

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026
7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Rachel Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Melissa Caless, Corianne Bounty, Heather Becton, Danny Lucas, Samantha Schulz, Kevin Kozik, Kevin Murphy, Clayton DeWalt

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Pam Sweeney

Fowler Chairpersons: Rachel Leeuwis & Melissa Caless

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Chair updates:

- March minutes have been approved and can be posted.
- Officers approved a plan for distributing \$350 worth of gifts to the music directors during the upcoming concerts.
- MMA will add an insert to the spring concert program with Mr. Murphy's bio and information about the 2027 Disney trip.
- Snazzy Signs will make the t-shirts for the Six Flags field trip. After discussion, it was decided that these shirts would only be worn at the trip and not at the preceding clinics. The trip will involve about 100 high school students, 70 Fowler students (grades 7-8), and 10 teachers/chaperones. The estimated total cost for shirts is \$2,550 (\$13 per shirt). MMA budgeted for \$3,000 for the trip earlier in the school year.
- Planning for senior appreciation activities is underway, with the scholarship committee meeting soon.
- MMA officers advocated to the School Committee for support of the Chorus program's music director position. Research is underway by the administration to come up with a solution in the 2026/27 school year.
- MMA has posted the spring music calendar on the website.

Band Director updates:

- The Band will go to an upcoming BSO open rehearsal on April 16th during the school days.
- A workshop is planned for May 6th after school.
- Fowler instrument-specific clinics for grades 5-6 are being planned for June and after summer break. Ideally, students may be inspired from these clinics to consider private lessons.
- An informal instrument workshop will take place during Fowler's Fine Arts Night but no performances.
- The Band and Chorus are going to submit their application for the Disney trip soon.

MHS Choral Director updates:

- Ten students have signed up for the Kuumba field trip at Harvard College. Three chaperones have signed up.
- The idea of a beatboxing workshop for A Cappella may be pursued at a later date.

Jazz Bands Director updates:

- Soundcheck for the upcoming spring concert on May 6th will begin at 4:30 pm.
- After wrapping up recent clinics, a trumpet clinic may still be an option; Mr. DeWalt is still pursuing this idea.

Fowler Choral Director updates:

- Details for the May 8th workshop with Jonathan Richter for grades 6-8 are being worked on.
- A rehearsal with the Council of Aging has been canceled because of a lack of transportation.
- Research is underway for left-handed guitars and ukuleles to be used in the next school year in addition to guitar restringing. Timing and exact requests from Ms. Schulz will be forthcoming.