



**Important Dates**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Car Wash	Saturday, Aug 12	Ray's True Value	8:00-3:00
Band Camp	Aug 15-19 <sup>th</sup>	Millbury High School	
Band Camp Show	Aug 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm	Millbury High School	
Next Meeting	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm	Millbury High School	

**Date:** August 3, 2006

**Location:** Millbury High School

**Time:** 6:02 pm

**Meeting called to order: 6:00 – Mike Kniskern Presiding**

**Attendees:** Mike Kniskern, Walter & Donna Swenson, Andrea Paquette, Kelly Roberts, Karen L'Esperance, Pam Ashmankas, Ann Jenkel, Sherri Brousseau, Dan Ferreira, Deb Flynn, Angela Createau, Chris Charette, Paul Nigosian

*Secretary Report* – [Accepted]

*Treasurer Report* – [Accepted]

\*Note change in order of business as noted in previous agenda to accommodate instructor's availability.

**Introductions**

We had two new members to this meeting – welcome!

**New Business**

- *Color Guard 6ft Pole Request (Kelly Roberts)* – Has requested the monies needed to purchase 6ft poles for color guard to allow the current and new members to begin getting used to the longer (currently use 5ft) poles that most other guards are now using. Cost of these poles is ~\$7.95 ea plus shipping. [Vote] Linda Boll

- made motion, with Donna Swenson second, to purchase through Kelly Roberts for a total cost of \$85.00 the 6ft poles as needed. [**Approved**]
- *New Color Guard Flags (Kelly Roberts)* – Has request approval to purchase new guard flags for this year. Cost will be, depending on flags, between \$15.00 and \$35.00 per flag. [**Delayed**] Kelly will select the flags wanted for the guard and get back to us with total costs. As has been discussed in past we would like to purchase at least one new set of flags each year for the guard.
  - *New Director (Dan Ferreira)* – Was present to discuss several issues and presented some of his plans for the coming year. The following is a summary of that discussion:
    - *New Policies* – Based on discussions with school administration no one will be allowed to leave school ground during the band camp as has been done in the past. This is to improve accountability and safety to the students involved in the program. Please be sure your student has their lunch/snaks/etc when they arrive at the school or plan on bringing it to them.
    - *Music Courses GPA* – Courses for the High School students now count (Chorus and Band) towards their GPA earned.
    - *Behavior and Expectations* – All students will receive and review during class new policies on behavior and expectations. This is being developed to improve the overall experience of the students involved in the programs. This will also help to drive team behaviors among the students as well.
    - *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band* – Marching band will not be available to these students. Focus will be to use 7<sup>th</sup> grade as a transition year.
    - *Concert Band/Marching Band* – Change that Marching Band will not be a requirement for Concert Band members. Marching Band members will still be required to be part of the Concert Band.
    - *Chorus Vocals* – Dan will be taking on Chorus for at least this year. Future plans are up in the air at this time. He would like to bring in special guests to help with vocal training and choral activities. Requested some moneys to cover this. [**Vote**] Deb Flynn made a motion, with Walter Swenson second, to approve expenses for this up to \$300.00 to Dan. [**Approved**]
    - *Instruments* – Dan is working with French Music to evaluated current school musical instruments and makes recommendations for action.
    - *Thanksgiving Day Game* – Will be away this year and Marching Band will perform at the game. With new attendance requirements in place this particular event will have relaxed requirements due to holiday family commitments.
    - *Shepard Hill Reg School* – Dan is attempting to establish a working relationship with this school and develop cross organizational functions where the students can learn from each other.
    - *Additional Staff/Guests* – In an attempt to improve other aspects of the music programs Dan will be looking at bringing in guest speakers/presenters that may cost additional dollars that were not included in the current school budget. Would like to see if the MMPA would assist

in covering these items this year. Possible costs could be up to and over \$1000.00. General discussion on this topic was positive and most members are receptive to this idea. Dan to present actual budget numbers as soon as he can put them together.

- *Student Clothing Order* – Dan suggested ordering (cost to students) shirts with music logo. We have done this in the past and he would like to see it continue and be encouraged to purchase.
- *Music Library* – “Is a mess” and they are working to go through and improve the overall selection of sheet music for all areas.
- *Music Calendar* – Located on internet at <http://www.localendar.com/public/dferreira>
- Feel free contact [dferreira@millbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:dferreira@millbury.k12.ma.us) – 508-353-2446 Mobile – Emergency Contact only
- *Band Camp (Mike Kniskern)* – Band Camp is coming up and we will need volunteers to help making sure the water for students stays available. Contact Mike Kniskern if you can help out. (Dan Ferreira) Band Camp show will be Saturday starting at 3:00 pm.
- *Officer Elections (Mike Kniskern)* – The end of this season will bring new association officers with elections in May. We will need a volunteer to handle the election as the election officer. This involves communicating the process of elections to the association, collecting nominations, producing a ballot and conducting elections.

### **Old Business**

- *Cori Reports (Mike Kniskern)* – It is required each year that we renew Cori reports for any association member that will be working with students. Mike will have copies at the next meeting. It is important if you can not attend the meeting that you contact Mike to complete one.
- *Volunteer Cards (Mike Kniskern)* – It is important to our programs that we complete the volunteer time cards. If you volunteer and participate you should indicate the time and dates on the volunteer cards.
- *Genevive Letter (Linda Boll)* – Linda has put the letter to students together for this fundraiser. Top money raiser will get \$100.00 and there will be a drawing for 3 movie passes. Movie passes have been donated to the association from Walter and Donna Swenson.
- *Fall Mum FR (Deb Flynn)* – Mike will work with Deb to see if we can get this one going soon.
- *Fundraisers (All)* – Discussed fundraisers that will be conducted during the year to include:
  - *School Dances*
  - *Concerts (and Bake Sale)*
  - *Car Wash*
  - *Genevive*
  - *Fall Mum Sale*
  - *Ice Cream Sundaes*
  - *Wine Tasting*

- *Bowling*
- *Candy Sales*
- *Drum Major Camp (Dan Ferriera) – Was very good.*

**Meeting Adjourned : 8:00 pm**