

# John Henderson Band Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 6:30-7:00 pm via TEAMS

<b>Attendees:</b>	
Laura Zinn, Leigh Stachniak, Sheri Stoesz, Benjamin Kensok, Blaine Martinson, AM Synnott-Doyle, Orvie Dingwal; Regrets: Jessica Lizotte, Cheryl Madden, Jenn McLean, Brandy Zelinsky, Lesley Hall	
<b>Positions</b>	<b>Meeting Dates: 6:30 PM in person at JH Library</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Orvie Dingwall</li> <li>• Co-Chair: vacant</li> <li>• Secretary: Anne-Marie Synnott-Doyle</li> <li>• Treasurer: Brandy Zelinsky</li> <li>• Grade 6 Rep &amp; Fundraising Rep: Lesley Hall</li> <li>• Grade 7 Rep: Cheryl Madden, Jenn McLean</li> <li>• Grade 8 Rep: Blaine Martinson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, April 8, 2026- (Before Grade 8 Band trip)</li> <li>• Wednesday, May 6, 2026- (Pre-spring concert planning)</li> <li>• Wednesday, June 10, 2026 *5:30 pm</li> </ul>

## Agenda

### 1. Introduction

### 2. January 7, 2026 Minutes were approved.

### 3. Band Director Update – Laura Zinn and Ben Kensok

- Debrief from Winter 2026 band concert
  - Parents like having more space.
  - Make sure to hold the Grade 7 parents back longer, will also encourage Grade 6 parents to leave efficiently.
  - Ticketing: Use it for head counts,
    - 30-40 less students this year due to reconfiguration.
  - Sound was great; Microphone refined.
- Jazz Band to perform at the Open House: February 12, 4:30-6:30 pm
- Grade 8 'Concert Band' Festival: February 19, 10:10 am, RBC Convention Centre
- Provincial Honour Band auditions due March 9: For enrichment purposes, she sent an email home to Grade 7 & 8 parents advising.
- Brandon Jazz Festival: March 12-13, 2026: entire jazz band is going
- Grade 8 Edmonton band trip: April 12-15, 2026
- Grades 6 and 7 Level One Band Festival: Week of April 21-24, 2026 (TBD)
- Spring Band Concert: May 19, 2026 (1:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 pm)

- Next year's Grade 6 for instrument tryouts (TBD).

### 4. Financials– Update from Brandy Zelinsky

#### Winter Concert

- \$766.25 matinee silver collection.
- \$687.00 evening tickets and silver collection.
- Advanced band concert \$1995.00.

#### Current Status:

- \$16,345.48 with all of it, including winter.
- Schriemer's cheque still pending.

### 5. Fundraisers – Update from Laura Zinn on behalf of Lesley

- Edmonton Band trip Rocco's pizzeria fundraiser.
- Lesley organized the fund raiser. Everything was handed out and taken care of. Over ½ students participated (usual).
- Sent home letter to students with final numbers that students need to submit. It was \$5.00 per item sold for each student.

### 6. Other Business

- Ben and Laura looking for quotes for a new instrument. \$TBD, instrument TBD.
- Last meeting the bus transportation costs were approved re: Grade 6 (\$TBD), 7 (\$TBD), & 8 (\$525.00) for the three festivals.