



Reagan Orchestra Booster Club

General Meeting Minutes

Approved

August 18, 2018

Mr. Elizondo called the meeting to order at 9:08 am in the Reagan Auditorium. He welcomed parents to the first General Meeting of the 2018-2019 school year. He introduced himself and Mr. Sharplin.

Director's Address and Expectations:

Mr. Elizondo shared with parents the various ways to keep in touch by sharing the Director's email addresses as well as confirming they were available on the website. He described the content that would be available on the FaceBook page (Concerts, Spirit Nights, etc.), Instagram (Social events, Concerts, Spirit Nights, etc.) as well as a Remind Account (General remind – text 81010 @ReaganOrch) and a Remind for each class period.

He confirmed that the Orchestra Calendar contains all major and some minor dates (tinyurl.com/rhsocalendar). You can find the calendar on Charms, ROBC Webpage, Mr. Elizondo and Mr. Sharplin's webpages. You will also receive a copy of a paper calendar with major dates. It will be published once the last few dates have been finalized. RRSO only applies to students in first period orchestra.

Rehearsals and Concert attendance are mandatory and a grade will be given for each event. Additional information will be provided in the handbook that each student will receive at the beginning of the school year. Communication is required for any conflicts with other organizational events. The student is responsible for ensuring the Orchestra Director's and the other sponsor are aware in advance of any conflicts and they will work it out with the other sponsor.

Concert Attire is extremely important. A fitting will be held on Saturday, September 22nd. Returning students will be allowed to come earlier in the morning and will be allowed to try on the uniform from last year first to see if it still fits. You will receive a page of guidelines that students are expected to follow. Men will receive a tuxedo jacket and pants as well as a bow tie, pocket square and cummerbund. The male students will be required to purchase a tuxedo shirt with pleats and a French tip collar. Men are also required to wear black dress shoes and black socks. Ladies will be issued a long, black dress. He is not concerned about ladies wearing hosiery, but will need to wear black dress shoes with no heels larger than 1" high. Ladies need to wear undergarments appropriate to the dress they are wearing (no sports bras or anything that shows the straps). No watches, bracelets, or jewelry hanging from the ear or visible necklaces are permitted. Any headbands need to match the color of your hair.

We have 7 concert groups and concert dates will be split into two nights for two concert events. Concert dates and groups will be listed on the calendars accordingly. Concert chaperones will be needed to monitor the rooms students are in prior to the concert. On concert days, students are expected to wear their Orchestra Polo all day. It promotes our Orchestra program on campus that day.

We have a very successful Orchestra Program at Reagan. We have fantastic support from our community, faculty and parents. Practice and Assessment will occur daily. Practice at least a few times per week is really important. Formal assessments are held live and may be in front of the entire group. In some cases, we may perform recorded tests. He may leave section leaders for a long period of time and generally speaking, major adjustments to seating are not done during the year. He does not use seating challenges to seat students. Everyone needs to bring something to share with the group every day.

Private lessons are strongly encouraged, but not required. In Chamber Orchestra, only one or two students do not take private lessons. In the remainder of the program, approximately 70% take private lessons. It is not an expectation that they take private lessons, but it is very important and beneficial if you can afford time wise and financially. You have a list of private teachers in the Welcome Package and on the website.

Orchestra students are predominately a high achieving group of students and are overall good kids. Students are expected to be a model student on campus. He has had no office referrals for a student in orchestra in the last 10 years. Orchestra students are generally very kind, giving and welcoming. The Code of Conduct details what happens if these requirements are not met.

Summer camp this year included ~100 participants. Student Officers put together the games and activities and led the students during the events. Camp was great this year and we hope you will send your student next year if they did not participate this year.

Student Travel this year will be to Hawaii in June. We travel every other year and this year is a travel year. We are going only to the big island for 5 nights. We will have a number of musical activities during the trip (USS Arizona performance, workshop with University of Hawaii orchestra director) Food will be provided for breakfast and dinner for the events. Hotel rooms will have 4 people to a room with two queen beds and two twin beds. It is possible for entire family to go. You must follow our itinerary if you choose to go. You will be asked to chaperone and perform room checks and attend community site seeing events. Trip costs \$2,786 - \$2,836, depending upon the number of participants. Use the following link to let us know if you are interested in attending the Hawaii trip. <https://tinyurl.com/hawaii2019> Cost includes airfare, hotel, two meals per day and all scheduled activities.

President's Address:

Melissa let parents know that in order for the director's to be able to do everything they have planned for this year, it requires that we have strong booster club support. Melissa had everyone log into the Kahoot game to participate in this morning's activity to learn more about what the ROBC does. Melissa let parents know how they can get involved. Email her at ROBCPresident@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to help. Melissa introduced all of the Executive Board members. We do two types of fundraising. Spirit Nights are usually one Thursday per month. We also participate in the Wash Tub Fundraiser that is required if you choose not to pay the \$55 opt out fee. We will have one on September 14 for the 29 minute fundraiser. We may also have wreath and candle sales to help pay for the students to participate in the travel trip. This money goes into the students account to pay for activities they choose to participate in. We have a \$20K fundraising goal for this year. We made some large purchases at the end of last year for instruments and will need to reach out to corporate sponsors this year, something we have not done in previous years. Email Melissa to let her know people you know at corporations that may want to sponsor them. We will have corporate sponsor seats and reserved seats in the auditorium this year. You can support the orchestra with money and/or time. Your students will get a lot out of this program, both as musicians and people.

Treasurer's Address:

Tom shared that the ROBC is here to help the Directors have the funds to do what they have planned. The budget is ~\$40K. The opt-out fees cover about 25% of our budget. Therefore, we need fundraisers to help cover the rest of our budget.

A current student shared some of their experiences in orchestra and stressed the importance of parents being involved and volunteering.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am and parents were asked to drop off their forms at the various tables in the lobby.

Next General Meeting: Next General Meeting will be on October 9 and 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jo Ella Terhesh
ROBC Secretary**