

**Reynolds Music Parent Association
Information Meeting / BBQ / Annual General Meeting
September 20, 2016**

Call to Order - Rhonda Sylven

- welcome to new and returning families
- Special thanks to Thrifty Foods and Fairway Market for food and gift certificate donations.

Band Council – Adam Stothard introduced himself and Teagan Sorensen to the members. He explained what band council does and invited students to join the meetings Friday at lunch. Teagan and Adam then took the students into the band room for games.

Administration – Tom Aerts welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He encouraged families to join in events and activities with the RMPA. There is always lots going on and things to help out with. He pointed out that he is at the school a lot but the music directors are at the school just as often.

Choir Director – Nathan Georgeson (and young daughter) explained how he is teaching at both Reynolds and Lansdowne. There are plans for a short BC trip later in the year for the Choir. He is very pleased with how the Senior Choir sounds and the turn out for the junior choir. It is going to be a great year.

Music Director – Dave Fello spoke about how active and busy the music program is at Reynolds. The program has a variety of ensembles students can join. He encourages students to be busy and get involved in events the RMPA holds throughout the year. These opportunities build community which is important not only to the music program but can be a valuable experience for students. He invited parents/guardians to join in and help out with RMPA events throughout the year.

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Outgoing Chair Report – Rhonda presented a power point of the 2015-2016 RMPA year. It explained who the RMPA is and some highlights of last year's events, including community, fundraising, trips and uniforms

Approval of 2014-2015 Minutes; moved Tracy Laramee, seconded by Andrea Lauzon

Financial Report – Sheila Dodds presented the financial report from last year.

Financial Results – 2015/16

We started the 15/16 school year with \$19,250 in funds available to support the Reynold's Music Program. Our 15/16 budget anticipated \$31,700 in spending – covered by the \$19,250 balance plus budgeted fundraising of \$12,450 for the 15/16 year.

Actual expenses were \$25,999, consisting of:

- \$8,219 for a new keyboard and a new sousaphone. We did not plan to invest in capital in 15/16, but with funds available, we re-allocated from our budgeted educational resources to cover these equipment purchases.
- \$1,755 for music folders for the choir program.
- \$8,999 for educational resources including: clinicians, sheet music, awards, choir accompanists and a contribution towards the 14/15 senior band trip costs.
- We budgeted \$4,500 towards uniform replacement that was not required.

Actual revenue raised by the parents was \$10,502, a slight shortfall from the budgeted amount of \$12,450.

- A number of our fundraisers did not do as well as hoped this year: Purdy's, Manure Sales and Poinsettias. It sounds like most schools found fundraising difficult last year. BUT... our tree recycling had outstanding success this year, raising almost \$5,000 each for the music program and for students.
- Thrifty and Fairway cards generated almost \$5000 for students and \$1000 for parents.
- We also did better than expected with concessions and with 50:50 draws at band events.

Motion: Motion to approve the financial report for 2015/16. Moved by Andrea deLange, seconded by Dave Beaudry. Passed

Appointment of new committee members – Greg Dodds

Call for President – Tracy Laramee voted in
 Call for Vice President – Tracy Bryne voted in
 Call for Secretary – Helene Poulin voted in
 Call for Treasurer – Andrea Lauzon voted in

Tracy said a few words after being elected. She looks forward to working with Mr. Fello and Mr. Georgeson during the upcoming year. She thanked Rhonda, Sheila and Karen for their time volunteering with the RMPA over the past few years. She went through the volunteer positions and more members signed up to help.

Lisa spoke to the group about the Grocery Card program, explaining how each card works and that she will try to make it to as many concerts as she can to hand them out. Families can also contact her directly and she will get cards to them asap.

Other positions

Student Accounts – Michelle Wiltshire
 Website – Donna Sorenson
 Uniform Committee – Neala St. Hilaire, Nancy Leece
 PAC Liason – Ruth Smith
 Marketing/Publicity - **open**
 Purdy Chocolate fundraiser – Mary Mah
 Hillside Night of Lights – Lorrie Ross
 Tree Recycling – Scott Knight
 Manure Sales – Dale Lynn

Level Ground Coffee Sales – **open**

Bake Sales at Concerts – Michelle Hoenish

Rhonda and Tracy thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Before leaving, everyone checked their chair for a note to say if they had won the Fairways gift certificate. Folks were invited to come up front to sign up on the volunteer sheets for upcoming RMPA events.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.