

Music Education Committee Report January 2011

The Music Education Committee met in January 2011 and discussed the following topics:

1. Music Advocacy
 - a. Set up a communication plan that filters through Charles Bullard to get information to the membership in terms of music advocacy and political information.
 - b. Revisited the website to see if it was working the way that we wanted and if there were any areas for improvement.
2. MSBOA Membership Survey
 - a. The scope of this survey was very broad.
 - b. Intended to collect data from the membership regarding student participation, scheduling, budgets and much more.
 - c. Suggested that this survey come out in time to enroll in MSBOA
 - d. Finally proposed that the scope was too broad and the purpose could be lost and the information not be used...therefore a bid was sought by a professional survey company.
 - e. I have found a company to do what we want for \$5900 and sent that information through our chairperson and to the e-board.

It's unfortunate that we are experience the worst educational funding crisis (self-inflicted) in the our membership's memory, however, it is important that we are all involved in the process! No matter what side of the isle you sit, it is evident that many of our districts will be withdrawing support for the Fine Arts and making it difficult at best to deliver a quality education. It is NOT TOO LATE however, to become involved by doing the following:

1. Contact your Representative and Senator and ask them to hold a town-hall meeting on the Education Funding.
2. Go to www.michiganvotes.org and find out how your Legislatures are voting.
3. Get continued information out to your parents.
4. If you are in disagreement with your Legislatures then get involved in the process, be it communications, boycotts, recalls, etc.

Don't sit and watch this occur, be a part of the solution and make a difference for our kids in preserving music education in the state of Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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