

BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
7:00 PM Media Center, WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTES

Attending: Chad Mielens, Christine Karow, Sarah Boyle, Claudia Bologna, Steve Bologna, Natalie Walls, Christina Nicolaides, Anne Marie Collier Miller, Marguerite DeBello, Renee Floer, Renee Judkins, Naoko Goldkamp, Matt & Lori Orel, Gordon Tammi Fincannon, Ruben Luna, Urjita Satam, Barbara Brenner, Debbie Robison, Mark Affer, Mary Webster, Brett & Suzanne Crawford, Nancy Kaufman, Cathy Gimby, Angela Shoals, Scott Hobart, Barbara Brenner, Ruth Richards, Rene Wisely, Jason Stanfel, Kim Bates, Tom Brice, Geoff Semrau, Eleece Blake, Deborah Evans, Menalie Gorman, John Musiol, Marci Grossman, Vinnie Bare, David DeBello, Holly Ratinaud, Angela Amerson, & others who did not sign in.

Called to order at 7:08. Welcome/Introduction of Board Members

MOTION from Marguerite DeBello to approve Minutes from July 14 meeting, Second by Ruth Richards. Approved by consensus.

“Marching Band and Color Guard 101” Welcome from Board.

1) Marching Band 2015 Update from CHAD MIELENS. Today was day 2 of full ensemble rehearsals. Drumline & Guard have been practicing all summer, new members began last week. They are doing well. Brief review of rehearsal and performance schedules for the season. Goal is to march and play first movement by week's end, which is very achievable.

- a) Forms Due! Medical forms are critical.
- b) Show Shirts – get orders in ASAP.
- c) Ford Field Waivers – Anne Marie has, can sign them tonight.
- d) Fees Due in Full August 4! A lot of money is spent early in season, so fees are needed asap. If not possible, speak with treasurers to set up a payment plan.
- e) Slightly smaller band, in high 70s at this point. Always interested in recruiting ideas. Recruiting contest still open if anybody brings in new members. Potential to join still exists.

2) CHARMS - what is it? From CLAUDIA & STEVE BOLOGNA. Charms is our online database. Access through wbbands.info web site , password is Student ID. If needed, school code is wbbands. You can see your status through FINANCES, update contact info as needed. Fundraising shows as POINTS, which can be applied point-per-dollar toward expenses.

3) Volunteers (ALWAYS) Needed! - Ways parents can help. SARAH BOYLE: Volunteers are critical for all we do. Sign up sheets are available right now. Bring a friend. Committee Sign Up Sheet (here and at band camp). Would like to have every family assigned to 1 committee.

- a) Sign Up Genius for Volunteers – will send out links when jobs or items are needed.

4) Marching Band Key Points

- a) Practices – really important to attend all practices. Try to schedule appointments at beginning or end of day to minimize absence. Practice STARTS at the posted time, ends at posted time then jobs need to be done. Closed campus during summer rehearsals.
- b) Bring lunch, hats, sunscreen. Follow school dress code.
- c) Band Camp: What to Expect. Lots of activity, 9am – 9pm three rehearsals, plus activities. Don't bring valuables. Packing List and itinerary on web site. First performance of show on Friday night.
- d) Uniforms - Marching Band and Color Guard. Guard uniforms ordered. Uniforms are to be worn for competitions. BLACK SOCKS! LOTS OF BLACK SOCKS! Care instructions are on web site and can be sent out.
- e) Competitions: Our band is a Competition Band, not a football or parade band. Our home competition is Field Day on September 12. We host schools that perform and get feedback

with no score. In addition we host one or two Winter shows for Percussion and Color Guard. We have applied to host, date TBD. Away competitions – three Saturdays plus State Finals, the BOA Grand Nationals. Hotels for Indianapolis have been requested.

- f) Football Games/Homecoming Parade – we play at home games – five games this year. Homecoming – eighth graders come and learn. Band hosts tailgate before the game. If WB makes playoffs again, will probably be student led pep band. Might be after Nationals.
 - g) Meals, Snacks: Feed the Band sends out requests for donations of food or money to purchase food, before all competitions students are fed a hearty hot meal.
 - h) Parents. Come to the show. Your students see and appreciate you being there.
- 5) Common Terms
- a) Dot Book – need to have now. (See Handbook for more)
- 6) Most Frequently Asked Question: **“Why do we fundraise??”** We are self-supporting, only a small amount of money comes from school district and is directed toward transportation and other specific items. We Highly encourage more participation. If we cannot fundraise, then the costs it takes to run the program have to be added to fees.
- a) Tag day – still looking for August location. Angie Shoalts will talk to boss about Tim Hortons at Maple & Orchard Lake.
- 7) Treasurer’s Report
- a) New school year now active in Charms, which removes history from view. Prior year activity is history is being replaced.
 - b) \$50.00 uniform deposit mentioned on Enrollment paperwork. Voted by hand to drop this year.
 - c) Late Fees – If fees cannot be paid, need to be in touch with treasurers. If fees are not paid
 - d) Budget Status Report - Beginning of activities, budgets in place. Money coming in and going out quickly at this time of the season. Concern about fewer students enrolled than anticipated, will probably require additional fundraising to make up deficit.
- 8) Student Accounts – CHRISTINA NICOLAIDES. How to get money into Student accounts? Some Fundraisers give points for student expenses.
- SCRIPs (percent of sale price, varies by retailer). 100 percent of profit going to points during Marching Band Season – many ways to earn, MANY retailers participate at varying percentage rates of profit. Presto Pay is a quick way to purchase and less costly to the band. See wbbands.info/fundraising/scrip-program/ for more info and full retailer list.
 - Sales-type fundraisers (Hungry Howies, Yankee Candle, etc.)
 - Ad or Truck ad sales (percent) 50% of truck and ad sales going to points.
- a) How to I use money to pay for fees? Find form on web site to transfer. <http://www.wbbands.info/Misc/2015%20Forms/19%20-%20STUDENT%20CREDIT%20TRANSFER%202015%20green.pdf>
 - b) You can see points earned online in Charms.
- 9) Communication
- a) E-mails (Poll: who received the 7/26/15 e-newsletter? MOST REPORTED YES
 - b) Facebook – “LIKE” us on Public page and Official (Private) page
 - c) Website – wbbands.info has SO MUCH INFORMATION, most questions can be answered there.
 - d) Other social media (Twitter, Instagram, etc.). Interested in pursuing but need guidance from more technologically savvy.

Q & A

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