



**O.L.P.H.  
BAND**

École OLPH Band Parents Meeting  
Tuesday, October 8, 2013  
19:00-20:00  
École OLPH Library

**MINUTES**

**Attendees / Regrets:** As this was merely an introductory information meeting, no attendance was taken.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Introductions</b>	The following individuals were introduced as the executive of the OLPH Band Parents Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gordon Weighell (<i>Graham</i>) - President</li><li>• Shelley Bazinet (<i>Monic</i>) - Treasurer</li><li>• Tracy Bablitz (<i>Megan</i>) - Secretary</li><li>• Jamie Terhost (<i>Madison</i>) - Officer</li></ul> Also introduced was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linda Miller - Band Teacher</li></ul>	
<b>Band Program</b>	Linda Miller provided a brief overview of the band program and what students and parents can expect this year and beyond. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both the Grade 7 (33 students) and Grade 8 (11 students) are beginner bands and are focusing almost exclusively this year on learning their instruments.</li><li>• They are a very enthusiastic group of students.</li><li>• Once they are more proficient, travel opportunities will emerge.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Smaller trips (e.g. bus to Vancouver or Seattle) - approximately \$550 per student</li><li>○ Larger trips (e.g. fly to Los Angeles) - approximately \$1,500 per student</li></ul></li></ul>	

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<p><b>OLPH Band Parents Association (BPA)</b></p>	<p>The OLPH Band Parents Association was created to facilitate financial support for items not covered by the educational grant or school fees. Examples could include uniforms and travel costs.</p> <p>To this end, we have incorporated a registered society.</p> <p>The first task was to fully understand the expectations of the École OLPH administration insofar as to how the BPA was to conduct its affairs. During a meeting with Julie Lafrance-Coon, it was confirmed that the BPA is to operate independently - both organizationally and financially.</p> <p>The BPA is preparing an application for a Musiccounts (Canadian Association of Recording Arts and Sciences) grant, which comes in amounts of \$5,000 or \$10,000.</p>	
<p><b>Current Commitment</b></p>	<p>As the band is new, Ecole OLPH has no uniforms. It is important for the band to look professional. In fact, some hosts (e.g. Disney) have very strict requirements with respect to a band's appearance.</p> <p>The uniforms consist of a golf-style shirt unique to École OLPH. In the interest of time and pricing considerations, a quantity has already been ordered for the École OLPH band members. The Holy Spirit Band Parent Association has financed this for us, however will need to be reimbursed. The amount owed is approximately \$2,500.</p> <p>The uniforms will remain the property of École OLPH. They will be provided at no cost for École OLPH students to use while in the band.</p>	
<p><b>Future Commitment</b></p>	<p>Other than the uniform commitment, it is unlikely the band will need much more in the way of direct financial support this year. There are really no travel opportunities for beginner bands.</p> <p>However, going forward, fundraising opportunities will become more necessary. As such, the following parameters were outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Much like current fundraising opportunities for École OLPH's Quebec trip, every</li> </ul>	

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	<p>student can earn credits proportionate to their individual fund raising efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the outset of every fund-raising event, it will be made clear as to whether proceeds will be pooled or individually attributed as credits.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pooled resources may come from sources like grants or surpluses.</li> <li>○ Individual credits will come from fund raising efforts like selling items or sweat equity (e.g. bottle drives).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Credits will remain with the student for their entire time in the École OLPH, Holy Spirit, and/or Archbishop Jordan band programs. Credits can accrue and will move with the student as necessary.</li> <li>• Credits can be pooled within a family (more than one student in band). Additionally, a family may transfer credits from their 'account' to another specific student's account if they wish.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Going Forward</b></p>	<p>The floor was then opened for a general discussion about how to raise the immediate \$2,000 (uniforms) and whether there was a desire to begin a more broad-based fundraising campaign in anticipation of future needs.</p> <p>Initially acknowledged a need to be respectful of École OLPH's current fundraising plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quebec Trip               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hot lunch</li> <li>○ Sobey's gift cards</li> <li>○ Bottle drives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• School Council               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fundschrift gift cards</li> <li>○ Poinsettias</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The consensus for band fundraising was:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join with Holy Spirit in distribution of phone books in Sherwood Park. This is an opportunity for anyone to take responsibility for delivering as many phone books as they'd like along a pre-determined route. All proceeds will be individually attributed to each participating student. Stay tuned for more information about how to participate.</li> </ul>	<p>Darren Cook to coordinate with Holy Spirit and communicate with parents.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore with Indigo / Chapters about how to take advantage of their on-site and on-line fund raising opportunities.</li> </ul>	Shelley Bazinet has lead and will provide details to parents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host a silent auction in conjunction with a pub night. Still very preliminary - options to follow.</li> </ul>	Belinda Brandt, Roselyn Schultheiss, and Colette Bird will research and provide information to parents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIP Grant (Community Initiatives Program) - provides grant support for the purchase of equipment and instruments. This is a matching grant of up to \$75,000.</li> </ul>	Linda Miller to investigate the options for making this grant request
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 19:55.</li> <li>• Next meeting at the call of the Chair.</li> </ul>	