Booster Strength Inventory

An excerpt from “Boosters to the Rescue” by David Vandewalker

List five characteristics you believe to be strengths of your organization.

List three events or tasks in your organization you believe you do well.

List three to five goals you would like to see the parents accomplish in the coming school year.

List three organizational goals you have for the booster club this year.

List three success goals you have for your students this year.

What would the single most important goal be for your program this year to help your children be more successful musicians?

List the things in your organization that might need some improvement this year in order for your students/teachers to reach their/goals.

What three things/events could make the biggest difference if your organization decided to be aggressive and update your plan to maximize efforts?

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