

**BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION OF WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
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**PARENT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2016**  
**(POSTPONED FROM FEB. 2)**  
**7:00 PM, iCENTER/MEDIA CENTER,**  
**WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

**MINUTES**

Attending: Chad Mielens, Christine Karow, Sarah Nitz, Claudia Bologna, Steve Bologna, Christina Nicolaidis, Natalie Walls Kirsten Watkins, White, Ruth Richards, Marguerite DeBello, Christine Long, Barbara Brenner, Renee Floer, Geoff Semrau, Carol Finklestein, Marci Grossman, Christina Losey, Renalto Hardin, Mike Cooper, Tanya McDaniel

Meeting called to order at 7:09. Welcome from President. Exciting news, Christine Karow found out yesterday that Winds instruction will be offered as a 5th grade extracurricular at Roosevelt (4<sup>th</sup> grade if there is demand). We are hoping to expand to other elementary schools in time. Will run 10 weeks beginning late March.

Introduce rest of Board.

Motion for approval of Minutes from January 5, 2015 meeting made by Ruth Richards, second by Marguerite DeBello. Passed by consensus.

1. **Director Update** –
  - a. Winter Percussion and MS Percussion off to a good start. Percussion placed 1<sup>st</sup> at our show, 2<sup>nd</sup> last week. Guard programs did well, Jazz band is looking at a performance in April, Hard Rock Café TBD, but possibly the third Sunday in May. Pit Orchestra is active for “Pippin”.
  - b. Concert Bands prepping for Festival. High School Festival on will be on Fri Feb 26 btw 6-6:30 and 8:30. Chad is working on getting buses for 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> hour bands. There is a conflict with swim meet, but there are far fewer conflicts than the only other option, March 11. Abbott Middle School will compete on March 12 at Lake Orion HS at 8:00am, OLMS will go on March 11 at 1pm at Clarkston HS. The two middle school bands will have a Pre Festival concert on March 2 with clinician Dr. Paren. The High School will not participate, but will have clinician view the HS bands during the day.
  - c. HS State Solo & Ensemble March 19 at Farmington Harrison. Any superior rated ensembles can go. Registration fees have been sent in, but not all of the participants have submitted payment. MS Solo & Ensemble will be April 16 at Lake Orion Walden MS. Middle School Honors Band will be May 7. 2 HS students went to state honors band in December, Jared Grimes & Andrew McDonald.
2. **Winter Invitational Update** - January 30, 2016. Very big success. \$12,069 preliminary income. \$1074 Concessions income after costs. Positive responses, averaging 8-9 out of 10 from directors’ survey. Only complaints regarded building structure/layout, over which we have no control: for example, the center beams in some doors were a problem for equipment entry and exit.
3. **Marching Band 2016 Presentation.** Power Point presentation prepared by Christine Karow. After several meetings of the Ad Hoc committee, including a thorough review of expenses incurred, 2016 fees are established at \$1070. Recognizing this price is a necessary increase over last year, the BBAWB is committed to identifying several ways for families to offset costs, including Scrip, Sponsorships and Fundraisers. We are looking into ways to better track

fundraising results by individual students if desired to help defray expenses. Big news, we are offering discounts for early registration (in lieu of early payment in full or sibling discounts).

**4. Fundraising**

- a. Spring Fundraiser - May 20, 2016 at Orchard Lake Community Church - Help wanted! Performances, catered small plates, silent auction.
- b. Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser Feb 17

**5. Other Updates:**

- a. Vice President – see above fundraising update.
- b. Treasurer – accounts up-to-date. As always, cash flow is tight this time of year but Invitational helps a lot.
- c. Student Accounts Treasurer – proceeds recording up to date.
- d. Secretary – weekly emails continue

**6. Questions and Discussion**

**7. Adjourn 8:13pm**

Next parent meeting: Tuesday March 1, 2016

Next board meeting: Tuesday February 16, 2016