

# MSID VA BOOSTER CLUB CHARTER

## Guiding Principles:

The Booster Club was founded in 2012 based on the following *Guiding Principles*:

1. To promote school spirit and to enhance the experiences of all MSID VA dance families by providing additional experiences outside of the classroom.
2. To provide support to MSID faculty by producing or assisting with dance-related activities, events and merchandise that volunteers could manage; thereby relieving instructors of time-consuming administrative work, and allowing them to focus their valuable time on Irish dance and their dancers.
3. To entertain the long-range plan to produce a local Muggivan School of Irish Dance Feis in the state of Virginia.

## Mission Statement:

**Support:** To support the educational, competitive and social experiences of the students, teachers and families of Muggivan School of Irish Dance VA.

**Communication:** To enhance communication between and among members, families and the teaching faculty of MSID VA.

**Financial Assistance:** To provide financial assistance for expenditures supporting dancers in many different ways to be determined by the Director of MSID and approved by the members of the booster club.

## Key Activities and Objectives:

### SUPPORT:

- Volunteerism on behalf of MSID, examples: studio renovations, performance support by ensuring a Muggivan VA presence at local events and performances
- Organizing MSID Family events, examples: ceilis, family dinners / picnics
- Organizing MSID "Costume Days" assistance selling new & used costumes twice per year

### COMMUNICATION:

- Emails, documents and newsletters on topics of concern to all MSID VA dance families, including: costuming, MSID events
- Workshops for parents, examples: Feis 101, new parent orientation, Oireachtas prep
- MSID parent's forum on Facebook
- MSID student annual directory and annual Oireachtas directory

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- Workshops for dancers, examples: injury prevention, guest instructors, nutrition for athletes, make-up and hair
- Student celebrations, examples: holiday and end of year parties
- Local concerns, examples: floor covering for Richmond studio, costuming accessories for special events such as parades

## Fundraising Goals

Fundraising shall be conducted by the MSID VA Booster Club to meet the following two goals:

**SCHOOL FEIS** raising money funds for local Muggivan School of Irish Dance Feis, initial fundraising goal is \$10,000.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** to meet our stated mission of to the dancers (workshops, student celebrations and local concerns). All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the booster club membership. Fundraising efforts may be designated in advance for specific goals by a majority vote of the booster club membership.

Examples of **FUNDRAISING**:

- Annual membership dues
- New merchandise sales, warm-up suits, t-shirts, decals, accessories
- Sponsorship by businesses in local community
- Ceilis
- Raffles and bake sales

## General Booster Club Information

Enrollment in the booster club is an ongoing process, we will accept enrollment forms and dues at any time. However, the Booster Club "year" for accounting (and dues) purposes will run from January 1st - December 31st. New families joining MSID each September will be eligible for prorated annual dues.

The MSID Booster Club is a volunteer organization in support of the Muggivan School, but it is a completely separate entity from the Muggivan School of Irish Dance in terms of mission and finances. All events produced by the MSID Booster Club are initiated, planned and produced by volunteer members. The faculty of MSID advise and approve *but do not sponsor* booster events.

We invite all Muggivan dance families to join and participate in the MSID VA Booster Club, but because the club is not a mandatory school activity, only registered members with current dues will be receiving Booster Club meeting information, i.e.: email meeting reminders, minutes, agendas. Any Booster Club information, activity or event which concerns the entire Muggivan VA student population will be communicated with everyone through the general VA school email distribution list, as provided to us by Muggivan School staff.

Additional benefits of membership:

Discounts on all fundraising items / events, including: Booster Club-produced merchandise, workshops, and Ceili tickets

Certain items provided annually at no cost to members, including (in 2013): end of year patches and MSID scarf for outdoor performances