

REYNOLDS RMPA

MEETING MINUTES from: Nov 28, 2024

Attendees:

Katy Kerr, Cheryl McKinnon, Desiree McCormick, Natalie McKay, Pauline Robertson, Sandra Cranz, Theresa Jackson, Julie Bernhardt and Sam – music council president

Sam, music council president

Student led group, organizing community building activities. They try to involve people from all groups.

They are working on Music Wear. They have 2 designs (from last year) that they are considering to use. They are hoping to get orders out before Christmas and are thinking of having items like clothes (sweats, shirts) and stickers available.

Additional events they are thinking of: coffee night with some drama, pie the president, board game night, another movie night, skate night and end of year scavenger hunt. These events likely would not occur until semester 2.

Desiree and Cheryl will attend Music council meeting scheduled for Nov 29, 2024 and see if there are ways the group could be supported.

Director Reports:

Katy

Concerts are coming up in 2 weeks.

First night (Dec 11) is concert bands, choirs, carol band and strings, second night (Dec 12) is jazz bands, vocal jazz.

Recent choir fun/clinic night with support from the RMPA. Just over 60 kids attended, had the senior students join up with the junior students. There are over 70 kids in all choir groups. They had pizza, there were lip-sync battles etc.

Coral collaboration at UVic – got to see some past students in Chamber music.

Upcoming: vocal jazz trip to Powell River. The gig is 3 days, open concerts. The invitation has space for 19/20 students, drivers will be needed. Dates Apr 10-12, 2024. The last time, the organizers charged the students no entrance fees, there were discounted room rates. Vans were rented and the group was responsible for transportation, fuel, ferry and some food expenses.

Musical and Fine Arts showcase and Silent Auction – kids are doing well preparing for concerts and upcoming events.

The was \$2500.00 received from PAC funding that will likely go toward things for musical and a variety of other items/events.

There has been a donation of shoes, which will be very helpful

Jamie (absent but provided the following report)

November Band Director's Report

- Thank you for all your support at the outset of the year! I appreciate your support of all the non-musical aspects of the program: uniform distribution, wrangling late kids, chasing down payments, fundraising etc.

- Thank you to our Bottle Drive Crew (Erin, Evan, Shawn, John) for organizing and running these! Sorry about the weather!
- Thanks to Natalie for organizing Poinsettias and Purdy's!
- Several students attended the UVic Wind Symphony/Orchestra concert and the Meridien Wind Ensemble concert in the last few weeks

Band Trip

- A spring band trip was not feasible this year. 25 students committed but we needed 35 minimum for the trip to go.
 - I have reached out to Whistler to see what they are planning for their Canada Day performances.
 - Bobbi and Marilyn will look at putting together a 2-night Whistler trip (if Whistler can help with sponsoring a portion of our travel)
 - We are considering Disneyland for Spring 2026.

Blow Out the Dust Concert

- All four bands played well!
- I am proud of their performances, and I think the students are as well.
- Set-up crew had much of the work done in 1.5 hours. Record time!
- A huge thank you to the uniform team for helping kids on concert night!
- According to Emily, we raised \$1400 at the door.

Remembrance Day

- Our in-school assemblies were efficient and ran smoothly!
- Blue Band and the Mass Choir performed well in front of their peers.
- Thank you to Ari Davids (grade 12) for playing The Last Post – tough to do in front of all your peers but Ari played well!
- Saanich Hall performance was smooth in terms of set-up and tear down thanks, again, to a great group of crew kids.
- Blue Band played well and, for the first time in my time as band director, IT DIDN'T RAIN!
- Thanks to two band grads Jordan Cowan ('20) and Peter Newall ('24) who are Saanich interns for pre-setting all our chairs before arrived.
- A huge thank you to Peter Tyrrell for picking up the UHaul and driving it to and from the hall. Thanks to Kelly for being Peter's chauffeur!
- Mayor Murdock and audience members were very complimentary and thankful

Term 1 End

- Many students in Grade 10-12 completed all their "Requirements" and their grades are quite high. It's great to see kids taking responsibility for their achievement and learning.
- Grade 9 marks (proficiency scale) are typical for Term 1 of grade 9 band.
- Grades for Jazz Bands, Pit Band, and Wind Ensemble will be available at the end of Term 2.

Carol Band

- Rehearsals have started. Carol Band's mission: to spread some musical joy around our city at the holidays
- Our first performance is on Friday at the legislature light up. Reynolds performs at 5pm in the upper rotunda.
- Thanks to Kelly for coming in on Monday and Tuesday to size the grade 9s and 10s.
- Upcoming performances:
 - Tuesday, Dec. 3rd: Aberdeen Hospital Carolling 1:00pm call time, 1:30pm start, [Aberdeen Hospital](#))
 - Friday, Dec. 6th: Garth Homer Society Carolling 12:30pm call time, 1pm start, [Garth Homer Society](#))
 - Wednesday, Dec. 11th: Reynolds Winter Concert #1 Pre-show from 6:30pm to 6:50pm
 - Tuesday, Dec. 17th: Abbeyfield House Carolling 3:05pm call time, 3:20 start, Abbeyfield House)

- Perhaps one more in the final week of school if we can manage it.

Upcoming

- Wednesday, Dec. 4th: UVic's "Jingle Brass" – UVic's Brass studio has asked 5-7 of our brass players to perform with the UVic students/faculty for 3 numbers. More details to follow.
- Wednesday, Dec. 11th: Winter Concert #1 (Carol Band, Concert Bands, Choirs, Strings, 6pm call time, 7pm start, Gymnasium)
- Thursday Dec. 12th: Winter Concert #2 (Jazz Bands, Vocal Jazz, 6pm call time, 7pm start, Gymnasium)
- Saturday, Dec. 14th: Tuba Christmas (community event for any interested Euphonium/Tuba students, Market Square 1pm Start)
- Wind Ensemble's first performance will be on Friday, Dec. 17th at the Fine Arts Showcase.

Fundraising Updates:

Hilltop - \$2500.00 was sold, at a cost of \$1428.00, so over \$1000.00 in profit

Natalie passed to Julie the list of what was sold by each student and Julie will review the information and will prepare/organize the documentation outlining what dollar amount will go to individual student accounts and what will go to RMPA. 40% to RMPC and 60% to student. Pick up for these is on Dec 13, 2024

Purdy's

Natalie will ask Jamie to send an update/reminder re: the upcoming Purdy order deadline and will send an email to Holly to inquire about it being put in the TWAR.

It was agreed to have a smaller number of individuals (than last year) to help with sorting. Delivery is expected between Dec 10-12, 2024.

Tree chipping/bottle drive

There will be an option for people to sign up for a shift (week prior to tree chipping dates) for a 'flyer afternoon' where parent drive volunteer students to a neighbourhood so they can distribute flyers advertising the bottle drive/tree chipping. Saanich News has asked if they could put an ad in for the tree chipping as well.

Natalie knows someone from the Zone radio that will come and do a 'remote' for us. We could use them in the New Year for the instrument drive.

Upcoming concerts – admission is by donation to the music program

It was noted that as a parent association we request that we receive a receipt for the funds raised during the concerts. The RMPA treasurer, or an RMPA representative volunteers to assist with counting funds as per SC 61 regulation 3450.1 Cheryl will pass/discuss this request with the appropriate school contact.