

FOFA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date and Location	Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 7:00PM – 8:46PM, DCG High School Choir Room
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Attendees

	Lyddia Asman		Jan Huff
	Joy Augustine	X	Ben Ihde
X	Wendy Becker	X	Bonnie Ihde
	Michelle Breach		Julie Koch
X	Sara Bridie		Kim Matteson
	Mike Burgher		Greg Menke
	Tammy Chance	X	DeAnn McAninch
X	Craig Crilly	X	Eric Mohlis
	Susan Collins		Dawn Murphy
	Amy Cory		Karyl Palmer
	Dawn Dillivan		Joyce Putzman
X	Sandy Ellis	X	Sarah Schaefer
	Amy Forbes	X	Jim Shutt
X	Kathy Fortune	X	Heidi Steger
X	Anne Frett		Janet Stevens
X	Stacey Frett	X	Lisa Thompson
	Lisa Gomez	X	Addie Vance
	Valerie Hawthorne	X	Jeff VandeKieft
	Kathie Hicok		Ben Zaugg
	Amy Hofland		

Topic	Person Responsible
<p>Call to Order <u>Meeting Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kathy called the meeting to order. 	Kathy Fortune
<p>Secretary Minutes <u>Meeting Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January minutes were reviewed, minor updates made. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to Approve: Lisa Thompson ○ Second: Addie Vance ○ All approved 	Lisa Thompson
<p>Treasurer Report <u>Meeting Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Summary as of 1/31/2018 was reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Item [Eric Mohlis] Follow-up with Jim Shutt and Heidi Stegar 	Jeff VandeKieft

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New Teacher Reports/Requests

Sandy Ellis

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- 16 color guard positions
 - Flags**
 - Decent flag inventory; in 2017 purchased 3 sets of performance flags which were paid for by the school district
 - Depending on the show, may not have the right color/look
 - Lamiae tends to wear out more quickly than poly china silk
 - Approximate cost per flag is \$35-\$50
 - Costume**
 - Dress/cardigan were purchased at a deep discount and they “work” depending on the theme of show
 - Hems are not cut so they can be adjusted for height
 - No dresses were purchased in 2017
 - **Q:** When is the theme decided?
 - **A:** Generally in March or April
 - Do have pieces (jazz pants) in stock that could be paired with a tunic at an estimated cost of \$50/tunic
 - Black jazz/dance shoes are purchased for the girls
 - Approximate cost of shoes is \$33-\$39 with about 6 pairs being purchased/year
 - No shoes were purchased in 2017
- 6 rifle positions
 - Existing rifles are on their 3rd year
 - King rifle is the recognized vendor
 - Approximate cost per rifle is \$30-\$35
 - Expect to replace in 2018 or 2019 and replace
- Motion to fund up to \$2,500 for color guard uniforms for the 2018/2019 school year
 - Motion to Approve: Sarah Schaefer
 - Second: Wendy Becker
 - All Approved

Craig Crilly

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- Evaluating marching band program as a whole with the move to 4A in 2018/2019
- Band uniforms are replaced every 10 to 12 years at an expected cost of \$100,000 with the current uniforms being purchased in 2012
- There is currently \$2,213 earmarked for band with an additional \$386 in band uniforms; the no uniform charge for students is a district policy
- Further dialogue regarding funding need and subsequent FOFA approach to

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funding will not be revisited until a program update is received from Craig Crilly

Anne Frett

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- A school record of 4 groups were selected for All-State, including a freshman group
- The support that FOFA provided, helped with providing the needed program improvements as well as a music director to support MIME and Choral Reading
- A request was made by Addie Vance that for any family with an economic hardship be considered by FOFA to subsidize for yard sign purchase

Steve Britt (Via Email)

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- Request to re-appropriate door money from jazz clinician to fund NOCE jazz band performance
 - **Action Item [Kathy Fortune]** Verify with Steve Watson that admission funds are available or if the district retains.

Bonnie Ihde

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- 5th grade band; same number of kids between Northridge and South Prairie
- There are a lot of new parents regarding feedback as they don't have a clear understanding of how the program has changed in 2017/2018 such as, but not limited to, no performances/concerts
- There is a general music curriculum review in progress; however, it has to be the parents that drive any needed program improvements

Jim Shutt

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- With moving to 4A in 208/2019, discussing options to expand the Take Two Show Choir Invitational
 - Add 8 [Middle Schools] to Friday night for 3 hours
 - Could FOFA support concessions [pizza, candy and pop] for approximately 400 students and 800 parents?
- 8/9 Musical has been cast and is scheduled for April 6th and 7th
 - Stipend should be used for any costume needs

Featured Fine Art Teacher of the Month for February

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- Worked to procure instruments to support the elementary program
- Have (2) active jazz bands
- Working to plan trip to St. Louis
- Focusing on fundamentals

Craig Crilly

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- The pep band has been a lot of fun this year.
- Marching session has been good; however, anxious about moving to 4A (students in the top 3 grades = 600 or more). There will be marching band but considering the following:
 - 1) “Business as Usual”
 - 2) Go non-competitive
 - 3) Go volunteer (before school)
- Instrumental is no longer included in the middle school curriculum due to funding constraints in providing equipment and little opportunity to perform
 - **Q:** Could consider Governor’s Days?
 - **A:** Yes.
- “March into Spring” being taught by the upperclassman

Many thanks to Craig Crilly for sharing the incredible things happening in the High School Instrumental Department!

Next Meeting

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FOFA EVENTS			
Description	Date	Time	Location
Urbandale Show Choir Contest [Infinity]	Friday, February 9 th		Urbandale High School
North Polk Show Choir Contest [Revelation and Luminosity]	Saturday, February 10 th		North Polk High School
South Prairie 5th Grade Concert	Thursday, February 15 th	6:30PM	South Prairie Elementary Gym
Pella MS Show Choir Contest [Infinity]	Friday, February 16 th		Pella High School
All State Large Group Speech Contest	Saturday, February 17 th		
Show Choir Camp	Saturday, February 17 th		DCG High School
Coe College Jazz Band Festival [Jazz 1]	Thursday, February 22 nd		Coe College in Cedar Rapids
SE Polk Show Choir Contest [Revelation and Luminosity]	Saturday, February 24 th		S.E. Polk High School
SCI Honor Choir	Monday, February 26 th		DCG High School Auditorium
6th Grade Band/Vocal Solo Contest	Tuesday, February 27 th	4:00PM	DCG Middle School Gym
8-12 Vocal Concert	Thursday, March 1 st	7:00PM	DCG High School Auditorium
Kirkwood Jazz Choir Festival	Friday, March 2 nd		Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids
Hoover Jazz Band Festival	Saturday, March 3 rd		Hoover High School

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[MS Jazz, Jazz 1 and Jazz 2]			
8-12 Band Concert	Monday, March 5 th	7:00PM	DCG High School Auditorium

2017/2018 DECISION SUMMARY	
Description	Date
Investments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allocate \$6,000 (\$150/student) to fund Revelation Show Choir costumes for 2017/2018 	6/6/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allocate \$900 to fund the Speech Program expansion for the 2017/2018 school year 	6/6/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spend \$10 per stipend teacher on a gift/gift bag for teacher appreciation 	7/17/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roll the following funds into the 2017/2018 school year and all other balances will be returned to the general fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meadows (8th/9th Grade) – Show Choir totaling \$2,257 ○ Other – Crilly totaling \$1,759 ○ High School (10th – 12th Grade) – Show Choir total \$958 	8/1/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual stipend (\$500) will be allocated by teacher (vs. by department) for the 2017/2018 school year 	8/1/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allocate up to an additional \$100 for Band Camp supplies which are not in inventory 	8/1/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding in the amount of \$1,500 to subsidize the Marching Band Banquet on 10/17/2017 	9/5/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allocate up to \$10,000 to purchase approximately 75 dresses for Infinity Show Choir (7/8) 	9/5/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allocate up to \$700 to fund Opera Iowa at Dallas Center Elementary 	9/5/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary School(s) trombone purchase in the amount of \$200 (from Maifeld Stipend) 	10/3/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allocate \$1,700 to purchase (8) dresses and (8) tops for Luminosity Show Choir (9-11) 	10/21/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proceeds from Business Sponsors for Take Two will be earmarked for the High School Show Choir Program for 2018. 	11/7/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In an effort to be better stewards of our finances, a motion was made to invest \$10,000 in a short term [with an option to re-evaluate each quarter] 	12/5/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fund up to \$150 to provide cake at the reception of Large Group Speech Parent Night 	12/5/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fund up to \$2,500 for color guard uniforms for the 2018/2019 school year 	2/6/2018