

November 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)

- If cases start to trend down, indoor rehearsals could begin. Ideas for location includes band room, auditorium, and middle school band room
- Indoor rehearsals will depend on space and would be broken out into 1-hour rehearsal blocks with 3 different groups of students to maintain distancing guidelines.
- If rehearsing in the auditorium, we could maintain 10 feet of spacing between students. We could practice pep band music.
- If we can practice outdoors, we could have 2-hour rehearsals and student numbers would not be limited, provided we have a big enough outdoor space to rehearse on. The downfall would be no access to the school or the bathrooms.
- We could begin learning a portion of the 2020 show Voyager. It may just be the music, and learn the drill in the Fall, as we would use this show for next year.
- Facemasks and Bell Covers are being ordered for all band classes (from FCPS). These would be used for in person band classes. Class sizes would be limited based on social distancing, with possible locations being the bath band rooms, auditorium and lecture hall. We can safely social distance 10 students in the HS band room and 12 in the MS band room.
- Logistics for possible return to school still being worked out, such as access to storage rooms, band lockers, etc.)
- Knows some band directors doing the concurrent models and have been told it is not good.
- December will be about trying new things such as small ensembles and see what things work. Trying our best to keep the kids engaged, where other schools are not doing as well.
- Fall concert will be posted once the web site issues are resolved.
- Should virtual school continue, some guest clinicians will probably be booked for classes.

7:30-7:35: Budget Update (Jenn and Jeremy Hodges)

- Tag Day has been completed. We have raised a little over \$4,900 from Tag Day so far.
- Idea was brought up about possibly purchasing our own truck and or trailer for band usage. Starting to talk about setting up specific accounts for that and allocating certain monies each month to those accounts.
- 501C3 status has been updated for the Band Boosters.
- Looking to possibly establish a written budget
- Talked about setting up/requirements for the Burke Scholarship. Need to come up with criteria needed for the students to apply. Monetary amount may be variable each year, with the possibility of multiple students getting it in varying amounts.

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

- Tag Day 2020 has been completed. 6,700 houses canvassed, 20 neighborhoods.
- 7-8 families were involved.
- Created a tag day binder with all instructions, maps, letters, etc., so that next person in charge of it will have all the information that they need to get it done.
- Found 2 more neighborhoods to add to bring the total up to 22 for next year.
- Tag Day 2021 is just about organized and ready to go, minus the actual implementation.
- Donations received from 9 donors from Donor Choose. We need \$9,400 to be fully funded with Donor Choose. We have raised a little over \$500 so far with them, and we have until December 21st to donate. Will make future announcements on Facebook and Twitter for people to share.

7:45-8:30: New Business (Jenn Hodges)

- Working on setting up a Google drive with all relevant band booster information (truck rental costs and information, 501C3 information, etc.), so that future board members can go to one place and see all pertinent information regarding the band and band boosters. Also creating a turnover binder that can pass on to future boards.
- Trying to come with different ways to keep the students engaged in the virtual environment and getting their parents engaged in what is all going on for the bands.
- Had 3 submissions for the Halloween costume contest. Winner received a \$40 gift card.
- Doing an ugly sweater contest for the holidays.
- Students are working on a t-shirt design that will be used for the 2020-2021 band t-shirt. Using Custom Ink for the printing of the t-shirts, because of easier distribution logistics than using a local small business. We will return to small business once we are back to "normal".
- Talking about hosting an outdoor music festival, possibly in the Spring, or holding the spring concert outside. It would be a great way to get the community back involved and showcase the student's talents in both small ensemble pieces and as part of the larger band.
- Next meeting will be December 14, 2020.

8:30: Meeting Adjourned (Jenn Hodges)