

# David Thompson Jr. High Band Society Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>/2024 at 7:00pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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**1. Call to Order – President - Shane called meeting to order 7:06 pm**

**In attendance:** Shane Lebouthillier – President Laura Williams – Treasurer  
Patty Desormeau – Fundraising Coordinator Dana Kennedy – Secretary Casey McClary – Band Teacher Rene Bretzer – Parent at Large

**2. Consideration of Agenda**

- Additions or amendments – date corrected by Laura for next meeting.
- Motion for Acceptance 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Laura 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Dana

**3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

- Additions or amendments - none
- Motion for Acceptance 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Patty 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Laura

**4. Band Society Reports as follows:**

- **Band Director Report:** Casey: Camp Caroline confirmed, both bands registered in AIBF (Feb 2025) clinicians confirmed for October 15/16 after school fall clinic, group lessons for each instrument, GR 7 repertoire is 3 pieces, and Casey is totally excited for the clinics.
- For AIBF - 2 bands are Gr 7 as a band, and Gr 8 and Gr 9 together. AIBF in February 2025 after Teachers Convention weekend.
- Important Dates:  
See addendum to these minutes (Overview of 2024-2025 events)
- **President Report:** nothing to report
- **VP Report:** nothing to report
- **Treasurer Report:** to do in OCT – **Action Item: Laura - change signatory on the bank to add Shane and Dana to the account – Laura to organize with Shane and Dana prior to end November 2024.**
- Question – how much fundraising do we need to do in 2024-2025? DTS Band Society dipped into previous years funds – understanding this year – we need to increase fundraising in order not to deplete the account.

- How much do we need? 2023/24 - Clinicians were 5k, and buses were \$1400 approximately. Almost 12,000 in the account currently. Like to keep between 9,000-11,000 in account as cushion. Anticipated fundraising needs approx. 8k for 2024-2025.

- How many in DT band this year? 35 GR 7, 30 GR 8, 18 GR 9. Total 74 kids.

Attrition from Gr 8 to 9? Is typical in band according to Casey. Where do kids in band at DT attend high school? EP Scarlett.

- **Fundraising Report:** Patty: As a group we will all work on fundraising this year. Patty will coordinate - Purdy's has been super successful and anticipate doing Purdy's again this year. Bottle drive good option – weather-dependent. Previous reverse bottle drives successful – as people can drop off bottles PROPOSED DATE NOV 23 10-3pm – bottle drive in DT School Parking lot.

- **Secretary Report: Action Item: Dana to send DT Band Society emails and password to Board Members. Also, set up google drive for shared documents pertaining to fundraising and other Band Society Documents.**

## 5. Business Arising

- Further fundraising ideas – Sherwood Park Soup company, Growing Smiles poinsettia plants, Purdy's chocolates? Discussion to determine best fundraisers for Fall 2024

- Shane: Ideas – 50/50 good idea, but we need a license. Keeping in mind – fundraisers that are lucrative and large amounts in one campaign.

- Wine Survivor pitched – lots of work but good revenue if lots of families participate.

**Action Item: Casey to check with Mr. Keuben regarding the legalities of Beer Survivor/Wine Survivor and the CBE policies.**

- Potential Partnership – example - ask Parent Council to consider collaborating in raffle, or Casino, or another project to share revenue between Band Society and Parent Council. Parent Council meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month – OCT 16<sup>th</sup> – via teams.

- Idea – attend the parent council meeting – to learn more about funds and figure out if potential to collaborate. **Action Item: Shane and Dana to attend a DT Parent Council meeting and find a way to find a meaningful participation – and a way to partner within the current Parent Council set up.**

- Reverse/Bottle Drive – Nov 23 date – Saturday – volunteer sign up will be set up –

**Action Item: Dana to arrange depot – Heritage Bottle Depot confirming NOV 23 date.**

- **Action Item: Purdy's to be set up by Patty: and rolled out for Early November**

## 6. Previous Business – as outlined in item 5

**7. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

- Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00pm via Microsoft Teams
- Meeting adjournment – ended at 8:02pm -