

**Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School  
Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order online via Zoom at 7:00 PM Tuesday, 10/06/20 by President, Michelle McGrath.

**Secretary's Report:** (Laura Kovach)

The Minutes from the 9/08/20 meeting were read and approved by a committee and are posted on the band website.

Volunteers to proof this meeting's minutes are Sue Flis and Michelle Banks.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Katie Churchin and Jennifer Stephan)

Checking Account:

Balance as of: 08/31/20 \$81,373.80

Deposits:\$4,205.50

Disbursements:(\$1,931.76)

Uniform Replacement Savings:

Balance as of: 9/30/20 \$79,983.65

Balance as of: 09/30/20 \$83,647.54

Adjusted Balance:\$77,587.54

Paypal Balance as of 08/31/20 \$7,659.11

**Program Committee Reports:** (Laura Mroczka)

Chaperones: ( Pam Johnson)

-Pam has chaperones lined up for the next home game on October 16th.

Hospitality/Game Snacks: (Lisa Weber)

-Lisa and Laura Kovach will organize the cider and donuts before the game on October 16th for the seniors.

PSO: (Michelle Banks)

-The district is closely monitoring reported illnesses.

-If a student does not go to school on a day they would normally attend in person, that student will be marked absent even if they log in and follow along with the class virtually.

-Students in grades 9-11 will be taking the PSAT on October 14th. Seniors will be off campus doing college visits. Bussing will be available.

-Students are encouraged to use the free Khan Academy to help improve their SAT scores.

-The Bees online Spirit Store is now open.

-Bimas-2 Universal Screening will begin October 5th and run until October 22nd. Parents can opt out their child if they wish.

-Financial Aid night was held on October 5th.

- Parent/ Teacher conferences will be held virtually or by phone on November 5th.
- All students are eligible to receive a free breakfast/lunch daily.
- The next PSO meeting will be held November 4th at 7PM.

Flagline:

- No Report.

Publicity: (Melissa Burdick)

- No Report.

Senior Night: (Amy O'Brien)

- No Report.

Swarm Board and Decorations: (Lisa Trout)

- No Report.
- Lisa did another amazing job with a senior tribute on the cafeteria bulletin board.

Uniforms: (Lori Reagan, Rima Julien and Linda Gauntner)

- The uniform committee has welcomed several new team members.
- The raincoats are still at the factory and are expected to arrive towards the end of October.

Summer Uniforms: ( Lisa Karakostas, Laura Mroczka and Melinda Torres)

- No Report.

Yard Signs: (Melinda Torres)

- No Report.

**Ways and Means Committee Reports:** (Kathy Drinko)

Athletic Programs: ( Melissa Burdick)

- Only one person still needs to pay for their ad in the Fall program.
- Melissa needs volunteers in place in less than two weeks to help with the Winter Program.
- We also need to find parents who can take over this position for next year.

Athletic Program Sales: (Michelle McGrath)

- Typically, 250 Fall programs and 50 Winter programs are sold every year. This year, the digital program received 359 downloads. Michelle's goal is to get the number of downloads up to 700 (including the Winter program).
- If going digital next year, Melissa Burdick suggested a redo of the layout.
- The QR code banners can be reused for the Winter Sports season. Mr. Ciulla will get the necessary permission to have the QR banners hung in the gym.

Athletic Program Layout: (Kim Traum)

- No Report.

Citrus Sales: ( Heather McCleary and Kathy Drinko)

- All fruit will be delivered directly to the door at a cost of \$6.50/box.
- All sales will be done online. Students are asked not to go door to door to sell fruit.
- The kids will make \$7.50 on each small box sold. The boosters will make \$2.50. On medium boxes, students make \$9.50, boosters, \$1.50. On large boxes, students make \$11.00 and boosters make \$1.00 on each box sold.

Disney Raffle: (Sue Flis)

No Report.

Endowment/Patrons: (Michelle McGrath)

-No Report.

Spirit Wear: (Melinda Torres)

-No Report.

**Band Director's Report:** (Mr. Ciulla and Mr.Pasternak)

Awards

-Awards from last year including senior plaques, leadership plaques, pins and letters are in. The plaques were delivered without students' names on them. Mr. Ciulla has been looking into the matter to get it rectified.

-Mr. Ciulla now has a record of who gets which award.

-Laura Mrocza will help with sorting and distribution of the awards.

Marching band pictures

-To date, pictures have not been received by any of the Fall sports teams.

Schedule modification

-The varsity football team has a bi-week so there will not be a game or a tailgate performance this Friday the 9th.

-There will be a home play-off game on October 16th. The band will perform a halftime show that will include a senior drill.

-Tickets for this game will be purchased online only. There will not be a physical ticket, instead, a code will be given on your smartphone.

-Potential play-off games are scheduled for October 23rd and the 30th. Marching band performances will depend on the outcomes of play-off games.

-On October 30th, the band will give its final performance of the season at the stadium.

-After the performance, the boosters will host Trunk or Treat for all band members.

Melissa Burdick will coordinate the Trunk or Treat promotion. In order to socially distance, the senior lot will probably be used to line up cars instead of the Honors lot. It will be recommended that each parent wear gloves and pass out candy rather than allowing students to reach in to take their treats. We will have arrows drawn to direct foot traffic during the festivities.

-The band directors are considering having an 8th grade night before the season is over.

Concert Season

-On October 26th, concert band begins.

-Mr. Ciulla and Mr. Pasternak are working out the logistics and are confident that they can maintain social distance in all four concert bands.

-The Winter concert dates are tentatively set for December 9th and 10th. The gymnasium may be utilized for these concerts so that social distance can be maintained. Most likely, two bands will perform each of those nights with the jazz band performing both nights.

#### Homecoming parade

-Mr. Ciulla personally apologized for the poor communication that occurred when the parade began early due to impending bad weather.

-Mr. Ciulla expressed his gratitude for all the support parents and the boosters have given him.

### **President's Report: (Michelle McGrath)**

#### PPE

-560 bell covers have been delivered to students.

-A total of 625 bell covers have been made by volunteers.

-66 have yet to be delivered to students who will switch instruments for concert season.

-Michelle has provided a video to demonstrate the care and washing instructions for bell covers. It will be posted to the band website.

-By making the bell covers ourselves, we saved \$12,500 and provided a superior product compared to what a vendor could provide.

-The cost of the materials for the bell covers was offset by the Middle School bell cover/ mask fundraiser that Michelle organized.

-Michelle estimated that over 600 hours of volunteer time went into the production of the covers.

-Michelle gave a HUGE "thank you" to all who helped cut, run elastic, sew and distribute the covers. She gave a special shout-out to Barb Wisniewski, Beth Trecasa and Laura Kovach who went above and beyond to help her complete the covers.

-The boosters will sell additional slitted and unslitted masks at cost (\$5.00 each) to High School band members.

-The slitted masks do not function properly for flute players. Flute masks at Royaltan Music cost \$30.00 each. We would need 30 of these masks which would incur a cost of \$900. Michelle has researched how to make these masks and believes we can make the masks at a cost of \$5 each. Michelle asked the boosters to approve the purchase of the needed materials. Laura Mroczka made the motion to purchase the materials. Heather McCleary seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously by the boosters.

#### Booster Fees

-A number of families have not paid their booster fees to date.

-With the exception of one drycleaning, booster expenses remain the same as always this year. We provide uniforms, instruments and instrument repairs, music, band camp counselors, game snacks, OMEA fees, conservatory days, awards and many, many more services to our band students.

#### Seniors

-Boosters discussed ways to make up for the seniors not being able to enjoy a reception usually held on Senior Night.

-Suggestions included allowing seniors to wear the golden plume hats during the performance on October 16th. Purchasing gold 2021 t-shirts for seniors. Purchasing gold beanie hats with the Bees logo and also providing cider and donuts before the game on the 16th.

-Lori Reagan said that using the marching band hats is doable. The seniors would wear the same hats they have worn in prior years so they would not have to be fitted.

-The beanie hats with the Bees logo would be too expensive at \$17/hat.

-The boosters decided to purchase the t-shirts and provide cider and donuts to the senior class.

-Kathy Drinko made a motion to purchase the t-shirts, donuts and cider with the budget capped at \$500. Laura Mroczka seconded the motion and the boosters passed it unanimously.

-Lisa Weber and Laura Kovach will coordinate the cider and donut night.

-Mr. Ciulla will ask seniors to arrive 30 minutes early on the 16th. This event will be for seniors only.

#### Pay to Participate fees

-Michelle and Sue Flis continue to try to get this fee reduced since the band is not travelling this year.

-Both Michelle and Sue have been told that the fee is based on a 3-5 year average of costs.

-Michelle is not comfortable with this explanation and asked Susan Welch where the money not being used for transportation will go this year. The administration has not come up with a satisfactory explanation but is looking into the matter. The treasurer assured Michelle that transcripts will not be withheld if parents have not paid the band pay to participate fees.

-Michelle will wait until the end of this week before she makes more inquiries into the matter.

-Sue will also keep inquiring.

#### **New Business**

-Heather McCleary asked Mr. Ciulla if he would like a three section Rigid tool box on wheels for band use. Heather will donate the tool box to the band if he is interested. Mr. Ciulla asked Heather to send him pictures of it. Heather agreed to send him photos.

**A Motion to Adjourn:**Katie Churchin and Laura Mroczka

**Adjourned:**8:36PM