur, 3/7: Contest “Preview” 6th-8th Bands & Choirs @ Viking, 7:00pm
  + Fri, 3/8: Organizational Contest @ Wilmette MS (Symphonic Band)
  + Mon, 4/22: Do Re Mi Meeting @ Viking Band Room, 6:30pm
  + Tue, 4/23: Viking Jazz Night @ Viking, 6:30pm

**Director Reports**

**Mr. Boswell: Portillo's:**We had a little concern early on in the day because Portillo's was closed due to what I heard was a gas leak. They opened in time for our fundraiser. I showed up near the end of the night. I saw a fair amount of D56 families but not as much as in past years. I am told we made $283. Last year we made $890. I know the weather was an issue but I am starting to get concerned about the lack of attendance at these events. **Bowling Bash:** We didn't seem to have as strong of a showing at the bowling bash this year. It may be worthwhile to discuss how we can ensure that more families come out to bowl. However, we still made some money. Our secretary Amy Ball won one of the cash raffle drawings and graciously donated back to the Do Re Mi lesson scholarship fund! **Solo & Ensemble:** I was very pleased with the way our students represented us. We received mostly 1s and nearly everyone showed up on time! I want to thank all the parents for helping make that day run smoothly. I also want to thank our accompanists for working with our students. We always see so much student growth during solo and ensemble season. They come out of this experience much more confident as musicians. I think a lot of parents would attest to that. **Jazz Ensemble**: February is jam packed! We were very grateful for administration allowing us to reschedule one of our evening rehearsals that got cancelled due to school closing. We were able to reschedule to after the 10:35 dismissal on Feb. 1. We also had our commissioned composer, Reginald Chapman, in last week. It was a huge success! The kids enjoyed working with him. In addition to working with the Jazz Ensemble on his piece, he also did low brass clinics and a hip-hop production demonstration (check out the tweets and facebook posts). We will be performing at the Warren Jazz Fest at 6:30 on February 21 and we are competing at the Rolling Meadows HS Jazz Fest on February 23. We are scheduled to perform at 1:00 that day. We are planning on spending the rest of the day at the festival listening to other top-notch school perform and seeing the Low-Down Brass Band performance at the finale concert. Also, be on the lookout for our video performance in the Black History Month Celebration program if you are attending.  **Northshore Band Concert:**We had 70 students go down to see the Northshore Concert Band last night. It was great to have so many kids go. They put on an amazing program and our very own student, Nilo Sanchez, got to perform with the group. We also got to see Mrs. Farster perform, including with a woodwind octet! The day went smoothly and the students had fun.  **Symphonic Band:** We have a concert on March 7th at 7pm. I would like to get the 8th grade picture before the concert. Can I get a parent volunteer to take that picture?We will be going to the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) Contest on March 8 after school. We will keep the students after school that Friday. We will leave for Willmette around 4. I plan on having our students watch another band that performs before us. **Conferences:** February 27 and 28. Sign up with your child's lesson teacher. Emails with links went out a couple weeks ago.

**Mr. Eikenberry:** **Bowling Bash:**I share Steve's concern about lower attendance this year.  I think I can do a better job of promoting it via e-mail and word of mouth weeks before the event. **Solo & Ensemble Contest**: This is a huge event, and largely successful. We are one of the few schools that requires ensembles, so we bring tons of kids and equipment. All of this presents a challenge, and the one that we face most is people showing up late or not at all, leaving their ensembles improperly staffed. Big thanks to some parents picking up other kids to ensure that they get there. **Jazz**: Echoing Steve, Reg's stay was a delight. He really helped us understand some style elements for his song that make it come to life. I think we're going to have a very unique sounding chart at our upcoming performances. He's a huge talent, and it feels to me like we're getting in on the ground floor with him. We're looking forward to all of the upcoming events that Steve outlined. At the end of the year, we will play again at the Assisi Homes on Grand Ave. They love having us play. **All Illinois Junior Band**: 8th grader Analisa Cress made the AIJB festival band, and I was down in Champaign this weekend to facilitate that. It was a terrific experience for all. I learned a lot observing rehearsal, and our student gained a lot, too. The Krannert Center hall is an amazing place to play. **North Shore Concert Band:** Thanks to Steve for taking the kids while I was at AIJB! **6th Grade Band**: We've been doing more Smart Music assignments this quarter, which has been a huge plus. I'm a huge fan of this structure, as it helps kids improve and practice more effectively in individual sections, and it informs my own rehearsal planning. We'll be attending the Art Hildebrand Music Invitational on Thursday, March 14 during the school day. That's always a perfect festival for our younger group.

**Meeting Adjourn**

N/A

**Next Meeting**

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