

FCM Meeting  
April 10, 2018

**Members in Attendance:** Evan Peltier, Angela Zwonik, Marie Bouffard, Sally Kieny, MaryFran Holly, Chris Cooper, Laura Labrie, Marti Mutz, Jan Hinnes, Emily Desautel

### Teacher Updates

- **Tyler Mast** - Unfortunately I can't be at the meeting tonight, Alex is in Israel so I have to be home with my boys. Things are going well at MBS- we just started the fourth quarter (home stretch, woo hoo!). I have a great enrichment group called "Campfire Ukulele Songs" where 4th/5th graders learn to sing and play a whole binder full of 2, 3, 4, and 5 chord Folk/Americana tunes that they can play around a campfire this summer. My hope is that we will meet in the outdoor classroom in May and June! One thing to note is that the 5th grade Band/Chorus concert date has been changed from May 17th to May 16th. My band got booked for a wedding in Turks and Caicos that weekend and I couldn't turn down the opportunity. The 3rd/4th grade concert is still scheduled for May 23rd. Thanks everyone, sorry I can't be there.
- **Evan and Melissa** - WE are excited to have a student accepted into the Midi comp. First student in a long time. Kristian's assigned mentor was the same person that composed the piece for CHS band. Earlier today we went to middlebury for VT jazz association festival event. CHS did well there. Also very proud that three musicians and an army of singers have been accepted into Allstate. Very pleased with the results of the spring band concert.
- **Bridgette** I love music and our talented students. Our Concert theme this year is World Music and four choirs will be performing. They sound amazing and are working very hard. We are going to end our concert with Jennifer Martel's Original Composition entitled Let Our Colors Shine. Aiyana's Composition will also be performed at our concert given that Jen's and Aiyana's songs are written for choral singing. They will represent the youth of America Singing and all other songs are from other countries.

Here is what was in the CMS Newsletter. I sent it to Sally and Meghan Baule is doing a video on our social media sites.

Exciting news from the music department here at CMS! Under the guidance of Mrs. Bridgette Tozzi four students competed in the Opus 33 Midi-Comp Competition. In this local competition students submit original song compositions to a mentor composer and work with them to perfect their compositions. Aiyana Baldasty, Isabella Bledsoe, Jennifer Martel and Tyler Ryan all submitted compositions pieces by working on them over three months. Over 100 pieces were submitted state wide in Vermont and twenty-two pieces were selected to be performed by professional musicians on Monday, April 30th at 6:30 pm at the Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College in Colchester. Three out of our four students compositions were selected and will played at this family friendly concert. The students will be attending a workshop to work their compositions with the professional musicians. The original compositions selected were Rain by Aiyana Baldasty, Stress by Isabella Bledsoe and Let Our Colors Shine by Jennifer Martel. Congratulations to all who submitted for all their hard work. Please join us for the concert on April 30th, the more the merrier. If you would like more information about the Midi-COMP program visit [www.music-comp.org](http://www.music-comp.org) and click on the Opus 33 tab at the top or email Mrs. Tozzi here at CMS.

I hope everyone has an awesome meeting and again, I am so sorry that I cannot be there.

Let me know if you need anything from me. Send my best wishes to all of you **and thank you for**

**all your hard work and giving up your time for music in our schools.**

- **Emily** - Not much to update since the last meeting. Three of the four CMS students who entered the Music-COMP Opus contest will be having their works performed by professional musicians on April 30th! They are all 7th graders, so Bridgette has them for class, and thus has more specific info. I also saw that Kristian Labrie is having his composition performed at the concert as well! We are very proud of our students.

The CMS musical, *Into the Woods, Jr.* is taking place this Thursday and Friday. During tomorrow's half day of school, CMS will be walking to CHS, and the drama club will present the show to the entire school. Students are nervous, but I think excited. The director, Robert Toms, is also filling in as the CAPS teacher for the remainder of the year, so it's nice to have him in the building more often, and have more rers Than Is *the Chelsea* students get to know him.

The ever-changing SBAC schedule is allowing us to have Band and Chorus all five days of testing this year. Kids are tired, but it's really nice to have rehearsal (which is usually the first thing cut from the alternate testing schedule).

Our Band concert is May 29th. Students sound great.

Thank you all very much for donating to the VNA in memory of my grandmother. That was a very kind gesture from FCM. Lucille loved music, and attended all the CMS Band concerts. She was also able to join us for the Glenn Miller performance, and sang along to every song.

- **Martie** - Concerts next week, Tues./Wednesday. 244 excited kids. Hopefully there won't be any school lockdown mishaps. Tomorrow Colchester Music teachers will finally have a chance to align their curricula. Upcoming residency plans for next year may require funding boost

### **Budget Updates**

- Deposit on 3/23/18 is from Spring Band Concert flowers and DVDs
- Deposit on 3/30/18 is from Spring Choral Concert flowers and DVDs minus the payment of \$60 Sally's for both concerts.

### **Concerts**

VTAJE Jazz Festival (Today, April 10) Middlebury

UMS Musical April 17 and 18 6:30 pm at CHS

Music in the Parks CHS Six Flags Trip May 4

High School All-State Music Festival May 10 - 12 Essex (NEED PHOTO OF STUDENTS for PR)

May 24th CHS Pops band concert + reception

May 29th CMS band at 7

May 30th CHS Pops Chorus + reception

### **Fundraising:**

- 1) Reception fundraising at pops concerts
- 2) Angela proposes flower fundraiser at CHS Graduation ceremony: Single roses and small bouquets? Will Pursue the idea with Heather Barron etc.
- 3) Krispy Kreme sales strategy mod: sell at sport events, focus on pre sales

**PR:**

CMS VT Midi project.

Instrument donation release sent (Colchester Sun, LakerView, will post on FPF).... is it a good idea to this release at music stores?

District Band Concert blurb (LakerView)

CMS District Music Festival photo/caption sent (Colchester Sun)

ACDA release drafted (awaiting feedback from Melissa)

Photo of CHS All-State students

New Englands?? (Photo??)

**Spending Priorities**

- CHS music folders:..... \$450 (work in progress, will be slow to fruition)
- CHS“Fender Blues Junior Guitar Amp” \$600... (on track)

Discussion about further priorities:

- CHS soprano Sax: \$2500 approved
- CHS Vibraphone: \$4000 approved
- CHS Xylophone
- CHS Bass trombone \$3000-\$5000
- CMS piano \$2000-3000.... Approaching rotary for assistance on this
- Artist in residence for Martie next year. No formal request yet.

**Other Business**

- 4th of July Parade with FCM - Tyler will have his 4th and 5th grade students play their campfire songs on ukuleles

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30pm in the CHS Band room

Financial Aid