

WBHS Band Boosters

Meeting notes - 4/17/2025

Attendance: Dan Plybon, DeAnna Schuler, Joe Eline, Lori Geist, Beth Williams, Rafe Telsch, Kristi Telsch, Dionne Nichols

Meeting began 6:30 p.m.

Dan – there was a William Byrd Booster club meeting on 4/8, but no representative from the band attended. Dan contacted Jeff Baker and advised no email received. Jeff said he sent an email and Dan did not open it. However, only 50% of recipients opened the email so possible email glitch. The boosters had also rescheduled the meeting once so could have been scheduling issue. Next booster meeting is May 27.

- New parent meeting May 22 @ 6 PM
- Rafe will put the parent PowerPoint on the band website
- DeAnna suggested using the website more rather than Facebook for announcements
- Kristi suggested using an app to remind parents of events – Band app
- DeAnna proposed discontinuing use of the Remind app and band Discord channel
- Dionne – tennis team uses Spond
- Dan requested looking at the Band app first, Kristi agreed to research the apps
- Dogwood parade practice on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:40-5
- Dan has excused students who have sports conflicts
- Joe will tow the trailer, pick up at 9
- Spring Awards concert May 8
- Seniors will receive plaques
- Color guard and drum line tryouts coming up
- May 24 leadership outing at Camp Bethel
- Dan was contacted by Dave @ Snap Raise – he offered 85% of proceeds and assumed that we can raise at least as much as last year
- Agreed to use Snap Raise
- Dan needs the deposit to purchase drill
- Bus bills are coming from the County
- Dan requested peg boards in the closet to hang percussion accessories
- Dan has sent invitations to 14 rising 8th graders to join marching band
- Assumes that we will get all of last year's 8th grade to return
- Jeanne Morrison has started contacting sponsors for competition
- Kristi requested that we begin working earlier to get sponsors
- Suggested offering businesses the option of sponsoring a 1/2 time show – PA announcement and put on Facebook page
- Joe – Smooshed has already reached out about coming to competition

- Need to meet in June & August to discuss competition, props, show
- Discussion of different meal options for competition – Jeanne has reached out to find out what food trucks go to The Orchards in Bonsack
- DeAnna also has trucks that come to her work
- Treasurer Report:
 - BBQ & Jazz profit \$1,600.25
 - Paid Brad Radford \$225 in advance for BBQ
 - Since the Radfords are graduating, suggested changing the food offered to staff at competition and using Pok-E-Joe's for BBQ & Jazz next year
 - Previous balance on 2/20/2025 \$17,502.94
 - Ending balance \$15,765.58
- Discussion of what school v. boosters pay for
- Boosters are not charged for buses for away games, but we are charged for transportation to assessment
- All band directors have complained about this
- Fine Arts budget pays for Dan to have a substitute, but they don't have enough to pay sub and buses
- Dan also received an email that the uniform cleaning fee is not to be paid by students
- However, the fees to clean the uniforms comes out of the new uniform budget
- It costs ~ \$1,000 to clean the uniforms each year
- Discussion of whether we should launder the uniforms ourselves
- Need a new administrator for the Facebook page – Rafe and Kristi offered to admin
- Rafe will take over administration of Facebook page
- DeAnna will share the parent presentation to board to review
- Beth will contact Star City Music about our storefront for shoes, gloves, etc.
- Discussion of putting a merchandise vendor outside the stadium gate on the island during competition
- DeAnna requested ideas for Band Olympics at away camp
- Field lining – Dan has used the same guy for 20 years
- Beth will check with her guy – he can do it for \$200 (\$100 labor, \$100 paint)
- We pay \$450

Meeting adjourned 8:06 p.m.