

**Dougherty Valley High School
Music Booster Meeting
PA132
April 20, 2026 - 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Attendance

- Teri Musiel - Band Director
- Lauren Gibson – Band Director
- Paul Rhodes - Orchestra Director
- Diana Walker - Choir Director
- Smitha Myneni - President
- Tony Chu - Secretary
- Wei (Wendy) Shi - Treasurer
- Anise Andrews - Assistant Treasurer
- Cecelia Aires - VP Band
- Grace Hains - Co-VP Orchestra
- Anu Krishnan - Co-VP Orchestra
- Cynthia Secakusuma - VP Choir
- Nanda Kamineni - VP Ways and Means
- Madhavi Erva - Newsletter Chair
- Lorrann Garrison - Social Media
- Jessica Almeida - Parent
- Pallavi Sringshwara - Parent
- Etash Das - Student
- Anish - Student

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The Meeting started at 6:33 pm. March 23rd minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports and Updates

1. Finance (Wendy)

- a. We have the sufficient funds to fund larger celebrations for all of the groups. Last year the choir had a nacho bar for approximately \$1,800 and the other groups should consider something in that range.
- b. In addition, there is \$250 per director to be spent however they want.
- c. We will discuss next year's budget and elections at the next meeting.

2. Drumline (Etash/Anish)

- a. Etash thanked the directors and boosters for their work. Drumline has been performing at in school rallies and at outside events like the Livermore half marathon where they raised approximately \$400-\$500.
- b. They also played at the tri-valley innovation fair and now have \$842 total.
- c. Drumline would like to purchase two new kevlar drums - \$700-800 each. The drums also need harnesses which are approximately \$50-\$100. There is the potential of buying used, which is about half the price. They are asking the boosters to contribute half of the cost.
- d. Drumline is also part of the pep band and these purchases would improve the quality of that group too.
- e. Lastly, future fundraising dollars would go to other improvements like tuning bass drums
- f. The board voted to contribute \$800 to the drumline for drums and harnesses

3. *Ways and Means (Nanda)*

- a. Discussed fundraising at the spring concerts. There will be ice cream at Pops, which is already budgeted.
- b. Tony will set up sign up genius for graduation.
- c. We've ordered new sweatshirts which may be available by graduation. Temporarily the income in that category looks low because of the upfront cost.
- d. Lei sales have been slow.
- e. [Sign up here](#) to volunteer for the spring concert.
- f. Add linktree QR codes to spring concert programs.

4. *Band (Teri/Lauren)*

- a. The area band festival went well.
- b. At CMEA both Wind Ensembles got unanimous superiors.
- c. Jazz band is going to Reno this weekend.
- d. Lauren is almost finished with the spring concert programs.
- e. Need a count of seniors for cords and letters.
- f. Used Prop 28 money got a copier, a spiralizer, a laminator and new folders.
- g. We want a group to look into the possibility of expanding Blue Pearl and possibly bring parents into the dance or have an adjacent event. We could also change the time of year that blue pearl occurs.
- h. Band has permission from the district to take the wind ensembles to Hawaii. The trip would be in the middle of March 2027.

5. *Choir (Diana)*

- a. A \$1200 donation from Blackhawk came in and the Choir wants to use it for choreographers.
- b. Planning for Pops is underway. Students are coordinating costumes. Working on blocking and working on solos. There will be an ice cream bar at the end of the show as a fund raiser.
- c. Choir is planning on 350 tickets per night and does not think it will sell out both nights.

6. *Orchestra (Paul)*

- a. CMEA went well. Chamber and Pearl both got unanimous superiors.
- b. Area string was very good for the younger students.
- c. Chicago was successful and the orchestra got a trophy and plaque.

7. *Newsletter (Madhavi)*

- a. Next newsletter will go out after the next booster meeting which has been moved to May 21st.

8. *Open Discussion*

- a. Directors will have awards to Smitha by the end of the week.
- b. We have ordered 50 new legacy plates this year. We will drill it into armrests.
- c. Nominations:
 - i. Pallavi and Shubra nominated for Coordinator positions.
 - ii. We are looking at having a coordinator for Pep Band.
 - iii. Jessica nominated for VP of Band.

9. *Administration*

- a. It is Public School Volunteer Appreciation Week! Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work! Music Boosters Rock!
- b. Prom is Saturday 4/25 at the California Academy of Sciences at 7:00-11:00pm
- c. Check the lost and found for missing items. It is almost donation time for unclaimed items!
- d. This week is the 2nd week of High School Voter Education Week-encourage your student (ages 16 & up) to pre-register!
- e. There will be an Arab American Symposium on 4/30 in the DVHS Library RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/arabamericansymposium26>
- f. Teacher appreciation week is coming up 5/4-5/8
- g. Seniors Memory Walk (in their Elementary Schools) will be on May 27, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm

Events within the next month

- Thursday, April 23rd thru April 25th - Reno Jazz Festival
- Monday, April 27 – Blue, Silver, and Pearl Orchestras
- Tuesday, April 28 – Chamber Orchestra and Full Orchestra
- Wednesday, April 29 – Concert 6, Symphonic 2, Symphonic 1, and Jazz Band
- Thursday, April 30 – Concert B, Wind 2, Wind 1 and Jazz Band
- Friday May 1 & Saturday May 2 - Choir Pops Concert
- Monday, May 18th - Band-quet
- Tuesday, May 19th - Choir Banquet
- Wednesday, May 20th and May 27th - String Solo Concerts
- Orchestra Banquet & Awards - June 3-5 during class

Next Meeting: May 21, 2026 - 5:30pm