

PoPS Update 2018/19 school year

❖ Overview

- The PoPS are the “parents of performing arts students” and that means all of you, so welcome to the team! PoPS was created about 10 years ago to bolster fundraising for specific performance needs and fine arts items as well as supporting the performing arts at Bigelow.
- Just as a note, in the past Mr. Livingston had run the band and orchestra virtually single handedly and had not asked for anything from the PoPS. The purchases have always benefited the entire performing arts program, but we have not done specific tasks for those groups. Ms. Trimpey made us aware in the fall that there were parents who had voiced interest in being involved. At the time the fundraising was on hold, but we are now able to move forward with planning.

❖ Positions

- Chair positions - quarterly meetings for planning
 - PTO liaison - **open position**, Miriam Alandydy, moving to NNHS
 - Choir chair - **open position**, Miriam Alandydy
 - Drama chair - Krista Chavez
 - Orchestra chair - **open position**
 - Band chair - **open position**
 - At large - Jen Greenwold, Alicia Matos
- Volunteer Leaders - meet as needed with chairs
 - Treasurer (reports directly to PTO treasurer) - Krista Chavez
 - Co-treasurer - **open position**
 - Drama meal team leader - **open position**
 - Choir pizza party leader - **open position**
 - Student producer support person - Krista Chavez (happy to give this up)
 - Set build support person - **open position**
 - Fundraising support drama - **open position**
 - Fundraising support band - **open position**
 - Fundraising support orchestra - **open position**
 - PoPS communications - **open position**

❖ Responsibilities

- Advocacy for the arts
- Determine purchases in collaboration with school leaders
- Assisting the PTO with fundraising
- Coordination of events related to shows and concerts as needed
- Volunteering to lend a hand to our dedicated fine arts faculty and staff as needed to prepare for shows and concerts

- Meet 2 times a year to plan fundraising and purchases
- ❖ Student Producer Program
 - Has been very successful for drama
 - This was previously managed by a PoPS parent, we have continued to provide support for Ms. A and the student team
 - They manage programs, tickets, posters, publicity and t-shirts
- ❖ Performances 18/19
 - 2 successful drama performances this year
 - The biggest 6th grade choir yet
 - 1 new addition of devised theater which everyone seems excited about
- ❖ Fundraising 18/19
 - We have raised over \$3000 this year
 - PoPS purchased new portable spotlights in April for \$1400
 - Total to date in the PoPS account just over \$6000
 - The goal at the start of 18/19 was lights and a light board, but with the pending auditorium overhaul that was put on hold.
 - We have brainstormed some other ideas that might be mobile with the new design.
 - Light board
 - Microphones
 - Ms A has requested bluetooth enabled speakers for the music room and the auditorium
 - Open to ideas
- ❖ Auditorium Improvements:
 - replaced, repaired and replacing curtains
 - storage container purchased to store large set pieces out of the auditorium
 - stay tuned as we await the hiring of an architect to undertake improved acoustics, carpeting, floor lighting, upgraded tech booth, improved overhead lighting, fresh paint and more!