

TEMPO Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Presenters: Casey Hesse (Music Dept.), Chris Nation (Music Dept.), Nathan Shugart (Music Dept.), Christina Arnault (TEMPO President), James Greger (TEMPO VP of Finance)

Welcome

- Christina A. welcomed all the parents present and reminded them of TEMPO's purpose and goals (i.e., supporting the Conestoga Music Dept and its students)
- Introducing VP of Finance - James Greger
 - Position created in acknowledgement of the work/responsibility being better shared across two positions/people
 - California Trip — TEMPO contribution—TEMPO will be sponsoring the San Diego Bay Cruise for the students
 - Reiterated how the money TEMPO earns from fundraising (football games, Cavalcade, dues, etc) goes directly to supporting the department and everyone's students
- Music Directors' Report - Casey Hesse, Chris Nation, Nathan Shugart
 - Names of District qualifying students read out and publicly acknowledged
 - Nathan S.—Treble/Bass Days were successful, spring musical "Chicago" is upcoming and tickets will be on-sale soon
 - Cassandra H.—Spirit wear sale held before the holidays; Tri-M going well—>fall recital was a success and the spring recital is upcoming; students are working on their volunteer hours
 - Chris N.—Excellent results for District Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band; Marching band to start up again in May; Ensemble auditions for 2025-26 school year to occur Jan 31, Feb 3-4 ahead of course selection; Pit Orchestra for Chicago doing excellent work

Upcoming Events Highlighted

- Stoga Theatre "Chicago" teen edition - Wed February 26 - Saturday, March 1
- California Trip - Wed, March 26 - Sun March 30
- Music Banquet - Wed, May 28 Desmond Hotel
 - Every student is recognized (not just Seniors)
 - Christina A. noted that TEMPO sponsors scholarships and awards for Seniors either interested in pursuing music either for their studies or as an extracurricular at the college level

Other Discussion Items

- Question from Audience: Is there a TEMPO Facebook group where messages can be informally exchanged? Or other ways to communicate besides the mass emails from the Music dept. teachers on TEMPO's behalf? Response: No FB group at this time (to consider); please provide your contact (email) information to TEMPO via the TEMPO website so that the organization can more easily communicate with you directly (<https://mailchi.mp/90b2bf8cc781/stogamusic-parent-contact-information>)
- Question from Audience: Additional Fundraisers? None at this time, however, the Wawa cards are always ongoing.