

Hayfield Secondary School Band Boosters
7630 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA 22315

August 17, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Google Meeting

7:00-7:05: Meeting called to order (Jenn Hodges)

7:05-7:30: Band Director Update (Mr. Specketer)

Virtual Band Camp Update

- Day 1 of virtual band camp was a success with 34 students participating. Students were happy to be back interacting and had incredibly positive attitudes.
- Guest clinicians will be working with the kids during band camp starting next week including leadership, musicality development, marching show design, and using technology for recording and sound production.
- Hoping to put a small ensemble performance together at the end to use in fundraising materials when applicable, including pep tunes and Hayfield Fight Song if it works out.
- \$250 cost for the virtual band camp clinicians to work with the kids for the week.

Marching Season Update

- Will participate whenever football season occurs but may not have many (or any) competitions
- May not be able to do a full show but will do fight song and pep tunes at the minimum and whatever else they can create within the bounds of the timeframe is a bonus, even if it is just a couple movements
- May be asked to attend football games to play the fight song and stand tunes, even if there is no show to perform

Band Class for School

- Could be difficult from an instructor side, but it will get worked out
- Classes will begin with fundamentals using an instruction book just like with the 90-minute class block in-person and then move toward individual work using a play-along track or other capability
- Individual time will be in the middle of the class
- Intends to include private lessons (5 minutes per student, every 2 weeks) which gives them more personal time with Mr. Specketer than they would have received during prior school terms
- If/when the transition is made to the hybrid school option, the kids will get increased playing time but the alphabetical stationing eliminates the possibility to group students by instrument, level, or grade – will figure out how to best handle if/when this happens
- Guitar is still a class and will operate like Band

- Jazz Band and drum line are all up in the air for this year but could possibly meet on Mondays if/when school opens back up and with appropriate social distancing implemented to protect student and teacher health and safety
 - Composers and publishers have tons of creative content that is available for the students to play and learn

7:30-7:35: Budget Update (John Woodcock)

- Currently \$2300 in the account. Outstanding balances include \$500 for supplies and \$250 for virtual band camp clinicians.
- Amazon Smile has so far raised \$111.71 since May 2020 – students, parents, family, and friends are all encouraged to sign up for Amazon Smile and select Hayfield Band Boosters as the charity

7:30-7:45: Fundraising Update (Jeremy Hodges)

Tag Day

- We are still waiting on a lot of answers on if/when/how we will be able to do tag day and it is currently on hold while we wait for answers from the school on what we can/can't do
- Parents may have to mobilize and do tag day over a series of weekends, depending on what the school says is appropriate and includes parents assuming the responsibility for dropping off the fundraising envelopes after signing up for a particular neighborhood via SignUp Genius, but more information will be shared via Facebook when available
- Donor Choose will be set up, (with approval from school), to be available for people to make online donations
 - We are looking for photo submissions to be used for the Donor Choose or the Band Booster pages, so if anyone has any they would like to share, please email hayfieldbandboosters@gmail.com
- Mr. Clifford and Mr. Specketer are organizing the boxes and will drop them off with the Hodges just in case we get the green light to go ahead with Tag Day, after submitting the fundraising request/notification letter to the Hayfield Administration

Zumba Fundraiser

- Jenn Hodges is willing to hold a Zumba fundraising class
- It will coordinate with the end of virtual band camp, on Saturday August 29, 2020 at 1:00 pm
- It will tie in with the principles learned in band camp and be a fun final activity for the kids and parents to participate in. It will be put out on the Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter accounts.

Instrument Donation Request

- The band is currently looking for instrument donations, particularly trumpets and woodwind instruments
- Those in stock currently were either left and forgotten there or are old and in need of repair.
- Asking parents, families, and friends to donate used or unused instruments, maybe from former musicians and the donation is a tax deductible

Band Alumni Engagement

- An alumni letter has been crafted, but we are trying to figure out the best way to send it
- There are difficulties getting addresses for former band members, so it may be done virtually, using Facebook and creating posts and tagging alumni members
- Please reach out to former band members and ask them to like the Hayfield Band Boosters Facebook Page, at the very least, to get information on the Alumni Concert in the Spring

7:45-7:55: Volunteering (Sue Burnell)

- Waiting for the Charms signups to complete for band to get all emails for current band students (including freshman) and parents/guardians
- Will update the SignUp Genius with that email distribution list once received, waiting for Schoology to update
- Teachers not permitted to reach out to students until September 2nd and everything is in the process of being moved from SIS to Schoology
- There are still 2 open volunteer positions:
 - Uniform Chair: a person to take care of the uniforms (mending, tailoring, distributing, organizing, collecting and dry cleaning for the band season)
 - Middle School VP: A parent of a current middle school student who is willing to offer opinions and perspectives from the middle school side, about how the band program is going and to offer ideas on what the kids are loving about it.

Next Hayfield Band Booster Meeting will be held virtually on September 21st at 7:00 pm – check Facebook and Twitter for the link

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 pm.