

Plymouth School Music Association  
Board of Directors and Officers of the Association  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Date: May 13, 2025

Minutes of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association of Plymouth School Music Association of Plymouth, MA, held in the Room 107 of PNHS Plymouth, MA, at 6pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Beth Lopes called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Officers present: Beth Lopes: Pres., Lauren Papa: VP, Stacey Burke: Secretary, Althea Tetrault: Asst. Secretary, John Machado: Treasurer

BOD present: Tom Bodie, Maria Dunn, Tamoia Buffalo-Ellis, Rianardo Ellis, Trace Melody, Kate Holl

Members/Liaisons: Cathy Tsourides, Jen Theran, Chrissy Anderson, Beth Welch, Mike Welch, Jen Powers, Megan Schilling, Dan Miot, Katie Coe, Annie Jones

3. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

The Plymouth School Music Association successfully established a quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Approved

5. **Treasurer's Report: John Machado- absent from meeting.**

- Balance on Hand- \$16,338.86
- Escrow- \$ (-1956.35)
- Available- \$18,295.21

6. **President's Report:**

- August Director allocation voted on is \$12,000
- 2025/26 BOD voted Trace Melody in.
- 2025/26 New Liaisons
- PCIS is seeking a new Liaison for 2025/26 to replace Kate Holl.
- Social Media liaison team: Kate Holl, Maria Dunn, Dan Miot and Jen Powers. Lauren to post for North High School.
- PSA- Local Scene -Kate Holl and Lauren Papa success!
- Discussion about proposed 2025/26 school year fundraising events.

7. **Liaison Reports/ Updates:**

- **Lauren Papa-PCIS Band & Orchestra-** PCIS Band concert scheduled for 5/21/25. PCIS Orchestra concert scheduled for 5/29/25.
- **Kate Hall- PCIS Chorus & Drama-** Chorus performed the National Anthem at Fenway Park for the Red Sox game on May 8th. Chorus concert scheduled for May 20th.

- **Maria Dunn-PSMS Band & Orchestra-** PSMS Band and Orchestra outside concert theme “Dress to Impress” scheduled for May 29th. Food trucks to be available. Band and Orchestra Trills and Thrills field trip May 23- to perform at Chicopee High School and celebrate at Six Flags.
- **Jen Theron- PSMS Chorus & Theatre-** PSMS Chorus concert scheduled for 5/20.
- **Laura Flora & Annie Jones- PNHS Theatre-** Theatre is done for Spring.
- **Trace Melody- PNHS Chorus & A cappella, Theatre-** A capella SAC Festival scheduled for May 22nd.
- **Beth Lopes- PNHS Concert Band & Orchestra, Marching Band, PN Gig Band, Color Guard, PSHS Concert Band & Orchestra, PS Gig Band-** PNHS Band and Orchestra concert scheduled for May 15th. Marching Band and Color Guard Memorial Day parade scheduled for May 26th. PSHS Band, Orchestra and Gig Band concert scheduled for May 22nd. Gig Band to open for Adult Choir.
- **Cathy Tsourides- PSHS Chorus, A cappella & Theatre-** Theatre to perform Newsies production May 16th & 17th. South Vocal concert scheduled May 21st. Theatre, A cappella and Chorus 2026 Nashville trip planned- need minimum number of 30 students. Theatre Director inquired about PSMA possible funding for rechargeable batteries for microphones. Beth Lopes to inquire with Mike Caple first.

#### 8. **Fundraising Reports:**

- **G & G:** Bonnie Holmes Holmes does not wish to change the logo on band clothing line. It will continue to be the Plymouth Public schools logo of the Mayflower boat. Plan to drop vocal and theatre merchandise from fall clothing fundraiser as they have their own sales.
- **Texas Roadhouse:** Moved Fall fundraiser to Spring 2026- April.
- **Battle of the Bands:** Date set for Monday, November 3, 2025 at the Plymouth North High School PAC. Band Directors have been very supportive of fundraising event. Mike Caple suggested there not be one winner with concerns that it may turn students off from participating in the competition. He also suggested there be no charge for the band entry fee due to economic hardship of some students. Band configurations were discussed, house equipment will be available but encourage use of personal equipment. Discussed Andy Shaw as MC, Josh Hamblin as backstage student musician support and Dave Grossman as manager of sound board equipment. Beth seeking bio’s for judges. Bird’s Already to perform between Middle School and High School divisions. Tom Bodie has begun seeking donation items for prize categories. Concessions to sell snacks and t-shirts with Battle of Bands logo. Maria Dunn to design Battle of Bands poster for advertisement. Ticketing thru Event Brite- general seating. Seeking 8 High School bands and possibly 4 Middle School bands.

#### 9. **Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee: Chair John Machado, Tom Bodie (+2)- N/A**

**Membership Committee: Chair Tamao Buffalo Ellis, Stacey Burke (+2)- N/A**

**Planning Committee: Chair Lauren Papa- N/A**

**Communications Committee: Chair Althea Tetrault, Maria Dunn- Althea to add Chrissy Anderson back on as Social Media administrator to promote Plymouth Calling.**