



June 3rd, 2020 Minutes - Pending Approval  
7:30 pm Zoom Meeting

**GRMPA Executive Committee (2020-2021)**

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Secretary: Barbara Andrews ([bbrooksandrews@gmail.com](mailto:bbrooksandrews@gmail.com))

Approval of May 6 minutes

22 attendees

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Gage

- Dr. Gage spoke about how difficult it is to deliver education to students. He misses seeing them every day
- A Big Welcome to new music parents (incoming 9th graders). Your kids are really important and your support for the program is vital. (email from Dr. Gage was sent out to new parents on June 3rd).
- Dr. Gage has been involved with the GRMB for 30 seasons (since his own participation in high school) and can attest to the fact that GRMPA is the most effective booster and fundraiser in Glen Ridge!
- We are still up in the air with regard to what will happen with the music program this summer and in the fall.
- Dr. Gage is on the high school reopening committee. There are unique challenges with establishing safety standards for the music program going forward: the physical logistics of playing together -- particularly our wind instrumentalists (a lot of saliva and heavy breathing in a small space) How do we do this safely?
- The show we will be performing this year will use the music for *Peter and the Wolf* by Sergei Prokofiev. We are going ahead with the assumption and the hope that there will be a traditional live field show and Dr. Gage has been designing it and working on the music since December.
- Lizanne, director of our Color Guard, has also been working on the choreography. We have a theatrical style marching band and we are eager to have as many color guard members as we can (students who like theatre, dance, acting, performance).
- Dr. Gage would like everyone to know that "we are the fall sport that will not be denied. We will make it something amazing and powerful even if it means doing things online or in other venues. We are more flexible than traditional sports, as we have a wider range

of what we can do. We are all artists. The show can be performed indoors or online or we can make a video. No one will cancel it!"

- The GR Music Program includes chorus, marching band (fall, very time consuming), concert band, jazz band, winter pep band, percussion ensemble (directed by Dr. Burja), chamber music ensembles and pit orchestra. Concert band is the heart of the program. We would like students to keep playing music all year long.
- During the summer months, we will work on learning the show in person and socially distanced or online.
- Band camp will be 8/24-8/28. Mandatory. Virtual band camp or on the back field.
- School year: 9/1 will be the first practice. New Schedule: Tuesday - Thursday, 3:30 - 6:00pm. There will be a hard dismissal at 6:00pm to avoid having students leave at different times. Friday practice nights will go a bit later: 3:30 - 6:30 pm.
- Rookie students begin on Sunday, 8/23, in the afternoon. Marching Band Drum Major, Drill Sergeant and captains will also be in attendance. There will be pizza and team building activities.
- Marching Band competition schedules are very much in flux due to social distancing requirements. Dr. Gage will likely focus on 2 MB circuits with one being quite local. We will hopefully end the season at METLIFE Stadium in the Meadowlands.
- Thank you parents for supporting your students during this crazy, difficult time. We are not musically isolated. Music is a balm for the soul. It makes everyone feel better (musicians and those listening). Music makes us feel connected in many ways!

***GRMB is unstoppable and will not get cancelled!!***

**CHORUS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Pavliv - not available

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Co-Presidents, Tom Eaton and Tracy Sullivan, and the Executive Committee began the introductions. Everyone has the opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words. The Executive Committee shared their favorite and most meaningful experiences from their time involved with GRMPA

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Vince Kozlowski

The year end forecast is that we will have a \$4,000 gain. We had less expenses this year as we did not have a spring trip. We expect similar numbers next year. We do have a couple of repairs, but we will have minimal prop expenditures for *Peter and the Wolf*.

## **PAST EVENTS**

- GRHS Marching Band Performance - Video for Memorial Day. This virtual parade was very well received by the community and gives a good idea of what we can do virtually, You can see the video here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORO1jUs3HVw&list=PL7mOri7M0ySNvm5z38Zy\\_CDeDPSFizN91](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORO1jUs3HVw&list=PL7mOri7M0ySNvm5z38Zy_CDeDPSFizN91)

- Josie DeLeeuw (Lower Woodwinds Captain) and Anna Sullivan (Drum Major, 20-21) made a promotional video which is in the email for incoming parents, on the student Google Classroom pages and was posted on the Glen Ridge High School and Middle School Facebook Page:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RHHbSI-6UjgJ9ixIBF7\\_kNIDGvD0AB66/view?fbclid=IwAR0-I16yp\\_JZSqWrSNQRtFMIMeJHsxlA-H-JDIh-eh29N109BjcYWvohPjjA](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RHHbSI-6UjgJ9ixIBF7_kNIDGvD0AB66/view?fbclid=IwAR0-I16yp_JZSqWrSNQRtFMIMeJHsxlA-H-JDIh-eh29N109BjcYWvohPjjA)
- GRHS Virtual Chorus Performances - "I Lived"
  - o YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kyVnkwFN3k>
  - o Article in Essex News Daily: <https://essexnewsdaily.com/arts/89284>

### NEW BUSINESS

- The 2020 Marching Band Parents Survival Guide will be out in mid--summer. This includes a lot of helpful information for parents about what to expect during the marching band season
- Volunteer opportunities:
  - o building props (Pam DeLuca)
  - o delivering ice pops or water bottles during band camp;
  - o Roadies--can be on the field during the show
  - o Snack Shack--if/when we have football games--good fundraiser;
  - o Cabaret Night;
  - o Jazz Band Coffee Night
- Tom Eaton would like to build an Alumni Directory--to share information, fundraise, get info on colleges and music programs. Please email him if you can help out with this.
- Bylaws--these were last updated in 2013 and need to be revised again. The Executive Committee will propose changes for a vote at a monthly GRMPA meeting in the near future.
- In lieu of a spring music program, we are looking into creating a playlist on YouTube of students' work: jazz band, concert band, some chamber music, perc ensemble

### UPCOMING EVENTS & REMAINING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020 (as of June 3, 2020)

June 13	Pancake Breakfast Refunds in front of the train station. Refunds will be provided upon request.
June 19	Senior Day. We will present the GRMPA scholarships to music program seniors
July 23	High School Graduation Location TBD. Currently Concert Band is practicing Pomp and Circumstance. We may have a loop of Concert Band playing Pomp and Circumstance while seniors are receiving diplomas and awards.
August 23	Rookie Day
August 24 - 28	Band Camp (in person and socially distanced or online)

August 26	Marching Band Parents Meeting
August 28	Preview of <i>Peter and the Wolf</i> for parents followed by the Pool Party
September 30	GRMPA Monthly Meeting (moved from first week in October due to GRHS conflict)

**GRMPA COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Citrus Sale: Vince Kozlowski /Ed Kastenmeir /Nadine Papas Wilkes

Pancake Breakfast: Pam DeLuca

Snack Shack: Barbara Andrews and Tracy Sullivan

Spirit Wear: Sarah McGrath

Roadies: Tom Eaton

Photographer: Julie Stolte

Signage (corner sign on Ridgewood): Vince Kozlowski

Sound & Prop Engineering: Jonathan Duckett

Chorus Liaison: Heather Allen

Jazz Band Coffee House (March): TBD

Refreshment Committee Chair (Train Station Kick off, Citrus Breakfasts): Ingrid Kozlowski

Prop Master: Pam DeLuca

Videographer: Patricia Drudy

Website: Kris Ramanathan

Talent Show: Steve DeLuca

Cabaret Night: Tom Eaton

**GRMPA COMMITTEE CHAIRS STILL NEEDED FOR 2020-2021**

*Please contact any member of the Executive Committee if you are interested in the following committees:*

Marching Band T-Shirt Orders and Sales

Cabaret Night

Jazz Band Coffee Houses - Women's Club (winter), Freeman Gardens (spring)