

John Henderson Band Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 5:30 pm, Library

Attendees: Laura Zinn, Ben Kensok, Leigh Stachniak, Sheri Stoesz, Orvie Dingwall, Blaine Martinson

April 8, 2026 Minutes – Approved

Band Director Update – Laura Zinn and Ben Kensok

- Edmonton Band Trip; Level One Band Festivals went well
- Incoming Grade 6 students came to try out instruments for next year
- Elementary school performance took place in gym
- Summer Music Camp Scholarships – Up to 15 scholarships were approved. Laura and Ben to send out final list.
- Enrolment numbers for Band similar to this year (207 this year; 204 next year)

Financial Update

- ~\$2000 in advance ticket sales
- No matinee tickets helped cut down on the amount of work.
- ~\$700 matinee silver collection
- ~\$1100 evening silver collection
- Keep tickets same for next year.

Fundraisers

- All fundraisers moving forward need to be nut free. Need to check with Rocco's.

Spring Band Concert Debrief

- Suggestion of combining the Grade 7 and 8 evening concert, but there still might not be enough room. Also creates issue of supervision for students not performing, because they wouldn't fit in the gym.
- Blaine tentatively agreed to provide his sound equipment next year. ~\$400 per concert.

Other Business

- Instrument wish list: Ben to look into electric drum kit and drum mute quotes.
- Band Trip update from Leigh and Sheri:
No Edmonton band trip and no Canadian Cultural Trip moving forward.
Reasons: cost and availability of subs; equity
Question as to why the Band Parents Association can't fundraise for subs. It is division policy.
Laura and Ben to plan something extra for the Grade 8s in Winnipeg.

Positions

	2025-26	2026-27
• Chair:	Orvie Dingwall	<u>Orvie Dingwall</u>
• Co-Chair:	vacant	_____
• Secretary:	Anne-Marie Synnott-Doyle	_____
• Treasurer:	Brandy Zelinsky	_____
• Grade 6 Rep:	Lesley Hall	_____
• Grade 7 Rep:	Cheryl Madden/Jenn McLean	<u>Lesley Hall</u>
• Grade 8 Rep:	Blaine Martinson	_____
• Fundraising Rep:	Lesley Hall	<u>Lesley Hall</u>

First Meeting Date for 2026-27:

- Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm, JH Library