

BOEC Monthly Meeting September 2, 2025 @old Belgrade District office meeting room

Call to Order 6:46pm

Board Members Present

Scott Weiss

Christiana Weiss

Tori Rensink

Rebecca Anderson

Katie Eder

Student Council Present

Gabby-Pres

Crystal -VP

Bradwyn-Secretary

Introduction of Board and Mission

Scott spoke on the BOEC's mission to support the Orchestra students. He reinforced that BOEC is not a Booster, not just a fundraiser, but rather a Council that will support and provide enrichment to the students by helping them plan and execute events and by supporting their fundraising goals by focusing on ways to enrich their musical journey. Panther Music Boosters is separate from BOEC but we will work together for all music students. The funds that Orchestra students raise will go directly to each student. The student, their parents, and BOEC board can decide what musical purchase the students' funds can be used on such as strings, music, lessons and instruments.

Minutes of August 4th, 2025 Annual (first) Meeting was unanimously approved with no discussion.

Bylaws It is recommended that the bylaws are reviewed again to clarify the membership vote versus BOEC Board votes. This can be reported at the October meeting.

Financial Report Tori reported that we have no proposed budget at this time due to being a newly formed Council. Our Fiscal Year starts August 1st. We have started a bank account that has a little seed money gained from the bank donating \$50 for opening the account and some small donations. We also earned \$124 at our first event, Belgrade Summer Nights. Total income is \$311.

Purchases thus far have included setting up the 501c3 payment to the Montana Secretary of State, Liability insurance, web domain, Banners and flyers, swag and office supplies.

Tori described the breakout spreadsheet for tracking each individual kids funds.

Disbursement of student funds:

-Should be music based

-Tori developed a expense report for reimbursement or advance of funds.

Scott provided an example of a student wanting to take lessons over the summer. That student would fill out the expense report for an advance if they need the money first, a reimbursement if they already signed up and paid for the lessons and can provide a receipt.

Tori discussed a situation where a student was in need and requesting funds but did not have any/enough in their account. The student should fill out the form and the board can discuss and vote on this type of situation.

Member recommended a more student -focused essay or application process to request the funds. They stated that it would give the student some real-world practice for future college apps and job apps.

Tori mentioned that the board will be discussing more scholarship based distributions ongoing.

Scott stated that a parent should review/sign the request form for more large requests.

Review this topic at next meeting. Christian is going to make a jot form online and a paper form for kids to have in the classroom.

Define what procedures the Board intends to follow if a student drops out of Orchestra or when a student graduates.

250th USA Anniversary discuss this event and that it might be an opportunity for the orchestra to go on a trip and perform. Music Celebrations (that did the France trip) has a few itineraries. Disney might have some events. Rebecca will look in to it more and provide details at the next meeting. This, however, is dependent on what the teacher, Mrs Howell, wants for her class.

Student Council Define duties

President-- Work closely with the BOEC board and carry out directives for activities and events.

VP— Back up and help the Pres with what they need.

Secretary—Keep Pres and VP organized. Maintain a timeline. Make good notes. Blast media to the rest of the students.

*Add Student Council to Admin for the BAND App so they can have more access to communicating with the students.

Gabby stated that they created a group chat among the Council members.

Fall Festival Parade

Mrs Howell will be getting the students ready musically. BOEC will get the trucks ready.

Vera stated that they will have the drum kit on the truck. They are playing Seven Nation Army and Demons.

We need to continue reaching out and find a truck to drive Scott's goose-neck flatbed.

A member stated she has a small truck/trailer to use.

BOEC Float is Scott and Christiana's truck with a quartet in the back playing Pirates of the Caribbean.

We need parent volunteer walkers for alongside the flatbeds.

Christiana has made a sign up Genius.

Fall Festival BOEC Booth In the kids area. We will have a game "Composure" with a staff and musical notes for kids to stick to the staff. The Orchestra kids will have to play those notes.

Candy to hand out.

Christiana made a sign up Genius for booth players.

Parade starts at 10. Booth set up at 10. Booth needs players after parade. 2 hour shifts 10-12, 12-2, 2-4.

ROCK Orchestra Will probably start in October. We will take direction from Mrs. Howell on what she needs and wants BOEC to do for her.

Marketing and Fundraising Christiana introduced the Raise Right Fundraiser. She gave out brochures and flyers for members to see, use and take home and share with family. This

fundraiser is a percentage of online shopping. You go through their app to make your regular purchases and a percentage is given to BOEC students. Christiana suggested to put an extension in your browser so it is easy to find when you are going to shop online.

Makenzie River Dinner night, percentage of sales to BOEC students. Tori is working on setting that up.

Fixology soda day maybe for Valentine's. Percentage of sales to BOEC students

Chipotle dinner night, they donate 25%. Percentage of sales to BOEC students

Busking in the mall in December. BOEC will start inquiring on that soon.

Panther Yard Signs. Gabby's idea! We can buy double-sided designs for \$3-5 and sell for \$20 or for donations. Other sports clubs are selling for \$30 and up.

Calendar fundraiser will be run through Panther Music Boosters. The orchestra kids may be asked to participate. All the funds from that go to PMB.

MSU Stadium and Brick Fieldhouse Concessions during games and concerts. Scott, Christiana and Tori all participate in this with Girl Scouts. They have BOEC on the list and should give us a shift or two this year. Kids can make good money and the money parents make goes to their kid too. This may be a SHORT NOTICE event so it's good to have people lined up that will want to attend. We all will need to do their online food service training.

Scott described a RaiseRight scenario using Home Depot for purchases that you were already going to make and that you can still use that retailers credit card through RaiseRight.

Christiana mentioned that buying GiftCards on RaiseRight gets a % then use the gift card on RaiseRight to purchase and get another %.

Open Discussion was ongoing and no other discussions requested.

Next meeting Oct 6th at 6pm.

Adjourned 8:01pm motion Tori, 2nd Rebcca, Christiana