

**Friends of Colchester Music**  
September 13, 2016, 6:30-8:00, MBS Music Room

**Members in Attendance**

Laurie, Martie, Janet, Marie, Bridgette, Emily, Tyler, Melissa, Laura, Evan, Angela, Leora, Sally

1. **Pot-luck**

- Yum!! Thanks everyone :-)

2. **Teachers updates**

- Evan
  - Sim's pregnant - due mid-March!!
  - Prepping for two ensembles was a challenge, but it going well
  - Numbers - 28 wind ensemble, 46 concert band (12-15 seniors)
  - Pep rally - combined ensembles
  - Would like to update logo/design/magnets - be more visible (apparel, etc) - fundraising opportunity
    - UVM, CHS student artist, local designer?
- Melissa
  - Select groups completed - 55 concert choir, small freshman class - but great, 24 chamber singers, 30 chorale - now a .5 credit class, 20 men's group
  - Theater hoping to be ready soon - concert October 20th
  - Performing Art Center (new name of theater) looking for a new sign - FCM may be approached for support
- Bridgette
  - Chorus and Band each day for a full period - very supportive admin
  - Numbers - 89 7/8th grade choir, 62 6th grade choir
  - Need to revamp space - needs office - program is growing steadily
  - General music for 6th and 7th grade - next year will be more steady
- Emily
  - Numbers - 67 7/8th grade band, 46 6th grade
  - Technology - 1:1 Chromebooks
  - New schedule is working very well - great to see students more often
  - Kristian Labrie helped remodel band closet as part of Eagle Scout project
  - Tuba coming in Sept. 19 - hopefully
- Tyler
  - Building changes - shift in teaming and building
  - PBIS
  - Extra prep period - enrichment block for UA with student choice
  - Quaver Music - free subscription for the year!
  - 5th grade ukuleles - maintenance staff built ukulele stand
  - Instrument rental night is next week
  - Band - post February break - create mini bands (5 total) rather than homogenous sectionals
- Martie
  - Most exciting start to year ever! Support and unity from Amy. District in service performance with students singing to staff - wonderful experience!
  - Classroom time is going well
  - Taiko drums in the spring at PPS

3. **Budget update – Laurie**

- Handout provided
- Last year - HUGE spending year for schools! Hooray!

4. **Fundraising update –Angela**

- Coin drop - not as successful (Essex rivals - not the best at donating to coin drops)
- Ski and board bake sale
- Krispy Kreme - November 10th delivery
- Connor senior soloist - December 11th at the Flynn

5. **PR - Sally**

- Making a list of events for the year
- Check filming concerns
- FCM presence at open house at MBS?

6. **Spending priorities over year**

- Get a sense of priorities and where we expect needs to be
- Teacher's current needs/requests

7. **Other brief business – 5 minutes**

- 1st concert of year at CHS: October 20, 7pm, CHS Choral Concert
- More presence from younger families at meetings - need help with support at concerts/events/etc.

Next meeting date is October 11