



Band Booster Meeting January 22, 2008

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The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Booster President Buzz Collins. Also in attendance were Marilyn Mutchler, Gay Van Beek, Marianne Ofsonka, Jay Brown, Danielle Hinkley, Kathy Weeks, Teri Walker, Ellen Peterson, Joyce Belyea, Brian Morris, Eileen DiGiovanna, Ron Wiersma, Alan Johnson, and Liz Batchelder.

President's Report-Buzz Collins

1. Kudos to the following:

- Deedee Collins and all those involved in the successful Tiny Tots Concert. Many preschoolers attended the event. Kindergarten students from Silverbrook enjoyed the performance and they have requested 2 matinee shows next year so that both AM and PM Kindergarten students could attend. Publicity for next year's show will start in May so that we can attract even more children from our feeder schools.
- Stephanie Cox and Barbara Bruhn for an outstanding job coordinating food and support for the 2 Saturday band camps held recently.
- James and Teri Walker and Wanda Gordon for their work on the cookie dough sale. This fundraiser is wrapping up soon. Orders are due this week and delivery of cookie dough will be on February 13 from 2-7 on the loading dock. Student and parent volunteers will be needed that day.
- Sherry Feehs and Susan Dilbeck for their great work on the SCRIP fundraiser, which continues throughout the school year. They plan to visit band classes to explain the SCRIP program. Buzz will check into the possibility of a KIT email to go out publicizing the Scrip fundraiser.
- Gay Van Beek for coordinating the Drumline and for her work on the website. Check for updates at <http://www.southcountyarts.org/>
- Dani Hinkley for her work with our Winter Guard and helping this new group get off to a great start. Info on this group can be found on the website.
- Joyce Belyea for agreeing to be our Jazz Band Coordinator.
- Eileen DiGiovanna for agreeing to coordinate the Middle School spring trip.
- Kathy Weeks for her work in organizing the upcoming HS Spring Band Trip.

2. Upcoming events:

- January 24-26 All-District Jazz
- January 25-26 Drumline lock-in
- January 30-31 HS Jazz students will travel to elementary schools to perform
- January 31-February 2 All-District Band
- February 26 Pre-Festival Concert at SCSS
- February 28 Band Booster meeting in band room.
(officers/coordinators meet at 6:30, general meeting at 8)
- February 29-March 1 MS District Band Festival. Exact day/time TBD.
- March 7-8 HS District Band Festival. Exact day/time TBD.

VP Report- Jay Brown

- Nominating committee will be formed in March to identify people who would like to serve on the boosters next year. Anyone interested should contact Jay at brownknj@msn.com
- A list of positions and openings will be sent out via email and posted on the website. Definite openings for next year include President and Secretary, as there is a 2-year term limit in our by-laws.

Finance Review- Marianne Ofsonka

- Finances are in good shape. Marching Band finished the season within budget.
- A new process is being developed for collection of band fees. Marianne will send an email reminder to anyone who has not paid fees as a first step. Follow-up phone calls will be the next step. Band directors will also remind students who have not yet paid their fees.
- Future budgets will allow for need-based scholarships. Marilyn Mutchler will present a process for awarding need-based scholarships for Marching Band at the next booster meeting.
- For large expenses, Marianne suggests letting her know ahead of time so that it can be put on our corporate credit card and she can provide a letter of tax-exempt status.

Spring Trip Report- Kathy Weeks

- HS trip to Atlanta will take place April 9-13.
- Currently 35 students are signed up and 4/5 parent chaperones.
- There are about 8 openings remaining, so it is not too late to sign up.

Other Business-

- Buzz will ask the BCA to send out an email at the beginning of each year announcing which music group is running each fundraiser and a contact person for each group. Winter Guard students will be eligible to participate in student account fundraisers next year. WG coordinator will make the fundraising materials available to the students in WG.
- More photos are always needed for the website. Please send them to Gay at gevb@cox.net
- Band student leaders will be elected in the spring to serve next school year. Various positions and responsibilities will be detailed and explained to students prior to the nominations and vote.

- Seniors will be encouraged to use up any balance in their student account early in the senior year, as money in these accounts can only be used for band expenses.(band fees, band trips)
- Ponchos to go over MB uniforms, a large trophy shelf for the band room, and an Honor Band banner are top items on our wish list. If our finances permit, they will be ordered in the spring. We will need to go through the Building Supervisor to arrange installation of shelves. In the next month, Buzz will oversee/delegate someone to research the process for getting the shelf and someone to investigate the cost of the ponchos.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Batchelder
Secretary, SCSS Band Boosters