

**BSIMA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday September 13, 2026

Location: Earl Oxford Gym

7:00 pm.

- I. Welcome & Introduction
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the September 17, 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes
- IV. Financial Report
  - a. Approval of 2025-26 Year End Financial Report, subject to review.
  - b. Authorization for the Executive to obtain a service for financial review for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2026.
- V. President's Report as submitted
- VI. Instrumental Music Educators Year-at-a-Glance Reports as submitted
- VII. Adjournment

# **BSIMA**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday September 17, 2025

Location: Wavery Park Gym

7:00 pm.

Present: Cosmin Badea, President; Chris Desormeau, Vice President; Chris Veilleux, Financial Officer; Kaylah Knight, Communications Officer; Melissa Jansen Admin Officer; Anna Penno, CPN Band Director; Meaghan Graham, VMMA Band Director; Erin Dodds, Eastside Band Director; Graydon Cramer, Westside Band Director; Brooklyn Friesen, Grade 7 Band Director; Kim Melvin, Westside Rep; Sean White, Eastside Rep (See attached sheets for list of other attendees)  
Recorded by: Kaylah Knight

### **I. Welcome & Introduction**

### **II. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion made to accept the agenda as presented by: Sean White

Second by: Kim Melvin

All in favor:

Opposed:

CD:

### **III. Approval of the September 18, 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to accept the September 21, 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes as presented by: Kaylah Knight

Second by: Sean White

All in favor:

Opposed:

CD

### **IV. Financial Report**

#### **a. Approval of 2024-25 Year End Financial Report, subject to review.**

Motion made to accept the Financial Report as presented by Chris Veilleux

Second by: Kim Melvin

All in favor:

Opposed:

CD

#### **b. Authorization for the Executive to obtain a service for financial review for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2025.**

Motion made to have Jennifer Shymanskit to review the financials for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2025 by: Sean White

Second by: Kim Melvin

All in Favor:

Opposed:  
CD

- V. President's Report as submitted
- VI. Instrumental Music Educators Year-at-a-Glance Reports as submitted
- VII. Elections:
  - President: Sean White
  - Vice President: Juanita Szteina

Motion made to accept all nominees as the new executive positions as stated above for  
BSIMA by: Kim Melvin  
Second by Kaylah Knight  
All in favor:  
Opposed:  
CD

VIII. Adjournment

Chris Desormeau adjourned the meeting at: 7:20 pm

**Financial Officer Report**  
**Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association Inc.**  
**For Period Ending July 31, 2026**  
**Prepared September 15, 2026**  
**Prepared by: Christopher Veilleux, Financial Officer**

## 1. Opening Remarks

I evaluated key financial statements for Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association Inc and financial position as of July 31, 2026.

The purpose of this report is to review and summarize the financial activities for the period and present the financial statements for approval.

This report includes financial activity and positions for the two-month period ending July 31, 2026 as well as the fiscal year ending July 31, 2026.

## 2. Summary of Key Financial Statements

➤ **Balance Sheet** *(as of July 31, 2026)*

|                      |                   |                     |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| ○ Total Assets:      | \$128,23.18       |                     |
| ○ Total Liabilities: | <u>\$5,765.11</u> |                     |
| ○ Net Assets/Equity: |                   | <u>\$123,438.07</u> |

➤ **Profit & Loss** *(for the period June 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026)*

|                      |                   |                    |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| ○ Total Income:      | \$70,617.50       |                    |
| ○ Total Expenses:    | <u>\$4,421.49</u> |                    |
| ○ Net Income (loss): |                   | <u>\$66,196.01</u> |

➤ **Profit & Loss** *(for year ending July 31, 2026)*

|                      |              |                    |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| ○ Total Income:      | \$176,856.75 |                    |
| ○ Total Expenses:    | \$162,136.74 |                    |
| ○ Net Income (loss): |              | <u>\$14,720.01</u> |



### 3. Budget vs. Actual Comparison

The following tables provide an itemized comparison between actual and budgeted income and expenses for the fiscal year.

| <b>Income Source</b>           | <b>Actual</b>       | <b>Budget</b>       | <b>Difference</b>  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| BSD Instrument Purchase Credit | \$30,500.00         | \$30,500.00         | \$0.00             |
| Alexander School               | \$375.00            | \$450.00            | -\$75.00           |
| Crocus Plains/Neelin           | \$6,797.50          | \$5,400.00          | \$1,397.50         |
| Eastside Band Program          | \$28,409.50         | \$23,715.00         | \$4,694.50         |
| Vincent Massey Music           | \$10,868.75         | \$5,850.00          | \$5,018.75         |
| Westside Band Program          | \$30,316.00         | \$23,400.00         | \$6,916.00         |
| Christian Heritage             | \$1,200.00          | \$1,700.00          | -\$500.00          |
| Summer Usage Fees              | \$1,565.00          | \$1,500.00          | \$65.00            |
| BSD Support                    | \$66,825.00         | \$66,825.00         | \$0.00             |
| <b>Total income</b>            | <b>\$176,856.75</b> | <b>\$159,340.00</b> | <b>\$17,516.75</b> |

| <b>Expense Items</b>            | <b>Actual</b>       | <b>Budget</b>       | <b>Difference</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Administrative Contracts        | \$11,500.00         | \$11,500.00         | \$0.00            |
| Awards and Grants               | \$528.10            | \$500.00            | \$28.10           |
| Bank Charges                    | \$11.00             | \$50.00             | -\$39.00          |
| Conferences and Meetings        | \$365.84            | \$700.00            | -\$334.16         |
| Instrument - Cleaning & Repairs | \$59,330.83         | \$57,000.00         | \$2,330.83        |
| Instrument - Purchases          | \$50,965.23         | \$48,900.00         | \$2,065.23        |
| Memberships and Dues            | \$425.00            | \$450.00            | -\$25.00          |
| Office expenses                 | \$2,274.79          | \$3,100.00          | -\$825.21         |
| Per Capita Allotment            | \$35,870.00         | \$35,870.00         | \$0.00            |
| Professional Services and Fees  | \$865.95            | \$900.00            | -\$34.05          |
| Total income                    | \$162,136.74        | \$158,970.00        | \$3,166.74        |
| Administrative Contracts        | \$11,500.00         | \$11,500.00         | \$0.00            |
| <b>Total expenses</b>           | <b>\$162,136.74</b> | <b>\$158,970.00</b> | <b>\$3,166.74</b> |

### 4. Activity Details

➤ Main Income Sources for the period June 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026 include:

- BSD Support \$66,825.00
- Summer Usage Fees: \$1,590.00
- Christian Heritage: \$1,200.00

➤ Cash Flow

|                                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ○ Opening Cash Balance (June 1, 2026):  | \$62,630.17       |
| ○ Cash Inflows:                         | \$70,692.50       |
| ○ Cash Outflows:                        | <u>\$4,886.49</u> |
| ○ Closing Cash Balance (July 31, 2026): | \$128,436.18      |

## 5. Notes and Clarifications

- BSD Support was received during the period June 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026.
- No other significant financial activity during the period other than summer instrument usage fees and year-end write-offs and common office expenses
- Fiscal year income was ~\$17,000 *higher* than budgeted *and* fiscal year expenditures were ~\$3,000 *lower* than budgeted, resulting in a Net Income ~\$14,000 over budget.
- For comparison, actual NET income in the previous fiscal year (2025) was ~\$39,000 over budget.

## 6. Motion to Approve Financial Statements

Motion:

"I move that the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2026 as presented, be approved by the Board."

**BSIMA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**August 2025 through July 2026**

|                                                  | Aug '25 - Jul 26 | Budget     | \$ Over Budget |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>                   |                  |            |                |
| Income                                           |                  |            |                |
| <b>BSD</b>                                       |                  |            |                |
| BSD Instrument Purchase Credit                   | 30,500.00        | 30,500.00  | 0.00           |
| <b>Total BSD</b>                                 | 30,500.00        | 30,500.00  | 0.00           |
| <b>Instrument Usage Fees</b>                     |                  |            |                |
| Alexander School                                 |                  |            |                |
| Alexander Waived/Written Off                     | 0.00             | -50.00     | 50.00          |
| Alexander School - Other                         | 375.00           | 500.00     | -125.00        |
| <b>Total Alexander School</b>                    | 375.00           | 450.00     | -75.00         |
| Crocus Plains/Neelin                             |                  |            |                |
| CPN Waived/Written Off                           | -2,125.00        | -600.00    | -1,525.00      |
| Crocus Plains/Neelin - Other                     | 8,922.50         | 6,000.00   | 2,922.50       |
| <b>Total Crocus Plains/Neelin</b>                | 6,797.50         | 5,400.00   | 1,397.50       |
| Eastside Band Program                            |                  |            |                |
| Eastside Waived/Written Off                      | -5,096.50        | -2,635.00  | -2,461.50      |
| Eastside Band Program - Other                    | 33,506.00        | 26,350.00  | 7,156.00       |
| <b>Total Eastside Band Program</b>               | 28,409.50        | 23,715.00  | 4,694.50       |
| Summer Usage Fees                                | 1,565.00         | 1,500.00   | 65.00          |
| Vincent Massey Music Assoc.                      |                  |            |                |
| VMMA Waived/Written Off                          | -1,531.25        | -650.00    | -881.25        |
| Vincent Massey Music Assoc. - Other              | 12,400.00        | 6,500.00   | 5,900.00       |
| <b>Total Vincent Massey Music Assoc.</b>         | 10,868.75        | 5,850.00   | 5,018.75       |
| Westside Band Program                            |                  |            |                |
| Westside Waived/Written Off                      | -3,775.75        | -2,600.00  | -1,175.75      |
| Westside Band Program - Other                    | 34,091.75        | 26,000.00  | 8,091.75       |
| <b>Total Westside Band Program</b>               | 30,316.00        | 23,400.00  | 6,916.00       |
| <b>Total Instrument Usage Fees</b>               | 78,331.75        | 60,315.00  | 18,016.75      |
| <b>Registration</b>                              |                  |            |                |
| BSD Support                                      | 66,825.00        | 66,825.00  | 0.00           |
| Christian Heritage                               | 1,200.00         | 1,700.00   | -500.00        |
| <b>Total Registration</b>                        | 68,025.00        | 68,525.00  | -500.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                              | 176,856.75       | 159,340.00 | 17,516.75      |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                              | 176,856.75       | 159,340.00 | 17,516.75      |
| <b>Expense</b>                                   |                  |            |                |
| <b>Administrative Contracts</b>                  |                  |            |                |
| Administrative Officer Contract                  | 11,500.00        | 11,500.00  | 0.00           |
| <b>Total Administrative Contracts</b>            | 11,500.00        | 11,500.00  | 0.00           |
| <b>Awards and Grants</b>                         | 528.10           | 500.00     | 28.10          |
| <b>Bank Charges</b>                              | 11.00            | 50.00      | -39.00         |
| <b>Conferences and Meetings</b>                  | 365.84           | 700.00     | -334.16        |
| <b>Instrument - Cleaning &amp; Repairs</b>       |                  |            |                |
| Instrument - Cleaning Summer                     | 56,302.35        | 55,000.00  | 1,302.35       |
| Instrument Repairs                               | 3,028.48         | 2,000.00   | 1,028.48       |
| Instrument - Cleaning & Repairs - Other          | 0.00             | 0.00       | 0.00           |
| <b>Total Instrument - Cleaning &amp; Repairs</b> | 59,330.83        | 57,000.00  | 2,330.83       |
| <b>Instrument - Purchases</b>                    |                  |            |                |
| Instrument Care Kits                             | 6,219.34         | 3,500.00   | 2,719.34       |
| Percussion Allotment                             | 2,400.00         | 2,400.00   | 0.00           |
| Summer Instrument Purchases                      | 42,345.89        | 43,000.00  | -654.11        |
| Instrument - Purchases - Other                   | 0.00             | 0.00       | 0.00           |
| <b>Total Instrument - Purchases</b>              | 50,965.23        | 48,900.00  | 2,065.23       |
| <b>Memberships and Dues</b>                      | 425.00           | 450.00     | -25.00         |
| <b>Music Monday Event</b>                        | 0.00             | 0.00       | 0.00           |

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Accrual Basis

**BSIMA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**August 2025 through July 2026**

|                                      | Aug '25 - Jul 26 | Budget     | \$ Over Budget |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|
| Office                               |                  |            |                |
| Computer Hardware&Software           |                  |            |                |
| CHARMS Annual Renewal                | 482.25           | 500.00     | -17.75         |
| Computer Hardware&Software - Other   | 163.52           | 850.00     | -686.48        |
| Total Computer Hardware&Software     | 645.77           | 1,350.00   | -704.23        |
| Postage, Mailing Service             | 792.54           | 300.00     | 492.54         |
| Printing and Copying                 | 72.25            | 1,000.00   | -927.75        |
| Supplies                             | 499.32           | 200.00     | 299.32         |
| Website                              | 264.91           | 250.00     | 14.91          |
| Total Office                         | 2,274.79         | 3,100.00   | -825.21        |
| Per Capita Allotment                 | 35,870.00        | 35,870.00  | 0.00           |
| Professional Services and Fees       |                  |            |                |
| Accounting Fees                      | 700.00           | 700.00     | 0.00           |
| Legal Fees                           | 165.95           | 200.00     | -34.05         |
| Total Professional Services and Fees | 865.95           | 900.00     | -34.05         |
| Total Expense                        | 162,136.74       | 158,970.00 | 3,166.74       |
| Net Ordinary Income                  | 14,720.01        | 370.00     | 14,350.01      |
| Other Income/Expense                 |                  |            |                |
| Other Income                         |                  |            |                |
| Interest Income                      | 0.00             | 0.00       | 0.00           |
| Total Other Income                   | 0.00             | 0.00       | 0.00           |
| Net Other Income                     | 0.00             | 0.00       | 0.00           |
| Net Income                           | 14,720.01        | 370.00     | 14,350.01      |

**BSIMA**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of 31 July 2026**

|                                       | 31 Jul 26         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                   |
| Current Assets                        |                   |
| Chequing/Savings                      |                   |
| Westoba Chequing                      | 128,436.18        |
| Westoba Share Equity                  | 767.00            |
| Total Chequing/Savings                | 129,203.18        |
| Total Current Assets                  | 129,203.18        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b>129,203.18</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>       |                   |
| Liabilities                           |                   |
| Current Liabilities                   |                   |
| Other Current Liabilities             |                   |
| Nancy Miller Memorial Fund            |                   |
| Betty Gibson Memorial Fund            | 2,000.00          |
| Earl Oxford Memorial Fund             | -8.12             |
| George Fitton Memorial Fund           | 450.67            |
| Green Acres Memorial Fund             | 2,375.00          |
| New Era - Memorial Fund               | 947.56            |
| Total Nancy Miller Memorial Fund      | 5,765.11          |
| Total Other Current Liabilities       | 5,765.11          |
| Total Current Liabilities             | 5,765.11          |
| Total Liabilities                     | 5,765.11          |
| Equity                                |                   |
| Opening Bal Equity                    | 53,744.61         |
| Retained Earnings                     | 54,973.45         |
| Net Income                            | 14,720.01         |
| Total Equity                          | 123,438.07        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>129,203.18</b> |



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Accrual Basis

**BSIMA**  
**Westoba Chequing Account**  
**As of 31 July 2026**

| Date                    | Num  | Name              | Memo                                   | Debit       | Credit          | Balance           |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Westoba Chequing</b> |      |                   |                                        |             |                 | 131,763.38        |
| 2026-07-17              | 2594 | Melissa Jansen    | July Admin Contract                    |             | 958.37          | 130,805.01        |
| 2026-07-17              | 2595 | Jennifer Shyma... | 2024/2025 Book Review                  |             | 700.00          | 130,105.01        |
| 2026-07-29              | 2596 | Reesor's Jewellry | Invoice #B1T5R103759                   |             | 219.30          | 129,885.71        |
| 2026-07-29              | 2597 | Helptek Comput... | Invoice #21020                         |             | 143.36          | 129,742.35        |
| 2026-07-29              | 2598 | Jennifer Olson    | M. Olson - Nancy Miller Scholarshi...  |             | 165.00          | 129,577.35        |
| 2026-07-29              | 2599 | Sindy Grace Al... | A. Casas Almeida - Nancy Miller S...   |             | 225.00          | 129,352.35        |
| 2026-07-29              | 2600 | Melissa Jansen    | Staples - Lable cartridge - UPS - M... |             | 916.17          | 128,436.18        |
| Total Westoba Chequing  |      |                   |                                        | 0.00        | 3,327.20        | 128,436.18        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            |      |                   |                                        | <b>0.00</b> | <b>3,327.20</b> | <b>128,436.18</b> |



## ***Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association President's Report***

***September 2026***

As another school year begins, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on the past year and celebrate the incredible community that makes musical education possible in our schools.

The Brandon Schools Instrument Music Association, or BSIMA, plays a unique role in supporting musical education throughout the Brandon School Division. Today, BSIMA supports more than 800 students and maintains an inventory of over 700 instruments, including wind, brass, string, and percussion. While those numbers are impressive, they only tell part of the story.

One of the things that makes BSIMA truly special is that it is a uniquely Brandon-made program. Through our instrument rental system, students and families have convenient access to quality instruments directly through their schools, eliminating many of the barriers that can come with having to search for and rent instruments through third-party providers. This approach has served our community well for many years and helps ensure that more students can participate in musical education regardless of their access to resources.

BSIMA is also proud to administer the Nancy Miller Scholarship Fund. Through this program, grants are provided to students at five Brandon schools, helping ensure that financial circumstances do not prevent young people from participating in music programs. By helping students access opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach, the fund continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young musicians and their families.

I would like to thank my fellow BSIMA Board members for their commitment and countless volunteer hours throughout the year. I would also like to recognize Melissa Jansen for everything she does to keep BSIMA running smoothly, as well as the outstanding band teachers throughout the Brandon School Division. Their dedication and passion for musical education are at the heart of this program's success.

I would also like to thank the Brandon School Division for its ongoing financial support. Their commitment provides the resources needed to maintain our instrument inventory, support programming, and ensure students continue to have access to quality musical education opportunities.

Ultimately, BSIMA is about students. Every instrument we maintain, every scholarship we provide, and every hour volunteered helps create opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and experience the joy of music. The confidence, discipline, teamwork, and friendships developed throughout these programs extend far beyond the classroom and concert stage.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we can be proud of what BSIMA has accomplished and excited about what lies ahead. Together, we are helping ensure that music remains an accessible and enriching part of education for hundreds of students across Brandon.

Thank you for your continued support of BSIMA and for your commitment to musical education in our community.

Sean White  
BSIMA President



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# Brandon East Side Band

**BSIMA AGM – September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

ESB Report 2025-2026

Respectfully submitted by: Erin Dodds and Brook Friesen

The 2025-2026 school year was a successful year for the East Side Band program. At the end of the year, we had 165 grade 7 students and 111 grade 8 students for a total of 276 students. Our year was highlighted by many great program events including:

- The grade 8s were able to attend a two-day Grade 8 Band Retreat hosted at Waverly Park and First Baptist Church
- Grade 7 Kickstart in October where students spent a half day on their new instrument learning together from professionals
- Grade 8 band performances at Earl Oxford's Remembrance Day Ceremony and Crocus Plains/Neelin Concert in December.
- The grade 8/9 Wind Ensemble performed as a guest ensemble at the New Era School Remembrance Day assembly.
- Grade 6 "Come to Band Days" in December where grade 6's and their teachers came to band for a class on the bus with the grade 8's from their school
- Our ESB winter concert in February (2 Grade 7 bands debut, Grade 8 band, and Brandon Grade 8/9 Wind Ensemble debut)
- 8 students from our program participated in the Westman Junior Honour Band in February
- The grade 8 Jazz bands performed and attended the Brandon Jazz Festival in March
- Both grade 7 bands had a festival experience (performance and clinic) at the WMCA in April
- Grade 8 band trip to the Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival in May
- ESB Final concert at the end of May

The ESB program and parent organization remained strong and well supported last year. BSD's senior administration has continued to communicate with us and consider our perspective when making decisions regarding programming.

Some challenges we continue to face are building a close community with students, staff, and parents from so many different schools. Geography, communication, and student and parent time/energy/support are among the elements that create the most difficulty. Additionally, with increased numbers of students and limited buses, we are experiencing more issues with students arriving for class on time. We have been communicating with school admins and the hard-working staff at Transportation to try and address this ongoing challenge.

In addition to our band classes, we (Erin and Brooklyn) shared one section of grade 6 music, which we taught three times a cycle.

ESB would like to thank BSIMA and the other Brandon band programs and their directors for helping to strengthen, and investing in, our Brandon school band family.





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# Brandon West Middle Schools Band

BSIMA AGM – September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

BWMSB Report 2025 - 2026

Respectfully submitted by: Graydon Cramer and Brooklyn Friesen

Last school year the Brandon West Middle Schools Band program enjoyed another successful year. We finished with 109 grade 8 students and 161 grade 7s for a total of 270 students. Our year was highlighted by many great program events including:

- Grade 8 band retreat at Waverly Park and First Baptist Church in September
- Grade 7 Kickstart in October where students spent a half day on their new instrument learning together from professionals
- Grade 8 band performances at Waverly's Remembrance Day Ceremony in November and Vincent Massey's Winter Concert in December
- The grade 8/9 Wind Ensemble performed as a guest ensemble at New Era School for Remembrance Day
- Grade 6 "Come to Band Days" in December where grade 6s and their teachers came to band for a class with the grade 8's from their school
- Our BWMSB winter concert in February (2 Grade 7 bands debut, Grade 8 band, and wind ensemble debut)
- 14 students from our program participated in the Westman Junior Honour Band in February
- Grade 8 Jazz bands performed at and attended the Brandon Jazz Festival in March
- Both grade 7 bands participated in Level 1 Festival (performance and clinic) at the WMCA in April
- Grade 8 band trip to the Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival in May. Grade 8 band, the jazz band and the wind ensemble performed.
- Our BWMSB Finale concert took place on May 27<sup>th</sup> with both grade 7 bands, the grade 8 band, 8/9 Wind Ensemble and the Jazz band performing.

The BWMSB program continues to be successful and grow at a healthy rate. Our grade 7 numbers continue to grow each year and retention from grade 7 to 8 and 8 to 9 is solid.

Some challenges we continue to face are:

- building a close community with students, staff, and parents from so many different school
- continuing increases in numbers of students make space, staffing, timetabling, and work load even more challenging
- working with Transportation to ensure that students arrive on time for band, in spite of a significantly increased demand on our busing system in recent years

BWMSB would like to thank BSIMA and the other Brandon band programs and their directors for helping to strengthen, and investing in, our Brandon school band family.



## Crocus Plains Neelin Band Program BSIMA AGM – Sept. 23, 2026

### CPN Bands Report 2025-2026

Respectfully Submitted by Anna Penno

The Crocus Plains Neelin band program enjoyed an active and musical 2025-2026.

We finished with 105 different students registered for a total of 183 course credits. There were course offerings in Grades 9 through 12 Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Wind Ensemble this year, as well as Grades 10 through 12 Jazz Combo.

The love of making music is very much alive and thriving in our schools. We are grateful for the support of Brandon School Division, Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Ecole Neelin Secondaire, and of course our music students & their families for their support of music education in our schools.

#### Highlights from 2025-2026

- Performances for the band program took place in November, December, February, March, and May/June. Venues included Crocus Plains, Neelin High School, Westman Centennial Auditorium, The Eagles Nest Restaurant, Westman Communication Place and The Green Spot Garden Center.
- Wind Ensemble members travelled to Winnipeg in October to collaborate with the New Horizons Community Band and to attend a performance of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.
- The extra-curricular drumline was once again active in our community. Highlights included performances at The Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and the Travellers' Day Parade as well as numerous school events and performances.
- Band students participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony at both Crocus Plains and Neelin as well as the Graduation ceremonies for both schools in June.
- Wind Ensemble members performed holiday music at Hillcrest Personal Care home in December.
- Crocus Plains Neelin bands were well represented at the Westman Honour Band and had representation in the auditioned Manitoba Provincial Honour Concert and Jazz Bands.
- Jazz Band students participated in a "jam and sharing session" with Vincent Massey jazz students in February.
- Grades 10-12 Band Members participated in an "on site" festival experience in February. This included the opportunity to learn from Dr. Wendy Zander, CPN alumni Ms. Leeanne Gerry, and Mr. Jamie Duong.
- Jazz Band students participated in the Brandon University Jazz Festival in March. We had several students from CPN Bands volunteer at throughout the festival!
- Wind Ensemble members were honoured to perform in a joint concert in Virden Manitoba in May. This included the opportunity to collaborate with ensembles from Brandon and Melita.



- Band and Choir students travelled to Banff, Alberta to participate in music workshops and enrichment experiences.
- The CP & CPN Music Parent program was proud to award TWO scholarships this year in their inaugural year of the newly minted scholarship program.

The CP & CPN Music Parent and BSIMA organizations remain strong and are a vital part of the health of our band program. We are especially grateful for several long-time long time parent volunteers who have invested so much of themselves in supporting the music programs. CPN Bands would also like to thank Brandon's band programs and their directors for helping to strengthen, and investing in, our larger Brandon school band family.

## Vincent Massey Band Director Report 2025-26

We once again attended band camp at Camp Wannakumbac. This year, we were at camp for three days with three concert bands! We had an awesome experience with fantastic clinicians and fun team building activities!



We played thriller in the foyer for Halloween with almost 100 band students circling the entire room!



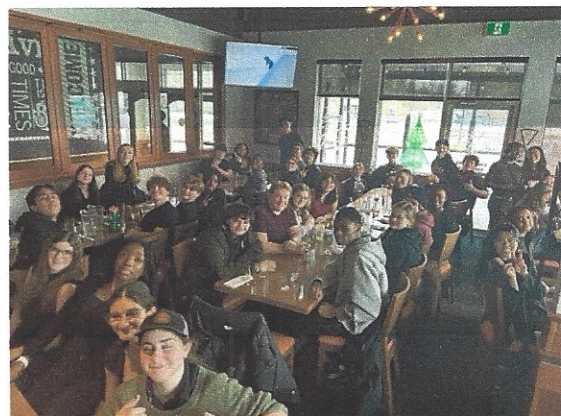


We had our winter jazz concert in the library and our concert band, wind ensemble and choir concert at the WMCA. They sounded and looked great!



And then the next weekend we were off to Winnipeg to perform at the Winnipeg Music Festival.

We had a very busy February! Honour Band was the first week of February, then we took the jazz program to Camp Wannakumbac for our second annual Jazz Camp!







In early March, we had our annual BSD Jazz Jam! It was very well attending from the schools! After that, we headed to the Brandon Jazz Festival with all 3 jazz bands.





In April, we had our band trip to Montreal & Ottawa! We spent 5 days exploring the culture, food and even got to see the Montreal Symphony Orchestra with seats feet away from the ensemble! Days after getting back from our Quebec adventure, the Grade 9s performed at the Level 2 MBA Festival held at Brandon University.



We also did a lot of extra performances at care homes and other community events!

We had our spring concerts at Princess Park and our school gym. We said goodbye to 27 band graduates this year!



Respectfully submitted – Meaghan Graham



# Alexander School Band

## Year in Review

2025-2026

Submitted by Kelsey Brown



September:

Instrument testing & rentals

October:

Attended Kickstart event in Brandon

