

Unit 5 Music Parents Meeting Minutes - September 29, 2025

Normal West High School - IMC

Board Attendance:

Present: Beth Marsh, President

Present: Leslie Gully, Vice-President

Present: Andrew Walter, Co-Treasurer

Present: Kelli Halsey, Co-Treasurer

Not Present: Angela DeJaynes, Secretary

General Attendance:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by the U5MP President, Beth Marsh.

Treasurer Report:

- Audit for last year continues. Currently do not have enough funds to cover.
- Shared programs may not receive funds from Music Extravaganza since they need to be used for audit. We hope to make up some of that with Music Bingo.
- There was a suggestion to talk to Dean of Accounting at ISU. Tess Szczepaniak was going to reach out to someone to get the name.
- Reminder on Kroger Community Rewards. There are directions on how to link your account.

Director's Reports:

*******Chiddix Jr. High*******

The Chiddix Bands are full steam ahead. We had about half of our 8th grade students attend West 8th grade night on Friday, September 12th and the remaining students will be attending this Friday at Community, however, a few said they can't wait to go again. Students have submitted their ILMEA audition videos and the 6th grade students are preparing for their Music Extravaganza concert!

Chiddix Band's Gobena/Butter Braid fundraiser will kick off in October and links will be shared with Music Parents once I have received them.

*******Evans Jr. High*******

- Time snuck up on us, and our 5th and 8th grade performance is next Thursday October 9! This is the 5th grade performance where they show off what they've learned so far,

and the 8th grade Spooky performance to get the 5th graders excited about continuing to the bow.

- 6th and 7th grade will perform at the U5MP Extravaganza in November.
- ILMEA auditions are almost all turned in. Good luck to everyone auditioning!
- EJ Band and Orchestra are starting a fundraiser on October 6, primarily with 7th and 8th grade. More info to come.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Idea for proposing the district provide more funding for the music programs so the extravaganza funds could always be used for audit.
- Shared that music bingo will use prizes donated by parents instead of soliciting business donations.
- Shared request for a parent to represent U5MP at the Unit 5 board meetings.
 - After the meeting Matthew Stangley emailed to volunteer for this role. I sent him unit 5 board meeting information and said we'll start leaving him time on the agenda to report out.