# John Henderson Band Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6:30PM-7:30PM (in person at JH Library)

| **Attendees:** | |
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| Laura Zinn, Ben Kensok, Leigh Stachniak, Orvie Dingwall**,** Anne-Marie Synnott-Doyle, Jessica Lizotte, Lesley Hall**,** Shannon Rapke-Gobeil, Jessie DeGrave, Courtney Dufault, Rachelle Schott, Nicole Brabant<br>**Regrets:** Brandy Zelinsky | |
| **Positions** | **Final 26/27 Meeting Date: In-person at JH Library** |
| • Chair: Orvie Dingwall<br>• Secretary: Anne-Marie Synnott-Doyle<br>• Treasurer: Brandy Zelinsky<br>• Grade 6 Rep: Shannon Rapke-Gobeil<br>• Grade 7 Rep and Fundraising: Lesley Hall<br>• Grade 8 Rep: Anne-Marie Synnott-Doyle | • Wednesday, November 4, 2026- MS Teams<br>• Wednesday, January 6, 2027- MS Teams<br>• Wednesday, February 3, 2027- MS Teams<br>• Wednesday, April 7, 2027<br>• Wednesday, May 5, 2027<br>• Wednesday, June 9 |

**Agenda**

1. Introduction

2. Approval of June 3/26 Minutes were approved

3. Band Directors Update – Laura Zinn and Ben Kensok
   - First Lesson night, Sept 16/27 12 clinicians, good turnout, positive experience
   - Jazz Band Auditions underway Grade 7&8- extra curricular Tues/Thurs Mornings
   - Winter Band concert, Thurs, Jan 14/27 in school gym, share matinee 1:30pm /split evening 6PM, 7PM, 8PM
   - Grade 8, Feb 16-19/27- Convention Centre
   - Brandon Jazz Festival (Fehrway) overnight Thurs, March 18 and Fri, 19/27, for 100s of groups, 1 hour clinic, professional concert in evening.
   - Grade 6&7- Level One- April 26-29/27, At Desautels Concert Hall – U of M (holds 425 people).
   - Spring Band Concert, Wed- May 26/27
   - Mentorship Conference at the school

4. Financials– Update from Brandy Zelinsky

   Current Status:
   - $16,730.01 with all of it, including spring concert
   - $7,120.81 for the Schriemer's cheque

   General Considerations:
   - 15-ish summer scholarships $100 to everyone who applied; could be increased to reflect cost of camp
   - $125 to each clinician for first night as honorarium
   - Replacement of instruments, e.g. $4000 future tuba (on hold for now)

5. Fundraisers
   - Winter Fundraiser- Shelmerdine poinsettias, wreaths, swags (committee)
   - Lacoste, Schriemer's (past fundraisers)
   - Brandon Jazz Trip Fundraiser in March- Rocco's open to Jazz Band, (individual students keep the fundraising costs to offset $250.00 per kid, with surplus to the group)

6. Other Business
   - Drum kit played in the morning for interactive start, electronic drum kit needed to regulate noise. Long and McQuade $1002.40 tax incl., was pre-approved in June. Ben motioned, Laura seconded. Motion carried.
   - Grade 8 field trips to Desautels Concert Hall- Sat, Nov 7/27, for a Sr Honour Band concert with U of M Wind Ensemble, (bus costs/ dinner separate) as a local enriching opportunity. Orvie motioned for $2000 for the tickets and bus. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.
   - Discussed the justification for the conclusion of the Edmonton trip. (Various factors contributing; e.g. collective value achieved, for variety of costs, options and priorities.)