

VPA Meeting Minutes Johnston High School – May 2020

Attendance(Via Zoom): Danielle Johnson, Andy Vis, Missy Winterboer, Jorie O’Leary, Michelle Polder, Jennifer Soltwedel, Laura Grimm, Pat Mattingly, Jennifer Dugan-Burns, Lynnette Hilabolt, Jeff Johnson, Hannah Ryan, Stacey Waters, Mindy Webb-Todd, Jana Engebretson, Toni White, Jenny Lashier.

Call to Order: Danielle Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Asked for introductions.

Votes were taken for the 20-21 VPA board. Andy Vis moved to approve the board. Michelle Polder provided a second to the motion. Motion PASSED.

Secretary’s Report: No secretary’s report.

Treasurer’s Report: Ended the year on a positive note. Michelle Polder will provide some additional information during the fundraising report. *No vote was taken on report.*

Director’s Report:

JHS: Hannah Ryan, JHS choir director, announced some changes being made to the JHS program. Laura Grimm will be moving from the JMS program to direct Innovation, Cantemus and Women’s choir while Hannah will direct Synergy, Cantus, Concert Choir – they will co-direct Mixed Choir. There will be a Zoom showcase highlighting the choir program from the past year. For people who can’t watch live, a YouTube link will be shared via email. Students will have the opportunity to pick up their choir awards and costumes later in the week. On Friday of this week, there will be a drive-by goodbye parade for the Robilliard family. Later in the summer she’ll be holding a Zoom meeting with Cantus, making some plans for All-State. No Synergy update for now – she is looking for a family to host the kick-off party later this summer. They are currently looking for a director for Bella Voce – working with the Activities Director but they do have a potential candidate in mind.

JMS: Laura Grimm, current 9th grade choir director, reported that results for Chamber Choir, Sound Advice and Impact have been posted. She is preparing to move over the summer and excited to get started working with the high school choirs. Laura is also looking for a family to host the Innovation kick-off family later this summer. Choreo dates will be released later this summer.

Jorie O’Leary, 8th grade choir director, reported that she has accepted a full time role at JMS. She will continue as the 8th grade choir and Impact director, and will also be taking over as 9th grade Chamber Choir director. The 9th grade position will be a half-time position and will direct 9th grade choir and they hope will want to take on directing Sound Advice. If not, they will find someone who will work in a role similar to the Bella Voce director.

Madrigal: No report.

Showzam: No report.

Fundraising Report: Michelle Polder, fundraising director, reported she is working on putting together some new committees, but was not yet ready to report on the specifics. She reported she is working on some extra fundraising to make up for losses incurred due to the cancellation of the end-of-year show. Discussion was had about doing a can redemption drive over the summer. It was agreed that the Informance in the late fall will once again be a ticketed event, as it provided a large fundraising boost that's allowing us to have funding for the new risers.

There was no motion made to adjourn the meeting.