

The Maestro's, LLC
Meeting Minutes
7/28/2020

I. Call to Order

Ellie Fridell called to order at 3:30 PM at Zoom web meeting.

II. Roll Call

Attendance collected by: Ellie Fridell

In Attendance: Katherine Cook, Ben Owen, Luke Darville, Steven Rahe, Kristina, Mindy Huff, Amanda Thompson, Tiffany Lavoie, Ellie Fridell

III. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

No minutes were reviewed

IV. Treasurer's Report by Geoff Glaab

No Treasurer's report was presented

V. Open Discussion

- Introductions from The Maestros to the teachers
- Open floor to teachers to discuss plans and requests from The Maestros
- Teachers advise that they have not been given any requirements from the District yet. They know there will be new and stricter requirements for NTI 2.0, but don't know what yet. They believe they will have more information next week and when they go back in a couple weeks, they will be able to formulate plans and get requests to us
- Advised by Ms. Foster that the decision has not been made yet on whether we can charge fees to students.
- Choir advised that there are a lot of subscription-based software options. Site Reading Factory and Collabra were two options discussed. Collabra is approx. \$10 per student for their license. The more students, the lower the price. All-County this year is going to attempt to have a digital year. They don't know if they have the capability or time yet to do something on that scale.
- As of now, there will be no concerts scheduled this year in person. There will be options for digital recitals, etc.

- Working on the logistics of a drive-by supply pick up for students to receive basic school supplies. There can be no parent volunteers for the drop-offs.
- Art would love to send each student a basic kit for the first grading period of items like colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, etc. They will look in the next week or so and come up with what they need so we can start getting it together.
- Dance advised that the Louisville Ballet is having a digital season this year. Their membership subscription is \$125 and Ms. Begley contacted them to see if they would grant the school a membership or accept a Maestros donation for same. Have not heard back from them yet.
- Drama advised that Actor's Theatre is doing the same digital season plan, and Mr. Rahe is looking into the same options for that.
- We have a new Drama teacher coming in, Dr. House.
- Computer Technology advised that they don't have any needs right now, they are set with any software they could need, it's more of a hardware concern they have.
- Orchestra advised they are also still planning and will let us know when they have some ideas. A couple of software options for them include Musescore and Google Music. He can look at pricing but they are discovering that some of these don't work on every chromebook.
- Ms. Cook pointed out that they will need to be careful with overwhelming the students and parents with too many different software programs to log in to.
- Ms. Foster advised that any software program we use has to be approved by JCPS. There is a list of approved sites that Ms. Hannah will send us. If our site is not on the list, we can request JCPS look into it to include it as approved.
- Maestros suggested the idea of gifting students with some type of incentives for attendance and test grades, etc during NTI. Mr. Rahe will send Ms. Huff a link to a summer program he participated in, with some ideas
- Ms. Cook suggested getting some sort of Welcome gift to each 6th grader. A t-shirt, a magnet, a bracelet, etc. If we can get them done quickly enough, we can add them to the supply drop-off and save postage. Mr. Rahe and PTSA have collaborations already regarding a bracelet, and they will send info to Maestros to pay maybe
- Ms. Foster advised that right now any communication has to come from the District, and we are on a hold until a few more weeks probably before we can send out membership requests, etc. When we get the go-ahead, Ms. Foster can send that out.
- Financial update: we have Approx. \$23k in our Maestros account. We have another \$10k promised when we can ask for it. We have purchased a Zoom account. We have paid for pre-approved lighting. All families except one have been reimbursed from the Music For All fiasco.

VI. Adjournment

Ellie Fridell adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm

Minutes approved by: Ellie Fridell and Mindy Huff