

Hayfield Band Boosters Board Meeting

March 15, 2021

Agenda

7:00 - Call to Order (Jenn Hodges)

7:00 - 7:30 - Band Director Update (Rob Specketer)

- Class Progress (In-person and virtual)
 - Concurrent teaching has been wonderful, great to hear live music in the band room again for the first time in a year
 - Trying to get more opportunities to get people together to play together outside
 - Classes are lopsided, some have 2 and some have 9
 - Shared sneak previous of the recording they did in class, sounds wonderful
- Pep Band
 - Have had 2 performances
 - There is interest in having a legitimate marching band experience in the Fall and that is a go!
 - This has been going very well and kids have been following safety protocols
 - There are about 20 eight graders interested in coming out to play with the Pep Band during the last performance
- Spring Marching Experience
 - Trying to avoid all the SOL and AP testing, but that is ok
 - It will not be Marching Band, it will be Marching Experience and include 8th grade
 - Will take the last movement, minus the end, of the show we already purchased so we can use that and Rob is buying drill writing software so we do not have to pay anyone to write drill and keep the socially distancing safety
 - Open to any student at Hayfield who wants to play an instrument or join the Color Guard
 - Sectionals will be Monday (TBD) for Color Guard and Percussion, Tuesdays/Thursdays from 3:30-5:15pm practice
 - 2 Band Camp days – April 10th and April 24th
 - Performance on May 1st and may be able to have 2 guests per student in the football stands
 - Will include Front Ensemble so they will have to get the instruments from inside, bring them out, and then bring them back
 - Have funds left from Marching Band that we can use that money to pay for “The Experience” so the activity will be \$0 and will get a t-shirt and Hawks Facemask
 - Focusing on playing fundamentals and just playing music on the field
 - Looking at ways to try to involve 7th graders as well, update soon
- Spring Concert and Senior Night
 - Not sure if we can have a performance, but are trying to have something outside
 - Putting the call out to parents for pictures of Senior band members
 - Mr. Specketer is going to ask a student to put together the senior slide show and then Mr. Specketer will review – send senior pictures to Mr. Specketer’s email

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- Burke Scholarship
 - Paperwork is going out the week of March 15th to students for applications and the due date is April 9th to apply
 - Will submit virtually or in-person to Mr. Specketer
 - Will have a staff committee to review applications and help make decisions
 - Sue Burnell is leading community outreach to solicit donations for the scholarship
- Election Call for Nominees
 - Email Mr. Specketer if you want to run for any position, check the By-Laws on the website for roles and responsibilities
 - Elections will be at the April Board Meeting and then we have 6-8 weeks to overlap and then transition to new Officers
 - May add Logistics Chair
 - Trying to work with Tech Theater/Set Production students to help build the sets

7:30 – 8:03 - Budget (John Woodcock)

- Cannot see last year's expenses on the credit card but are cataloguing now so future Treasurers can tell what we spend money on
- Slide show included Pre-COVID (March 2019-March 2020) and COVID (March 2020 – March 2021) comparisons
- Tag Day brings in so much money and we raised \$2,000 less in online donations than last year but we had far fewer expenses
- Website costs, Indoor Drumline, and new Instrument purchases were the majority for this year but we are starting off at a much lower level than we had previously
- Still do not know what costs will look like in terms of travel, competition costs, etc. But in 2019 Mr. Specketer could not pay for anything from the school fund since he was not an employee yet but will be shifting more costs to school fund/student fees since they are in fact consumables
- Tag Day will be critical for next year's capability and success and in person Tag Day raises a lot more than virtual so the emphasis should be to do that
- If we are going to have a line item for instrument replacement, thing about adding it in the same we do uniform replacement, have a savings account to cover it
- May push the Budget vote/approval until after the new Board is elected or maybe until September to see how the environment evolves for Marching Band and Band writ large

8:05 pm – Conclude Meeting