

BPA Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019 - 8:00pm
Recorded by Elizabeth Malatesta

The October meeting minutes from last month was unanimously approved by those who attended this meeting.

Director's Notes - Mr. Mossa:

- Marching Band has concluded which was a great season.
- Highlight was the Maryland/DC trip. Students thought this was the best part of the season
- The marching band Oddity show was received very well
- Calendar is on the website and is now updated with all events
- Concert in the Round is next up which highlights the 1st marking period work
 - o All curricular band and parents are invited to attend and watch.
 - o Great opportunity for concert band to see upperclass ensembles
- Winter percussion auditions have begun
 - o open to 9th-12th and orchestra and choir
- Winter guard will start soon for auditions
- Jazz band auditions are next week. Sax and rhythm will be held on Monday and Brass on Wednesday
- Mega Band will be held on Nov 25th
 - o Curricular event - every ensemble plays as one entire band.
 - o Movie shown this year will be Jurassic Park

Marching Band Season:

What went well:

- Kids loved the show
- More mixing with the groups and integrated such as guard w/ band members, etc.
- Kids seemed happier than previous years
- Show design was interesting and intricate
- Kids were excited for the challenge on what to bring to the field. Show was technically more difficult
- Students help move things around
 - o More parents have seemed to assist more than previous years. Emails may have helped helped where parents who weren't chaperoning but attending the show would have the opportunity to assist with props, pit equipment and instruments.

What can be improved:

- Could still use more help with props and instructions on how to assemble/disassemble and setup/remove off the field. How can we train ourselves better to make it smoother?
- If we can find out what the props are earlier in the season, this could help with the design. Other schools utilized lighter materials and designed the props where they could be broken down easier.

- The bridge path to the field is unable to be utilized to roll props to the field due to its condition. If that can be improved, we can save time and money not needing the truck to bring equipment and props back and forth. Dr. Ezell might be the best person to point us in the right direction.
- How can we encourage more students to join marching band?

Fundraisers:

Cheesecake fundraiser

- Raised \$2,424 and budgeted \$2,200 so we came out ahead

Clothing Drive

- Raised \$2100 this year total (early spring and the fall one). We budgeted \$2,000 so we came out slightly ahead

Region Band Reading Rehearsal - Dec 21st

- Great snack/concession opportunity.

Chocolate (most likely Gertrude Hawk candy bars)

- Budgeted \$700.
- Chocolates are bought up front
- Will be a whole band fundraiser vs. just marching band.
- Will start the Monday after Thanksgiving. Students can sell during the month of December and onward.

Family Fun Nights (restaurants)

- Still searching for someone who may be able to chair this event

Craft Fair (Ann Mailhot chair)

- Will be held on Saturday, December 7th
- Jill Esposito has already placed ads in the local papers.
- We have 48 tables booked. Last year we had 80 total so we still have plenty of room for more vendors. We do not take any MLM vendors as a courtesy to our independent crafters.
- Will need to create a Craft Fair Facebook event page - Shanthy has taken the action item.
- Need to also advertise on Band Parent Facebook page.
- We have signs available to place around town. Ann has stickers to amend last year's signs with this year's new date.
- Night before the fair - we will need a crew of people to set up tables at BRMS.
- Day of fair - help move crafters in.
- Need people to work bake sale and concessions
- Signup Genius will be created to ask for volunteers (both parents and students).
- This is a great fundraiser which can help raise about \$3000-\$3500

Spring Events:

- January 9th - Winter concert (all bands)
- February 16th - indoor percussion show at the HS. Date might change to a later day due to two other percussion shows being hosted the day before.
- February 28th - BR Jazz Festival
 - o About 10 HS jazz bands will be judged
 - o Will also have a headliner jazz band to end the night. Looking into selling tickets for the festival and the headliner.
 - o Will also have the opportunity sell hot food, snacks and drinks
- March 3rd - BR will be hosting the NJ State Jazz Prelims.
 - o This will be another opportunity to sell hot food and concessions
- March 19th - BR hosting the CJMEA Region Concert Band - will also sell concessions
- March 29th - BR hosting a Winter Guard show